

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 17, 2017, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK AVENUE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

PRESENT: Mayor Novitke
Council Members Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Shetler

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Smith
City Attorney Don Berschback
City Clerk Hathaway
Director of Public Services Schulte
Recreation Supervisor Byron

Mayor Novitke called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Shetler, that all items on tonight's agenda be received, placed on file, taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

The first item discussed was the **proposed winter tax levy**. The Treasurer/Comptroller provided an overview of her memo dated July 17, 2017. Due to a high balance in the Grosse Gratiot-Milk River Drain Fund, she recommended a reduction in the millage rate to 2.6070 based upon taxable value, and is recommending adoption of the proposed Resolution. She explained that according to the City's Finance Advisor, debt should not be collected until payments are due, and collection for the State Revolving Fund Loan began last year. The millage reduction proposed is from 4.1509 to 2.6070 and will reduce the cost to the taxpayers approximately \$150.00 per year but will vary per household. There was a consensus to reduce the levy as proposed.

Motion by Granger, seconded by Koester, to remove proposed winter tax levy from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

The next item discussed was regarding a **letter in support of Claire's CareLand**. The Committee reviewed a draft letter, which was prepared at the direction of the City Council on July 10, 2017.

Following discussion, there was a consensus of the Committee to submit the letter.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, to remove letter in support of Claire's CareLand from the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler
No: None
Absent: None

New Business:

- The Recreation Supervisor discussed the swim team's long-time tradition of the coaches decorating houses of qualifying swimmers for finals with toilet paper. Due to unfortunate circumstances last year, administration recommends that the City no longer participate in continuing the tradition. Following discussion, there was a consensus of the Committee to no longer participate in the tradition.
- The Mayor stated the air conditioning in the Public Safety Dispatcher's office had broken down. The City Administrator is recommending approval of emergency air conditioning replacement by K&S Ventures for \$7,300.00. This item will be addressed at tonight's City Council meeting.
- The Treasurer/Comptroller stated the City's investment policy is reviewed annually. The City's Investment Policy is in compliance with the PA 20 with only minor amendments to the Treasurer/Comptroller and City Administrator titles, as well as names of current investment institutions.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by McConaghy, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:36 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway
City Clerk

Robert E. Novitke
Mayor