

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2015, 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 Fincham  
Treasurer/Comptroller Irby  
City Attorney Chip Berschback  
City Clerk Hathaway

Also in attendance was Don Apel, Cornerstone Municipal.

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

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Koester, 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 regarding **Medicare Advantage Renewal**. Don Apel, Cornerstone Municipal, provided an overview. Eligible retirees of the City receive insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS.) The increase for this renewal is 4%, which is better than last year's 8% increase. The Medicare office funds medical insurance providers to run the program. BCBS is primary. Enrollees do not use two separate cards, one card is issued. The Treasurer/Comptroller stated 2.5% was included in the FY 2015/16 budget, however she is not asking for a budget amendment at this time. The Treasurer/Comptroller and City Administrator both recommended approval. There was a consensus of the Committee to approve renewing the plan.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, to remove Medicare Advantage Renewal from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: Bryant, Granger, Ketels, Koester, McConaghy, Novitke, Shetler

No: None

Absent: None

The next item discussed was regarding the **proposed amendment to the fence ordinance**. The Committee discussed the proposed amendments. The City Attorney will add an "or" after options in Sec. 8-278 (3); and, "are insufficient" will also be added. There was a concurrence of the Committee to accept these changes.

Sec 8-284(a)(4) special circumstances, insert "among other information". Sec 8-284(a) under Exceptions, change to "shall be made under the following circumstances". There was a concurrence of the Committee to include these changes.

Sec 8-284(b) Add "resolution" after Council. There was a concurrence of the Committee to include this change.

Sec 8-284(a)3(a) and (b), there was a concurrence of the Committee to permit solid fences on a corner and when a fence faces the alley.

Sec. 8-279(7) delete the "s" after "fences."

There was discussion regarding Sec 8-284(a)(3)(c), "on all lots when written consent of all the adjacent owners are submitted along with an application". Following discussion, there was a consensus of the Committee to delete (3)(c).

Motion by Bryant, seconded by Shetler, to remove this item from the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda.

Motion carried by the following vote:

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

Motion by Granger, seconded by Bryant, that the meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole be adjourned at 7:40 p.m. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kay Hathaway  
City Clerk