

BUDGET WORKSHOP  
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017  
5:00 P.M.

A Budget Workshop of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Thursday, April 27, 2017, to discuss the upcoming 2017/18 budget within the various funds.

The following were present: Councilmembers Arora, Chouinard, Robson, and Detwiler, and Mayor Denner

Also present: Dale Krajniak, City Manager, Jane M. Blahut, Finance Director/Clerk

Excused Absence: Councilmembers Clark and Grano

City Manager summarized the general fund budget stating that taxes are consistent with the prior year collection. The tax rate was rolled back from \$11.36 to \$11.28 due to the values increasing higher than the CPI index of .09%. Rubbish rate was also reduced from \$1.69 to \$1.67. Road millage will remain at the \$1.75 and the Public Safety Millage will remain at the \$1.50.

City Manager stated the final payment for the Lavins Center will be paid in this budget year which will reduce expenditures going forward.

City Manager stated road resurfacing will begin again and discussed roads slated for resurfacing by priority.

City Manager stated the public works employees are undertaking crack filling on the streets that are in need as well.

City Manager stated there has been significant tasks undertaken within the water/sewer fund that are in the process or have been completed based on priority and the proposed budget reflects additional upgrades needed.

- Pump No. 6 at Jefferson pump station engineers are seeking to increase the capacity.
- The switchboard at Jefferson pump station is under review to upgrade along with replacing the control systems at Three Mile station.

Great Lakes Water Authority has increased the fixed rate sewer by \$224,400 as well as the fixed rate water by \$42,000 along with a flow rate increase from \$9.09 to \$9.53. Water and Sewer are enterprise funds and fee increases have to be passed along to the users. Under consideration is a flow rate increase from the current \$3.59 to \$3.64 per unit and the fixed rate GLWA of \$50.52 is increased to \$61.34. These increases will generate funds to cover the cost increase by GLWA.

City Manager stated a 5% rate increase for the Marina has been included in the budget. He noted the rates for the Park are on average over 35% less than the next lowest rate in the Grosse Pointe's. Marina fencing is included within the budget as well as major sea wall repairs.