

BUDGET WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, 2018
5:30 P.M.

A Budget Workshop of the City of Grosse Pointe Park was held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, to discuss the upcoming 2018/19 budget within the various funds.

The following were present: Councilmembers Clark, Read, Chouinard, Detwiler, and Grano, and Mayor Denner

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

Excused Absence: Councilmember Robson

City Manager summarized the general fund budget stating that taxes will be increased \$137,000 from the prior year. The taxable value increased 15,819,317. The tax rate was rolled back from \$11.28 to \$11.20 due to the values increasing higher than the CPI index of 2.1%. The rubbish rate was also reduced from \$1.67 to \$1.65. Road millage will remain at the \$1.75 and the Public Safety Millage roll back went from \$2.73 to \$2.71.

This is the fifth year of the road collection millage at \$1.75. There have been approximately 80 blocks within the community that have been repaved and it costs approximately \$50,000 per block. There will be approximately \$2,000,000 available with the last year of the collection and dedicated funds to assist in paving the local roads. Many of the major roads along with the alleys and parking lots throughout the city are in need of repaving. The recommendation of the Administration is to lower the millage rate from \$1.75 to an amount deemed sufficient to complete all the major roads, alley and city owned parking lots.

Water Sewer rates have been increased by GLWA of 2%, however, at this time the rates charged to the residents will remain as is. If it becomes necessary to increase mid- way through the year, the issue will be brought up to Council at that time.

City Manager stated that this will be the last year the sewer separation fee will be collected.

Marina rates will remain constant for the upcoming year. All electrical repair work at the Marina has been undertaken and completed. Major sea wall repair estimates are currently being acquired from various vendors.