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**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
DECEMBER 17, 2024  
5:30 p.m.**

**COMMUNITY HOUSE, 1460 CHAGRIN RIVER ROAD  
(Livestream available on YouTube – click on the link on  
[www.gatesmillsvillage.com](http://www.gatesmillsvillage.com) to watch)**

1. Roll Call.
2. Minutes of Council meeting of November 19, 2024. Clerk.
3. Pay Ordinance #1292 \$579,224.09 Clerk.
4. Mayor's Report. Mayor.
  - Sidewalk and Lighting Project – Funded by County ARPA Grant money and other sources.
5. Clerk's Report. Clerk.
6. Financial Report. Mayor.
7. Police Department Report. Minichello.
8. Service Department Report. Biggert.
9. Fire Department Report. Majeski.
10. Committee Reports.
  - a. Tree Canopy. Turner.
  - b. Broadband. Deacon.
11. **Resolution No. 2024-49** Mayor.

A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. to Furnish and Provide Liability and Property Insurance Coverages for the Village of Gates Mills, Its Officials and Employees and Declaring an Emergency.
12. **Resolution No. 2024-50** Mayor.

A Resolution Authorizing Reappointment of Michael E. Cicero to Village Prosecutor as of January 1, 2025, and Approving His Compensation.
13. **Ordinance No. 2024-51** Mayor.

An Ordinance Setting Forth the Rate of Compensation for Engineering Services for the Village; and Declaring an Emergency.
14. **Ordinance No. 2024-52** Mayor.

An Ordinance Providing Appropriations for Expenditures for the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio, for Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2025, Repealing Certain Ordinances and Declaring an Emergency.

15. **Ordinance No. 2024-53**

Mayor.

An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 2023-49 to Increase Certain Appropriations and Other Expenditures of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024.

16. **Resolution No. 2024-54**

Mayor.

A Resolution Authorizing Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Cole Burton contractors, LLC for the Village's 2024 Road Maintenance Program; and Declaring an Emergency.

17. Council Matters.

18. Business from the Audience.

19. Adjourn.

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**Village of Gates Mills**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**November 19, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held at the Community House on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 6:19 p.m. with Mayor Siemborski presiding. The meeting was live-streamed to the internet.

1. Roll Call starts at 2:54

Councilmembers present: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Other Village officials present were Treasurer Morgan, Clerk DeCapite, Service Director Biggert, Police Lieutenant Pollutro, Fire Chief Majeski, Finance Administrator Mulh, Village Engineer Courtney, and Law Director Hunt.

2. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 15, 2024 starts at 3:05

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve the October 15, 2024 minutes and Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3. Pay Ordinance # 1291 \$736,112.23 starts at 3:36

Councilmember Welsh moved to approve Pay Ordinance #1291. Councilmember Press seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

4. Mayor's Report starts at 4:05

- Thank you to all who voted and supported 2:1 our levy renewal for 5 years producing \$700,000+ for recurring expenses. County cultural levy and Mayfield Schools levy passed as well.
- Thank you Community Club, Sandra Turner, and Sara's for hosting our New Resident Social last Friday - 28 to 30 residents attended. Councilmember Turner added it was great for people who have come from all over the world for a variety of reasons to meet one another. Info on village organizations and activities was available for the taking.
- Last Friday the Mayor attended a gathering of 40 individuals who have been supporters of the Encore Music and Ideas Festival. Encore's artistic director Jinjoo Cho performed along with a prodigal student who drove from

Tennessee and a pianist from the Institute of Music - a reminder of how well the festival went this year and the plans for supporting it a second year.

- The Mayor met yesterday with the leadership of the Gates Mills Players. Dramatic, musical, or comedic plays have been performed twice a year for 75 years. This year there was concern that the material was for mature audiences. Going forward, it has been agreed that the script for an intended play would be read by all GM Player Board Members. If the Board decided to go with something off color, they would notify the village in advance. We don't want to censure, but we need to recognize the sensibilities of community theatre here in Gates Mills.

**Appointment of Anne Marchetto to GMLC Board for unexpired term ending 12/31/27** starts at 9:53 - The Mayor reported Anne has been screened by Sandra Turner and Leah Whidden to fill John Kramer's unexpired term. Councilmember Broome stated the village owes John Kramer a debt of gratitude for his 13+ years of service.

**Appointment of Christine Kress and Vanessa Iosue to Mayfield School Liaison Committee** starts at 11:30 - The Mayor reported two individuals whose kids have graduated are coming off the Committee. Christine and Vanessa would like to take on those positions.

Councilmember Welsh moved to approve the appointments of Anne Marchetto to the GMLC Board and Christine Kress and Vanessa Iosue to the Mayfield School Liaison Committee. Councilmember Atton seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Discussion regarding zoning issue/charter amendment** starts at 12:26 - The Mayor reported no progress has been made on the zoning issue/charter amendment resident survey. This will be an item on the agenda for the December Council meeting.

5. Clerk's Report - starts at 12:45

Get well cards were distributed for Police Officer Jessica Newsome and resident Sudie Bercheck.

6. Financial Report attached and on the website starts at 13:32

Mayor Siemborski reported the village continues to be in good financial shape. We had a Finance/Budget Committee meeting yesterday and reviewed year-to-date results and year end projections - these are cash basis rather than accrual basis statements based on when remittances come in from the county and collecting agencies. Our real estate and municipal income taxes are exceeding our forecasts, and we could be \$200,000 - \$300,000 to the good.

At yesterday's well attended Finance/Budget meeting, the committee reviewed and approved a budget of about \$7,500,000 of both revenue and expense for 2025. At this point we would normally turn that budget into an appropriation ordinance and ask

Council for approval. We will not do that tonight because we are still waiting on 1) our insurance renewal premium, 2) county confirmation of 2025 real estate tax collections, and 3) whether we will be reimbursed this year for the Old Mill Road emergency expenditures. The Mayor prefers to wait another month before we finalize the budget, the appropriation, and the request for Council approval.

Later on the agenda, we do seek approval of ordinances and resolutions to confirm the pay rates for next year, generally a 3% raise, and the health insurance carrier change to secure a premium reduction next year. Both of these items are labeled emergency legislation because employees need orientation of new health insurance effective January 1 and payroll needs to be entered into the system.

Mayor Siemborski credited Finance Administrator Mulh with preparing the written financial report over recent months. Any questions on the financial report can be answered by either the Finance Administrator or the Mayor.

7. Police Department Report attached and starts at 17:34

Police Lieutenant Pollutro read the Police Dept report. He advised that the GMPD received the AAA Platinum Safety Award last Friday- the highest honor given for traffic and safety programs.

8. Service Department Report attached and starts at 20:26

Service Director Biggert reported on the retirement in June by 23-year veteran Service Dept. member Jeff Mackie - a valued member who certainly will be missed. Nick Nemastil has been recommended to the Mayor for filling the position. Nick serves on the Fire Dept. and has a strong working knowledge of Service Dept. equipment.

Councilmember Broome thanked all the Service Dept. for fixing the bad odor issues caused by sewer gas venting at Sara's upstairs restrooms. Service Director Biggert noted a resident with a plumbing company was able to perform the necessary smoke test, and the rest was obvious. The outside grease trap odor will be eliminated once a new custom size manhole cover is received.

9. Fire Department Report attached and starts at 23:17

Councilmember Broome referred to a recent spontaneous combustion event. Everyone should realize that if you put grass clippings in a container and start covering them with leaves, you can have a spontaneous fire start. Fire Chief Majeski said it occurred at a resident's house off Deerfield and will be on the November report at the December meeting.

In response to the Mayor's request for a fire hydrant maintenance update, Fire Chief Majeski reported all 700 hydrants have been completed during station duty on Saturdays except for a small section of River Road and a section of Mayfield Road. The City of Cleveland Water Dept. rebuilt or replaced 45 hydrants and still needs to look at 15 hydrants. We did not get to hydrant painting this year.

Mayor Siemborski added Assistant Fire Chief Jamieson is taking the lead on putting together specs for the new fire truck for finalization in early 2025 and will then

go out to bid. It was suggested at yesterday's Finance/Budget meeting that if we do end the year with a surplus, we consider putting aside several hundred thousand dollars to put together a fund to pay for the fire truck.

10. Committee Reports starts at 27:26

- a. Tree Canopy Committee (Councilmember Turner/Chairperson Mitch Bass)
  - Mitch Bass reported the committee had a meeting to interact with the public on November 12 attended by 8-10 residents plus representatives from GM Land Conservancy, Ohio Dept of Natural Resources, Chagrin River Watershed Partners, and Cleveland Metroparks. Bids received had been sent - without names and prices - to all groups for review and feedback, and after a very fruitful discussion, the committee made the unanimous decision to recommend Council approve Better Meadows & Woodlands for the invasive species control pilot program.
  - Councilmember Atton and Mitch Bass acknowledged Village Engineer Courtney was extremely helpful through the entire RFP process.

Moved to Agenda Item 19. **Resolution No. 2024-48 (First Reading)**

“A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Better Meadows & Woodlands, LLP for Services Regarding the Village's Invasive Species Control Pilot Program; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember Turner. Four vendors submitted bids ranging from \$35,000 to \$149,000. Better Meadows & Woodlands, the best and lowest bidder, has done work for University School, City of Akron, Cleveland Garden Club, Cleveland Metroparks, and the Boy Scouts of America's Great Trail Council. Exhibit A in the council packet details our four pilot properties and the treatment approaches for each - consistent with good forest management according to Adam Beichler, the forester we hired to guide us in this process.

At 34:38 Better Meadows & Woodlands representatives Bryan Kuchta and Dan Castellucci expressed excitement at being part of this pilot program. Councilmember Broome pointed out that getting started now during the dormant season is the reason for declaring an emergency. Councilmember Press asked if there is any scope for reducing the cost by using the Service Dept., and Councilmember Turner replied that has been discussed. Given the nature of the four properties, the methods that are going to be utilized, the specificity and expertise of our vendors, their willingness to participate in community education and helping us categorize the different invasives so that we have a before/middle/after analysis, it was thought best to utilize the vendor's services. In the future we have the intent to involve the Service Dept. but not at this point. Mayor Siemborski discussed the use of signs to educate villagers on what we're doing and why. Bryan Kuchta discussed the use of signs for notifying chemicals are in use and removal of the signs when it's safe to go back into an area. Councilmember Steinbrink expressed excitement and thanked Mitch Bass, Sandra Turner, and other tree canopy committee members for volunteering their time and expertise. He correctly assumed the funding is coming from the Village's share of the land conservancy levy, and wondered if GM Land Conservancy will be contributing to this pilot project. Mayor Siemborski explained the view is the relatively modest cost is something we can handle and let's use their cooperation and collaboration in the field.

Councilmember Turner moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-48 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Atton seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Turner moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-48 and Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

b. Fiber Optic/Broadband Committee (Chairperson Deacon) starts at 43:35

- Since approving the engagement of the Taft firm last month to work with us on an agreement with Ohio Gig for the provision of broadband, Greg Dunn, who did the agreement on behalf of Hunting Valley with Ohio Gig, has prepared an initial draft and made revisions based on committee comments. The next step is to finalize the agreement and meet with Ohio Gig to agree on some key provisions in the contract - things like rates, construction underground, financial reps. We hope to have a final agreement to put on first reading in December followed by resident meetings. Once we have an executed agreement, construction would be completed within 12 to 18 months.

Councilmember Atton said in the budget documents that were discussed at the Finance Committee yesterday, there's a \$500,000 investment penciled in for the Village, and knowing there's been discussion about us putting money up front, and he wondered what that investment is going to buy. Chairperson Deacon responded as it stands right now, once service is provided, the Village would prepay for service to Village facilities in exchange for, among other in-kind things, a reduction in resident rates - rates need to be competitive. As far as a direct investment, that's not... Councilmember Atton interrupted with conceptually we are lending money to CV Gig and we (Council) know nothing about their creditworthiness. Chairperson Deacon said the committee does have and is reviewing financial information from them that's under protective order. Councilmember Press asked how far out do you plan to pay in advance - it's a 25 year agreement. Mayor Siemborski recalled when we started this two years ago, it was reported to us the Village was not an attractive place for burying fiber optic cable given our topography and low density, and to have it available for every household would be \$1,000,000. That number hasn't changed much. We've worked to get the number down so that all villagers could find it affordable - in the range of \$75 to \$85 as opposed to over \$100. So we will make a payment to help facilitate that, and we'll also make a payment to prepay for all the village's facilities to have fiber optic for the next 25 years at no additional cost once we make that prepayment. What we get out of the prepayment will be essentially paid in advance services. The committee, in its concern over the company staying in business, is looking at their financial ability and security we would get for our payments. It's a



little early to share all this with Council as we are still negotiating some of the numbers. The number in the budget is a placeholder, approval has not been requested, and firmer numbers are needed.

Councilmember Atton noted the \$500,000 was put into the Capital Improvement Fund, and it seems to him if we're prepaying for just regular service, it should be in the General Fund, The Mayor said we can look at that.

Mayor Siemborski explained there is no requirement that any villager has to sign up; they may choose to stay with their current provider. The difference here is that 90% of what they are putting in will be buried under the ground; other larger competitors refused to bid on that basis wanting to continue hanging wires from poles leaving us in a fair amount of vulnerability.

Chairperson Deacon added Ohio Gig is a local company, newer to the market, and the committee understood they would need to look at financial risk and viability - we will make sure we are comfortable with that before advising to sign the agreement.

Councilmember Welsh suggested tying in power underground at the same time. Councilmember Turner asked if we had any assurance that more streets won't be picked off by competitors as we're working through the contract. Chairperson Deacon said possible, but not likely in the next 18 months.

**11. Ordinance No. 2024-34 (Third Reading) starts at 54:35**

"An Ordinance Amending Chapter 159, Police Department, Section 159.01, Membership of Department, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills" was read by Mayor Siemborski. This item gives us the flexibility to hire at certain levels. The ultimate control by Council is the police budget - the dollars and number of people. Councilmember Broome moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-34 and Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**12. Resolution No. 2024-41 (First Reading) starts at 55:58**

"A Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Advance Taxes from the Proceeds of Tax Levies Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 321.34" was read by Mayor Siemborski. Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-41 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Atton seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-41 and Councilmember Press seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

13. **Ordinance No. 2024-42 (First Reading)** starts at 57:04

“An Ordinance to Increase the Compensation of Certain Village Employees, to Add the Position of “Fire Engineer”, and Declaring an Emergency” was read by the Mayor. Fire Chief Majeski provided the history of the term fire engineer - an advanced level firefighter meeting certain educational/experience/testing requirements. We have about 10 firefighters who would fall into that category if they choose to. It comes with additional assigned training and duties. We are not making it mandatory.

Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2024-42 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Press asked if we know what the surrounding communities are doing - he knows one that is doing 2.5%, not 3%. Councilmember Turner reported yes, the Wage & Benefit Subcommittee met on November 11 and in preparation for that meeting Finance Administrator Mulh pulled together compensation information from Moreland Hills, Pepper Pike, Chagrin Falls, Orange, Hunting Valley, South Russell, Bentleyville, Mayfield Village, and Mayfield Heights. Results varied across communities; CPI was 2.5%. For us the difference between 2.5% and 3% was \$13,000 for the year, and it was the consensus of the committee to go with 3%.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-42 and Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

14. **Resolution No. 2024-43 (First Reading)** starts at 1:02:12

“A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Cigna Healthcare to Furnish and Provide Hospitalization and Health Care, Dental, and Vision Coverage for Village Employees; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember Turner. The current provider of health care insurance, Aetna, notified the village they would not renew our plan because we did not have 50 employees. The alternate plan proposed by Aetna was 10% over our current rates. Delta Dental quoted an 11.5% premium increase. Finance Administrator Mulh sought alternatives. Cigna provided a comparable plan for health and dental with the addition of vision coverage; both University Hospitals and Cleveland Clinic are in their network; they offered a \$14,000 administrative credit to be applied to our first premium; a \$5,000 guaranteed surplus to be issued at the end of the first year regardless of claims; total health savings for the first year is \$98,000 and

the employee premium copayment is less in all categories. Lyndhurst uses Cigna, has been quite satisfied in their first year, and is renewing for a second year.

Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-43 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-43 and Councilmember Press seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**15. Ordinance No. 2024-44 (First Reading) starts at 1:06:12**

“An Ordinance Declaring the Village’s Intention to Enter into a Health Reimbursement Account for 2025; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember Turner. The village has had an HRA benefit for a number of years where employees get 1/2 of their eligible out-of-pocket medical expenses reimbursed. This year we’re proposing the cap increase to \$2,000 for single coverage and \$4,000 for two-person or family coverage. Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2024-44 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-44 and Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**16. Ordinance No. 2024-45 (First Reading) starts at 1:08:05**

“An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 2023-49 to Increase Certain Appropriations and Other Expenditures of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024” was read by the Mayor. As we need money in addition to the appropriation set early in the year, we come back to council for the additional appropriation approval. That is what this ordinance is for. The biggest item is section 3 for the transfer of \$365,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund and that represents two items - 1) \$250,000 for the Old Mill emergency repair, and 2) \$115,000 for reimbursements received from the county for

their share of the 2022/2023 road programs and now earmarked for guardrail replacements.

Councilmember Steinbrink moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2024-45 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-45 and Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**17. Resolution No. 2024-46 (First Reading) starts at 1:10:40**

“A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Transfer of Certain Sums from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund” was read by Mayor Siemborski and was discussed under Ordinance No. 2024-45. Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-46 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Deacon moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-46 and Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

**18. Ordinance No. 2024-47 (First Reading) starts at 1:11:44**

“An Ordinance of Consent, Cooperation and Funding of the Emergency Repairs to Old Mill Road in the Village of Gates Mills, Pursuant to an Agreement with the County of Cuyahoga; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Mayor Siemborski. This is the County’s paperwork needed for the \$100,000 reimbursement to the village for emergency repair on Old Mill. The Mayor gave credit to the Service/Police/Fire Depts. for their prompt work to make sure the road was clear and for working around the road closure, and especially to Village Engineer Courtney who contacted the right people to secure the funding.

Councilmember Broome moved that the rules regarding ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2024-47 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Councilmember Turner moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-47 and Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

The Mayor asked the Village Engineer if the final number was still \$250,000 since there were a few surprises. Final numbers will be complete later this week.

#### 20. Council Matters starts at 1:14:09

Councilmember Welsh indicated the library wants the walkway to the school, yet he has no reassurances that the school will be kept open. Mayor Siemborski responded he was not aware of anything negative. He talked with Scott Snyder, Treasurer of Mayfield School District, before the levy vote. Scott felt positive about the school board favoring the contribution to the sidewalk we requested.

At 1:15:17 Councilmember Press referred to the Environmental Committee and its three subcommittees - tree canopy, riparian, and wildlife - approved by Council. Tree canopy is doing great. He suggested setting a stretch objective to identify some of those other committees members so we can get them going as well. The Mayor agreed to the point and proposed getting it done by January 1. Send recommendations for specific individuals relevant for the topic.

At 1:16:12 Councilmember Press recalled on the 640-issue establishing a temporary ad hoc committee to go back and look at our procedures and see if they were followed properly and see if any tweaks needed to be made so that there is no repeat with another structure. Celeste McClung was appointed to be the chairperson maybe 12-18 months ago under the prior Administration. What happened to that? Councilmember Steinbrink remembered there were meetings with Sara Welsh about swapping around Historic and ARB meetings so there wasn't such a long period of time in between. Councilmember Deacon added we approved that Historic Chairperson Sara Welsh sits on the ARB and is a voting member so that has been streamlined. Councilmember Turner remembers a one-page document. It was agreed more looking back needs to be done.

At 1:20:14 Councilmember Press noted that Hunting Valley during the last general election amended their charter in order to allow electronic meetings; a good idea for us to do. If we were to do it, he recommends having a set of rules in place so it doesn't get abused.

At 1:20:53 Councilmember Welsh asked if there was any news on the cell tower. The Service Director said it's Gilmour's, so we don't know.

At 1:21:22 Councilmember Atton noted that 500 people in the village voted against the renewal levy. He spoke to people who he thinks are amongst that 500 and their point is this: We've got a lot of money in the bank, more than we've ever had before. In 2009 Council made the decision to transfer the cost of garbage collection from the Village to the residents. At the time there was some assurance that if the financial condition of the village was to change, that would be reconsidered. Why, like most other municipalities, don't we pay for garbage pickup? The expected bill for 2025 with the increase from Rumpke is about \$450,000 annually. Don't transport it all back to the Village - maybe half. The Village right now has no incentive to reduce the cost of garbage collection. We're at the hands of a monopolistic pricing situation. Five years from now they're going to put it to us again and it'll be some increase we won't know what to do about. Councilmember Atton thinks the Village paying for part of the bill will give Council incentive to find ways to reduce the bill. If the Village had been paying this fee since 2009, our reserves would be \$5,000,000 less than they are today. People are saying we've lent the village this money; pay it back because all you do with the money is invest in treasuries and we've got better uses for the money.

Mayor Siemborski looks at increasing our recycling percentage as a way to improve our ranking and attractiveness to the competition. The use of recycling totes starts January 1. Councilmember Press doesn't want to make a final decision on the question - can the Village afford to pay some portion - until we have a long range forecast. Councilmember Atton agrees with that. We should have an updated long-range projection before we do any budgeting at all. Councilmember Deacon emphasized fiscal responsibility when relying on revenues not within our control requires a cushion for the unexpected.

21. Business from the Audience starts at 1:25:45

Terri Rice, of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities, introduced herself and the services to individuals from birth to adulthood offered by the organization - early intervention, therapies, consultation with public school districts, high school graduation transitioning, housing and employment services, and assistive technology. Innovative initiatives - CSU Rise/ADA-accessible tiny house/smart apartments - position CCBDD to be leaders in the state. Since 2021 CCBDD has awarded over \$1,000,000 in grants to over 75 organizations - libraries, arts and culture, recreation facilities - so they can be more accommodating and adaptive to people of all abilities. Mayor Siemborski suggested using the Pink Sheet to share information on the resources for individuals and communities.

At 1:31:08 Resident Dorothy Shulman has noticed new people moving in are putting their leaves at the edge of the property for pick up. They assume Gates Mills picks up those leaves and we don't. They do not know we have automatic garbage pickup, so they're putting their bags by the street also. Someone has to tell them those services are not given to us. When you define services, people think these things are services. She pays \$90 for 3 months. When you hit a certain age in Mayfield Village, they plow your driveway and sidewalk. She pays for her snowplowing. If you think about services, most people are not looking for entertainment and so on from cities/villages. They're looking for help maintaining their properties.

22. Adjourn

There being no further business, it was moved by Councilmember Steinbrink, seconded by Councilmember Atton, and unanimously carried, that the council meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

Steven L. Siemborski, Mayor

**Payment Listing**  
 November 2024

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
425-2024	07/31/2024	07/31/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$13.69 *	C
425-2024	11/19/2024	11/20/2024	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$13.69	C
480-2024	08/29/2024	08/29/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$13.69 *	C
480-2024	11/19/2024	11/20/2024	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$13.69	C
549-2024	10/02/2024	10/03/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$13.69 *	C
549-2024	11/19/2024	11/20/2024	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$13.69	C
604-2024	10/30/2024	10/31/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$53.49 *	C
604-2024	11/01/2024	11/05/2024	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$53.49	C
613-2024	11/04/2024	11/05/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$82.85	C
614-2024	11/04/2024	11/05/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$100.02	C
615-2024	11/04/2024	11/05/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$105.30	C
616-2024	11/05/2024	11/05/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$418.59	C
616-2024	12/02/2024	12/09/2024	NEG ADJ	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	-\$418.59 *	O
617-2024	11/04/2024	11/05/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$451.14	C
618-2024	11/04/2024	11/05/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$497.99	C
619-2024	11/05/2024	11/05/2024	CH	THE HARTFORD	\$203.34	C
620-2024	11/05/2024	11/05/2024	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$177.00	C
621-2024	11/05/2024	11/05/2024	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$173.00	C
622-2024	11/05/2024	11/05/2024	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,488.00	C
623-2024	11/05/2024	11/05/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$7,138.54	C
624-2024	11/05/2024	11/05/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$935.00	C
625-2024	11/05/2024	11/06/2024	CH	CHASE BANK	\$2.50	C
626-2024	11/06/2024	11/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$85.53	C
627-2024	11/06/2024	11/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$88.16	C
628-2024	11/06/2024	11/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$87.52	C
629-2024	11/06/2024	11/06/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$354.69	C
629-2024	12/02/2024	12/09/2024	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$354.69 *	O
630-2024	11/08/2024	11/12/2024	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$112.32	C
631-2024	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	CH	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$62.21	C
632-2024	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$37.92	C
633-2024	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$409.77	C
634-2024	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	CH	DELTA DENTAL	\$1,988.05	C



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635-2024	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	CH	PRIME PAY	\$71,415.35	C
636-2024	11/12/2024	11/12/2024	CH	AETNA HEALTH INC. (OHIO)	\$42,231.96	C
637-2024	11/13/2024	11/18/2024	CH	PRIME PAY	\$750.25	C
638-2024	11/13/2024	11/18/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$826.59	C
639-2024	11/13/2024	11/18/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$82.85	C
640-2024	11/14/2024	11/18/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$83.16	C
641-2024	11/14/2024	11/18/2024	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,488.00	C
642-2024	11/14/2024	11/18/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$7,138.54	C
643-2024	11/14/2024	11/18/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$935.00	C
644-2024	11/14/2024	11/18/2024	CH	OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION	\$27,745.89	C
645-2024	11/14/2024	11/18/2024	CH	OPERS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES	\$19,931.20	C
646-2024	11/18/2024	11/20/2024	CH	HOME DEPOT CRC	\$625.52	C
647-2024	11/19/2024	11/20/2024	CH	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$613.29	C
648-2024	11/21/2024	11/22/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$328.22	C
649-2024	11/22/2024	11/22/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$67.20	C
650-2024	11/22/2024	11/22/2024	CH	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	\$1,435.25	C
650-2024	12/02/2024	12/09/2024	NEG ADJ	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	-\$188.07 *	O
651-2024	11/22/2024	11/22/2024	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$32,380.00	C
652-2024	11/26/2024	11/26/2024	CH	PRIME PAY	\$87,891.10	C
653-2024	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$7,138.54	O
654-2024	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$935.00	O
655-2024	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,488.00	C
656-2024	11/26/2024	11/27/2024	CH	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$2,856.18	C
657-2024	11/29/2024	12/02/2024	CH	CHASE CARD SERVICE	\$9,614.58	C
658-2024	11/29/2024	12/05/2024	CH	STATE TREASURER OF OHIO	\$975.00	C
659-2024	11/29/2024	12/05/2024	CH	REDSS	\$140.00	C
660-2024	11/29/2024	12/05/2024	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$39.00	C
661-2024	11/29/2024	12/05/2024	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$125.00	C
7963	11/05/2024	11/05/2024	AW	C.W. COURTNEY COMPANY	\$54,207.90	C
7964	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	ABATE LANDSCAPING FLORIST	\$165.00	C
7965	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	ABV CORPORATION	\$4,872.00	C
7966	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	AKE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.	\$2,437.70	C

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7967	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	ADVANCE OHIO	\$798.72	C
7968	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	ALL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	\$240.00	O
7969	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	ASCENDANCE TRUCKS MIDWEST, LLC	\$213.64	C
7970	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	AUBURN FENCE CORPORATION	\$284.00	C
7971	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	BAUER SUPPLY	\$107.80	C
7972	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	BURKE BROTHERS SOUND LLC	\$562.50	C
7973	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	CERTASITE, LLC	\$424.64	C
7973	12/02/2024	12/09/2024	NEG ADJ	CERTASITE, LLC	-\$247.31 *	O
7974	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	CHAGRIN VALLEY DISPATCH	\$14,062.93	C
7975	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	MICHAEL E. CICERO	\$850.00	C
7976	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	\$102.65	C
7977	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	MITCHELL COLE	\$482.00	C
7978	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	COMDOC, INC.	\$537.80	C
7979	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	THOMAS J COOK	\$950.00	C
7980	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	CUYAHOGA ASPHALT MATERIALS	\$1,152.10	C
7981	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	CUYAHOGA CO BOARD OF HEALTH	\$85.00	C
7982	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	DISTILLATA COMPANY	\$117.20	C
7983	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	ENGLBROOK CONSTRUCTION INC.	\$5,126.41	C
7984	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	GAS DETECTION SYSTEMS, INC.	\$360.00	C
7985	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	\$1,832.92	C
7986	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	HALL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$17,768.89	C
7987	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	JOYCE BUILDING CO., INC.	\$3,635.00	C
7988	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	KEN'S WINDOW CLEANING	\$870.00	O
7988	12/02/2024	12/09/2024	NEG ADJ	KEN'S WINDOW CLEANING	-\$240.00 *	O
7989	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	KIMBALL MIDWEST	\$331.42	C
7990	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	MARSHALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$41.36	C
7991	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	JEAN MISCH	\$729.47	C
7992	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	MULLET'S HARNESS SHOP	\$1,006.45	C
7993	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	OACP	\$370.00	O
7994	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	OHIO PEACE OFFICER TRAINING AC	\$1,000.00	C
7995	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	TREAS, STATE OF OHIO/BBS	\$338.57	O
7996	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	PRESTON FORD	\$361.30	C

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7997	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	ROETZEL & ANDRESS	\$9,054.00	C
7998	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	RUMPKE	\$88.82	C
7999	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	SHUTTLE'S UNIFORM INC.	\$1,730.80	C
8000	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	SHRED-IT	\$782.40	C
8001	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	SEWER CLEANING COMPANY	\$225.00	C
8002	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT SOLUTION	\$1,380.00	C
8003	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	TRIAD TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	\$94.65	C
8004	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	TURNEY HOME & AUTO	\$430.29	C
8005	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	TECHSPERT DATA SERVICES LLC	\$433.00	C
8006	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	VERDIN	\$695.00	C
8007	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	WINZER	\$342.48	C
8008	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	ZOOM CAR WASH	\$128.00	C
8009	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	STERLING INSPECTIONS	\$1,350.00	C
8010	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	C.W. COURTNEY COMPANY	\$25,268.00	C
8011	11/18/2024	11/18/2024	AW	JOSEPH GIGLIO	\$100.00	C
8012	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	AAA ADVANCED PLUMBING & DRAIN	\$1,088.60	O
8013	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	AUBURN FENCE CORPORATION	\$205.00	O
8014	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	BAUER SUPPLY	\$103.65	O
8015	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	COUNTRYSIDE TRUCK SERVICE, INC	\$2,902.69	O
8016	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	CUYAHOGA ASPHALT MATERIALS	\$495.28	O
8017	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	C.W. COURTNEY COMPANY	\$4,307.50	O
8018	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	DUSTBUSTER	\$510.00	O
8019	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	ECOPRO SOLUTIONS LLC	\$527.95	O
8020	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	D.H. ELLISON CO.	\$100.00	O
8021	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	FIRST CALL	\$145.60	O
8022	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$197.70	O
8023	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	GAS DETECTION SYSTEMS, INC.	\$720.00	O
8024	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	JOSEPH GIGLIO	\$100.00	O
8025	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	KT'S CUSTOM LOGOS	\$683.32	O
8026	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	MARS ELECTRIC COMPANY	\$389.34	O
8026	12/02/2024	12/09/2024	NEG ADJ	MARS ELECTRIC COMPANY	-\$389.34 *	O
8027	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	MILL SUPPLY, INC.	\$101.92	O

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8028	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	NICOLA, GUDBRANSON & COOPER	\$4,787.50	O
8029	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	PET WASTE ELIMINATOR	\$96.00	O
8030	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	PRESTON FORD	\$361.67	O
8031	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	ROETZEL & ANDRESS	\$7,634.00	O
8032	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	SENSYS GATSO USA, INC.	\$35,112.00	O
8033	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	SHUTTLE'S UNIFORM INC.	\$341.00	O
8034	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY	\$1,272.01	O
8035	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	TAFT STETTINIUS & HOLLISTER LLP	\$496.00	O
8036	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	VANCUREN SERVICES, INC	\$16,175.00	O
8037	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	VILLAGE OUTDOORS LTD	\$3,700.00	O
8038	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	WADSWORTH SERVICE	\$820.00	O
8039	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	ZOOM CAR WASH	\$120.00	O
8040	11/27/2024	11/27/2024	AW	UH LAKE	\$17.00	O
Total Payments:					\$579,224.09	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$579,224.09	

Type: AM - Accounting Manual Warrant, AW - Accounting Warrant, IM - Investment Manual Warrant, IW - Investment Warrant, PM - Payroll Manual Warrant, PR - Payroll Warrant, RW - Reduction of Receipt Warrant, SW - Skipped Warrant, WH - Withholding Warrant, WM - Withholding Manual, WS - Special Warrant, CH - Electronic Payment Advice, IL - Investment Loss, EP - Payroll EFT Voucher, CV - Payroll Conversion Voucher, SV - Payroll Special Voucher, EW - Withholding Voucher, POS ADJ - Positive Adjustment, NEG ADJ - Negative Adjustment, POS REAL - Positive Reallocation, NEG REAL - Negative Reallocation

Status: O - Outstanding, C - Cleared, V - Voided, B - Batch

\* Asterisked amounts are not included in report totals. These transactions occurred outside the reported date range but are listed for reference.

TOTAL	\$579,224.09
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Clerk

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Mayor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at the time of making the contracts or orders for the expenditures provided for in the foregoing ordinance and at the time of the execution of such certificate a sufficient sum appropriated for the purpose of such contract was in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

(This ordinance is not of "a general or permanent nature" and need not be read three times nor published)

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Clerk

**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING November 30, 2024**  
**December 13, 2024**

**MONTHLY RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION**

The financial statements were provided to the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Council prior to the December 2024 Council meeting.

**GENERAL FUND**

Year-to-date revenue was \$7,533,352 including \$1,380,065 in traffic camera receipts. Excluding those receipts, revenue would have been \$6,153,287, ahead of last year's amount of \$5,433,867 by \$719,420. Real estate tax collections of \$2,545,820 were over last year by \$57,562. Real estate tax collections are dependent on the county's billing and collection and taxpayer timing of payments. Municipal income tax receipts are up 21% at this point.

The traffic camera enforcement program in combination with Lyndhurst Municipal Court and the vendor started in mid-August 2023. Gross collection receipts were \$387,185 last year with expenditures last year at this time were \$214,194 of which \$90,000 was for the court to start the program. Gross collections in 2024 were \$1,380,065. Expenses to Lyndhurst Municipal Court and to Sensys Gatso appear in the Police Department expenditure categories and were \$696,774 in 2024 for a margin of 50%. Lyndhurst Municipal Court increased its per citation fee by \$5 starting this spring. We do not see a need to increase the violation charge at this time.

Other sources of revenue were \$1,013,985, above 2023's year-to-date amount of \$773,214. Miscellaneous income reflects the receipt of \$115,625 from Cuyahoga County for the Village's preventative road maintenance program. The breakdown was \$82,515 for 2022 and \$33,1110 for 2023. We achieved higher receipts in ambulance income, interest, and miscellaneous income and lower receipts in the Mills Building rental income, permits and fines.

Expenditures for 2024 were \$7,063,265 compared to \$5,893,433 in 2023. Excluding transfers to other funds from the General Fund, Village expenditures year-to-date 2024 were \$5,601,265 compared to \$4,960,933 in 2023. Traffic camera expenses accounted for \$696,774 and the new sidearm mower and tractor with attachments were \$175,000. Village expenditures are budgeted and controlled via its four departments - (Administration, Police, Fire and Service) and Transfers from the General Fund to other specific funds such as the Capital Improvement Fund.

The Administration Department incurred \$754,272 in 2024, \$25,622 over the prior year due higher wage and insurance costs, engineering, prosecutor legal expenses, professional services, income tax expense and general insurance.

The Police Department has incurred \$2,400,594 YTD of which, \$696,774 was associated with the traffic camera program. Excluding those costs to discuss comparability, actual expenditures in 2024 were \$1,703,820 compared to \$1,633,910 in 2023. The largest differences were in higher wages and insurance, but lower gasoline and dispatch service.

The Fire Department costs of \$654,377 were slightly above the prior year of \$647,375. Quarterly ambulance and EMS costs for 2024 are \$450,852 compared to 2023's amount of \$447,197. Year-to-date EMS calls are 187

this year compared to 200 last year. Ambulance income was much higher as the data entry and billing backlog from the outside service provider from the third quarter 2023 was caught up and billings were collected and remitted to us in early 2024.

In the Service Department, we have spent \$1,791,898, \$55,094 more than the prior year amount of \$1,736,804. We spent more on wages, overtime and benefits costs, less on salt due to a milder winter and more at the Community House for the new roof and gutter project, paint and new fence. We expended \$16,500 for tree removal on Chagrin River Road/Wilson Mills hills after the tornadic storm. We also took delivery and paid for the new sidearm mower and tractor with attachments at a cost of \$175,000.

In summary, for the eleven months of the year, the Village operated with a General Fund surplus of \$470,087 compared to a shortfall of \$72,381 in 2023. 2023 included a \$250,000 road program overrun due to unforeseen subsurface conditions that was paid for in January of 2023. For 2024, the largest variance is traffic camera net receipts.

The General Fund cash balance as of November 30, 2024 was \$8,050,511 compared to the beginning of the year balance of \$7,580,424.

#### **OTHER FUNDS**

The Village is required to maintain other special purpose funds by statute or contract. Cash in these special purpose funds amounted to \$2,104,577 at November 30, 2024. The increase from the end of 2023 was due to transfers from the General Fund into certain of these funds. In the first eleven months, the Village remitted over \$110,000 to the Gates Mills Land Conservancy as its share of levy dollars collected. Over the year, we expended \$1,130,602 for County Line Road repaving, emergency road repairs, drainage projects and the Village's road program.

This report will be published on the Village website.

Janet M. Mulh  
Finance Administrator

**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

	2024 BUDGET	Current Month	2024 Year to Date	2023 Year to Date
<b>General Fund (GF) Revenues:</b>				
<b>Taxes:</b>				
Real Estate Taxes	2,488,500	-	2,545,820	2,488,258
Municipal Income Taxes	2,100,000	405,506	2,555,765	2,110,079
Share of Sales and State Taxes	28,000	-	37,718	62,316
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	4,616,500	405,506	5,139,303	4,660,653
<b>Other Sources:</b>				
Fines and Costs	75,100	5,385	65,138	74,873
Traffic Camera Gross Receipts	1,518,400	129,015	1,380,065	387,185
Building/Liquor Permits & Licenses	51,040	7,165	71,081	87,329
Interest Income	259,000	15,814	274,933	143,913
Rental Income	222,960	7,102	203,684	215,773
Mills Building Rental Income	142,631	8,590	97,071	113,982
Ambulance Income	36,000	-	72,831	35,850
SRO Reimbursement	94,450	15,742	86,579	76,913
Misc <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">County 22 &amp; 23 Road Mnt Reim.</span>	47,750	1,736	142,666	24,581
<b>Total Other Sources Revenue</b>	2,447,331	190,549	2,394,050	1,160,399
<b>Assessments:</b>				
School Board/Property Assessment	-	-	-	-
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	7,063,831	596,055	7,533,352	5,821,052
<b>Add Year Beginning General Fund Balance</b>		8,308,990	7,580,424	7,811,278
<b>Less Expenses:</b>				
Administration Costs (see Page 2)		(72,357)	(754,272)	(728,650)
Administration - Transfers		(365,625)	(1,462,125)	(932,500)
Police Department Costs (see Page 3)		(235,865)	(2,400,594)	(1,848,104)
Fire Department Costs (see Page 3)		(20,914)	(203,526)	(200,178)
Fire Department Ambulance (see Page 3)		-	(450,852)	(447,197)
Service Department Costs (see Page 4)		(159,774)	(1,791,898)	(1,736,804)
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>		(854,534)	(7,063,265)	(5,893,433)
<b>Current General Fund Balance</b>		8,050,510	8,050,511	7,738,897
<b>Plus:</b>				
Other Fund Current Balances		2,104,577	2,104,577	2,036,662
<b>Total Current Balance - All Funds</b>		10,155,088	10,155,088	9,775,559

22	82,515.20
23	33,109.63



**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

	2024 BUDGET	2024 Month Expenses	2024 To Date Expenses	2023 To Date Expenses
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	165,000	13,818	150,719	147,286
Health Insurance	54,180	4,460	54,923	49,433
Worker's Comp/Medicare	8,000	218	3,073	2,906
Employee Retirement (OPERS)	27,900	2,081	24,982	24,252
<b>PERSONNEL COSTS</b>	<b>255,080</b>	<b>20,577</b>	<b>233,697</b>	<b>223,877</b>
Legal - Law Director	60,000	16,688	65,400	85,022
Legal - Prosecutor	48,000	5,638	43,650	34,501
Legal - Other	500	-	8	499
Engineering	33,900	9,282	47,597	29,918
Other Professional Services	114,500	6,931	102,355	120,642
<b>LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL</b>	<b>256,900</b>	<b>38,538</b>	<b>259,010</b>	<b>270,582</b>
General Insurance	120,000	-	116,802	103,976
Income Tax Expense	75,000	12,010	75,142	61,418
County Auditor Expenses	64,000	-	55,567	58,289
Office Expenses	9,500	918	10,116	6,025
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,000	314	3,938	4,483
<b>OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS</b>	<b>273,500</b>	<b>13,241</b>	<b>261,565</b>	<b>234,191</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>785,480</b>	<b>72,357</b>	<b>754,272</b>	<b>728,650</b>
Transfers to Other Funds	1,096,500	365,625	1,462,125	932,500
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS</b>	<b>1,881,980</b>	<b>437,982</b>	<b>2,216,397</b>	<b>1,661,150</b>

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
NOVEMBER 30, 2024

	2024 BUDGET	2024 Month Expenses	2024 To Date Expenses	2023 To Date Expenses
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	1,134,000	103,122	1,074,896	1,028,525
Overtime	50,000	3,964	45,763	45,121
Health, OPERS, MEDI, Worker Comp	274,700	22,329	259,536	225,838
<b>PERSONNEL COSTS</b>	<b>1,458,700</b>	<b>129,415</b>	<b>1,380,195</b>	<b>1,299,484</b>
Gasoline	25,000	-	11,952	16,940
Repairs and Maintenance	16,000	1,558	12,715	12,825
Uniforms	15,000	987	8,633	8,124
Training/Conferences	12,000	3,155	8,183	13,319
Dispatch Operating Fee	170,100	14,063	154,692	160,719
Alarm System Fee	18,000	-	17,190	18,567
Maintenance Agreements/Radio Expenses	29,000	-	22,843	25,125
Traffic Camera Program LMC	312,000	32,380	311,395	188,160
Traffic Camera Program Gatso	379,400	35,112	385,379	26,034
Other Expenses	16,000	1,426	10,889	11,968
V.E.G.	11,000	-	11,000	10,000
<b>OTHER POLICE DEPART COSTS</b>	<b>1,003,500</b>	<b>88,681</b>	<b>954,870</b>	<b>491,781</b>
Vehicle Purchases	60,000	17,769	57,171	48,451
Equipment Purchases	12,000	-	8,358	8,388
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>72,000</b>	<b>17,769</b>	<b>65,529</b>	<b>56,839</b>
<b>TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT COSTS</b>	<b>2,534,200</b>	<b>235,865</b>	<b>2,400,594</b>	<b>1,848,104</b>
<b>*****</b>				
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	160,000	12,914	141,339	136,126
PERS, MEDI, SOC SEC, Worker Comp	31,150	1,007	12,930	12,552
<b>PERSONNEL COSTS</b>	<b>191,150</b>	<b>13,921</b>	<b>154,270</b>	<b>148,678</b>
Vehicle Maintenance	11,000	2,903	11,577	2,317
Ambulance/EMS <i>see below</i>	437,000	-	450,852	447,197
Training/Conferences	12,000	17	67	2,128
Contracts & Annual Fees	24,000	1,322	16,236	19,810
Other Expenses	10,000	2,751	9,215	3,881
<b>OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS</b>	<b>494,000</b>	<b>6,993</b>	<b>487,948</b>	<b>475,333</b>
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>63,125</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,160</b>	<b>23,364</b>
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS</b>	<b>748,275</b>	<b>20,914</b>	<b>654,377</b>	<b>647,375</b>
<i>Ambulance Income on Cover Page</i>	36,000	-	72,831	35,850

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
NOVEMBER 30, 2024

	2024 BUDGET	2024 Month Expenses	2024 To Date Expenses	2023 To Date Expenses
<b>SERVICE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	776,600	70,264	705,045	683,833
Overtime	30,975	2,243	19,635	17,125
Health, OPERS, MEDI, Worker Comp	323,650	26,928	317,690	277,941
<b>PERSONNEL COSTS</b>	<u>1,131,225</u>	<u>99,436</u>	<u>1,042,370</u>	<u>978,899</u>
Salt/Aggregate (snow removal)	65,000	-	55,716	70,924
Building Inspection	12,000	4,028	16,577	11,067
Equipment Maintenance	46,000	2,453	49,892	44,356
Gasoline Expense	40,000	43	30,643	34,827
Supplies/Uniforms	34,000	3,647	31,567	32,423
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	<u>197,000</u>	<u>10,171</u>	<u>184,396</u>	<u>193,597</u>
<b>BUILDING OPERATION &amp; MTC</b>				
Village Hall	127,300	16,302	125,056	120,064
Village Houses	12,300	32	7,287	1,198
Community Building	65,200	1,998	65,622	23,404
Post Office	3,000	-	1,070	15,232
OBT Building	1,940	150	1,353	1,652
Wash House	3,700	(41)	50	66
Burton Court	3,100	345	5,088	16,026
Mills Building	34,010	4,371	57,726	77,184
<b>BUILDING OPERATION &amp; MTC</b>	<u>250,550</u>	<u>23,157</u>	<u>263,251</u>	<u>254,826</u>
Street Repair	8,000	1,748	4,042	9,235
Ditch, Drain, Sewers	35,500	165	22,945	31,584
Tree Grinding (Contractors)	15,000	16,175	47,950	800
Street Lighting	17,100	2,435	18,552	15,765
Parks	21,000	753	11,581	18,019
Guardrails, Signs, Bridges	26,600	5,355	8,224	5,474
<b>STREETS AND ROADS</b>	<u>123,200</u>	<u>26,631</u>	<u>113,294</u>	<u>80,877</u>
Vehicles	181,400	-	174,689	208,512
Other Equipment	20,000	379	13,897	20,093
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<u>201,400</u>	<u>379</u>	<u>188,586</u>	<u>228,605</u>
<b>TOTAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT COSTS</b>	<u>1,903,375</u>	<u>159,774</u>	<u>1,791,898</u>	<u>1,736,804</u>

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
NOVEMBER 30, 2024

	Beginning Year Balance	Year-to-date Actual Receipts	Year-to-date Actual Expenses	Unexpended Balance
Street Const Maint Repair	134,824	191,050	175,000	150,875
State Highway	27,243	15,792	17,344	25,691
Bond Retirement (KeyBank Loans)	2,730	-	-	2,730
	<u>164,797</u>	<u>206,842</u>	<u>192,344</u>	<u>179,295</u>
Capital Improvement	420,762	1,279,654	955,601	744,815
Water	284,003	39,769	21,307	302,465
Wastewater Plant	29,776	47,078	63,486	13,368
Park Recreation	53,947	27,759	59,558	22,147
Cemetery	54,799	27,000	9,579	72,220
Mayor's Court-Violations Bureau	1,220	21,278	21,366	1,132
Mayor's Discretionary	285	1,500	1,280	505
Purcell Trust	31,800	-	9,836	21,964
Land Conservation	210,318	235,649	120,876	325,091
Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA)	499,530	-	341,999	157,531
Building Bond Deposit	129,989	30,830	4,657	156,162
Underground Storage Tank	11,000	-	-	11,000
Safety Fund	26,714	10,450	15,691	21,473
Police Relief & Pension	23,104	228,819	200,261	51,662
Law Enforcement	265	-	265	-
VEST Grant	-	-	-	-
OneOhio Fund (Opiod)	1,769	2,983	2,404	2,348
STATE Grants	20,008	8,991	7,600	21,399
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	<u>1,964,085</u>	<u>2,168,602</u>	<u>2,028,110</u>	<u>2,104,577</u>
GENERAL FUND	7,580,424	7,533,352	7,063,265	8,050,511
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	<u>9,544,509</u>	<u>9,701,955</u>	<u>9,091,375</u>	<u>10,155,088</u>

STATE OF THE VILLAGE  
NOVEMBER 30, 2024

	2024	2023
Total Current Balance - All Funds	<b>10,155,088</b>	<b>9,775,561</b>
Cash and Investments:	11/30/2024	11/30/2023
Cash:		
ANCORA	8,682,078	8,459,465
CHASE DDA	157,565	419,113
CHASE SAV - LAND CONS	1,498	210,310
STAR OHIO -LAND CONS	323,593	-
CHASE VIOLATIONS BUREAU	36,524	45,569
Star Ohio	<u>1,047,458</u>	<u>1,029,362</u>
Total Cash	10,248,716	10,163,819
(OUTSTANDING CHECKS)	<u>(93,628)</u>	<u>(388,258)</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<b>10,155,088</b>	<b>9,775,561</b>

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\*\* From Wastewater Fund

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY	BUDGET	NOVEMBER	2024 YEAR TO DATE	2023 YEAR TO DATE
Real Estate Taxes	2,488,500	-	2,545,820	2,488,258
Municipal Income Tax	2,100,000	405,506	2,555,765	2,110,079
Share of Sales and State Taxes	28,000	-	37,718	62,316
Other Sources	2,447,331	190,549	2,394,050	1,160,399
Assessments	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>7,063,831</b>	<b>596,055</b>	<b>7,533,352</b>	<b>5,821,052</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Administration Department	785,480	72,357	754,272	728,650
Police Department	2,534,200	235,865	2,400,594	1,848,104
Fire Department	748,275	20,914	654,377	647,375
Service Department	1,903,375	159,774	1,791,898	1,736,804
Transfers excluding Inheritance Taxes	1,096,500	365,625	1,462,125	932,500
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,067,830</b>	<b>854,534</b>	<b>7,063,265</b>	<b>5,893,433</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(3,999)</b>	<b>(258,480)</b>	<b>470,087</b>	<b>(72,381)</b>

Project	November 30, 2024	BUDGET	NOVEMBER	YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	COURTNEY	OTHER	SCMR/STHWY
	<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>						
	2024 ROAD PROGRAM & SERVICE LOT PAVING	970,000	36,969	1,061,122	209,280	676,843	175,000
	STORM WATER REGS AND ISSUES	20,000		7,714	7,214	500	
	RIVERVIEW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	73,000		-			
	CONTINGENCIES	14,531		-			
	COMM HOUSE ODNR GRANT LOWER LEVEL	5,469		3,874		3,874	
	CHAGRIN RIVER @ MAYFIELD			19,314		19,314	
	BERKSHIRE/EPPING FLOODING			8,310	8,310		
	OLD MILL SLOPE FAILURE		30,269	30,269	30,269		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>1,083,000</b>	<b>67,238</b>	<b>1,130,602</b>	<b>255,071</b>	<b>700,531</b>	<b>175,000</b>

# Village of Gates Mills

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*Division of Police*  
1470 Chagrin River Road  
Gates Mills, Ohio 44040-9703  
Phone: (440) 423-44505 Fax: (440) 423-2002  
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## **December 2024 Council Meeting**

- 1) A 70-year-old resident was a victim in a Bitcoin scam in excess of \$20,000.
- 2) A 15-year-old Gates Mills Education Center student was found to have alcohol in her possession at the school. Mayfield Schools is handling the incident administratively.
- 3) A 26-year-old Kirtland resident had a medical issue while driving on Mayfield Road. As a result, she caused an accident between two other vehicles. Citations were issued and she was given a mandatory court date.

### Monthly Totals:

- 50 Traffic Citations.
- 18 Warnings.
- 20 Incident/Accident reports
- 6,778 Patrol Miles.
- 833 House Checks
- Total Fines \$5358.00

Sincerely,



Gregg Minichello  
Chief of Police  
Gates Mills Police Department  
[Gminichello@gatesmillsvillage.com](mailto:Gminichello@gatesmillsvillage.com)  
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Gates Mills, OH - Summary by time periods

<b>Date Range</b>	<b>Total Passes</b>	<b>Passes @ 58 MPH</b>	<b>Passes @ 59 MPH</b>	<b>Passes @ 60 Plus</b>	<b>Average Speed</b>
August 2024 (08/01/2024 - 08/31/2024)	323,991	617	448	1,042	44.98
September 2024 (09/01/2024 - 09/30/2024)	315,742	639	462	1,104	45.41
October 2024 (10/01/2024 - 10/31/2024)	333,365	716	514	1,229	45.34
November 2024 (11/01/2024 - 11/30/2024)	279,163	640	429	1,125	45.36

# Gates Mills Service Department

*"Yours in service since 1920"*

TO: Mayor  
and Council Members

FROM: Dave Biggert, Service Director

**RE: SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024**

1. In November, 10 building permits were issued for a total construction value of \$368,538.
2. In November 2023, 6 building permits had been issued for a total construction value of \$1,072,976.
3. All the members of the Gates Mills Service Department would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. We would also like to thank you for all your guidance and support throughout the year.
4. The November Planning and Zoning Commission meeting had been cancelled due to no agenda items to review.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (440) 423-1581.

Respectfully Submitted,



David L. Biggert, RBO, RBI, PI, MI, EMT-B  
Service Director/Building Official

# **Gates Mills Fire Department**

## November 2024 Fire Department Report

DATE	NFIRS #	Address/Location	Description of Incident
11/01/24	2024-248	County Line Road	Public Service.
11/04/24	2024-249	7695 Deerfield Lane	Compost Pile Fire.
11/06/24	2024-250	Gates Mills Community House	Person in Distress.
11/06/24	2024-251	Brigham Road	Vehicle Accident-General Cleanup.
11/07/24	2024-252	34001 Cedar Road	Fire Alarm.
11/07/24	2024-253	5403 Summit	Lyndhurst--FIU
11/10/24	2024-254	390 Timber Ridge Trail	Power Line Arcing-Rubbing on Tree.
11/11/24	2024-255	1361 Chagrin River Road	Motor Vehicle Crash—With Injuries.
11/15/24	2024-256	34001 Cedar Road	Holy Cross House-Refrigerant Leak.
11/15/24	2024-257	7809 Gates Mills Estates	Natural Gas Leak-Meter Struck by Vehicle.
11/18/24	2024-258	7459 Brigham Road	Power Line Down.
11/19/24	2024-259	34001 Cedar Road	Fire Alarm.
11/19/24	2024-260	1960 Woodstock Road	Fire Alarm.
11/19/24	2024-261	1793 County Line Road	Open Burning.
11/20/24	2024-262	440 Hawthorne Farm Drive	Open Burning.
11/20/24	2024-263	Mayfield Road	Power Line Down, Tree Down.
11/24/24	2024-264	1669 Berkshire Road	CO Detector Activation.
11/26/24	2024-265	7093 Gates Mills Blvd.	Public Service.
11/27/24	2024-266	1215 Fox Hill Drive	Fire Alarm.
11/28/24	2024-267	1860 Surrey Place	Fire Alarm.
11/29/24	2024-268	1220 Fox Hill Drive	Public Service.
11/29/24	2024-269	1501 Chagrin River Road	Fire Alarm.

CURRENT MONTH TOTAL	2024 YEAR TO DATE	2023 YEAR TO DATE
<b>G.M. FIRE</b> <b>22</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>198</b>
<b>M.V. EMS</b> <b>13</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>CANCELED</b> <b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	

Hydrant Program Year End Report—709 hydrants flushed or checked. 52 Reported to Cleveland Water and 13 have been repaired or replaced.

The November training topics were:

November 12, 2024      EMS Vital Signs Review—Hillcrest Hospital—Joe Micallef.

November 26, 2024      Gates Mills Historical Society—Walk Thru and review Preplan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-49**

**BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH WICHERT INSURANCE SERVICES, INC. TO FURNISH AND PROVIDE LIABILITY AND PROPERTY INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS, ITS OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor and Clerk be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. to furnish and provide liability and property insurance coverages for the Village of Gates Mills, its officials and employees during the year 2025 pursuant to the provisions of Section 735.051 of the Ohio Revised Code, a copy of which Contract is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein fully as if by reference.

SECTION 2. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, convenience and welfare for the reason to provide insurance coverage immediately upon expiration of the existing insurance policies; wherefore, provided this Ordinance receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed the \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024 RENEWAL**

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>Annualized</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
Property	\$24,427	\$24,427	\$26,377
Inland Marine	\$5,319	\$5,319	\$5,344
General Liability	\$5,816	\$5,816	\$7,046
Auto	\$29,535	\$29,167	\$33,212
Public Officials	\$3,833	\$3,833	\$3,833
Law Enforcement	\$14,274	\$14,274	\$9,516
Umbrella	<u>\$13,282</u>	<u>\$13,282</u>	<u>\$13,829</u>
<b>TOTAL (Selective Package)</b>	<b>\$96,486</b>	<b>\$96,118</b>	<b>\$99,157</b>
Crime - (3rd Year of a 3 Yr Policy)	\$1,563	\$1,563	\$1,563
Cyber -Cowbell	\$5,506	\$5,506	\$7,009
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,555</b>	<b>\$103,187</b>	<b>\$107,729</b>

**AUTO**

2023 = 31 vehicles

2024 = 30 vehicles

Deleted 3 vehicles and added 2

**PROPERTY**

5% increase in values on renewal

# The Village of Gates Mills

## Insurance and Risk Management Proposal

Policy Period: December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025

Carriers: Selective Insurance Company  
Travelers Casualty & Surety Company  
Spinnaker Insurance Company

Presented By: Thomas H. Wichert, CPCU, ARM  
Principal & CEO

Janie L. Geis, CPIA  
Principal



1200 Graham Road  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44224  
[www.wichert.com](http://www.wichert.com)

**PREMIUM SUMMARY**

I.	Property.....	Included
II.	Inland Marine.....	Included
III.	Governmental Crime .....	Included
IV.	Automobile .....	Included
V.	General Liability.....	Included
VI.	Public Officials & Employment Practices .....	Included
VII.	Law Enforcement Liability.....	Included
VIII.	Umbrella Liability .....	Included
	Total Premium.....	\$100,720
IX.	Cyber Liability.....	\$7,009
	<b>Total Annual Premium.....</b>	<b>\$107,729</b>

**COMPANY(S):**

**Selective Insurance Company  
A.M. Best's Rating: A+: XV**

**Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America  
A.M. Best's Rating: A++: XV  
(Crime)**

**Spinnaker Insurance Company  
A.M. Best's Rating: A-: VIII  
(Cyber Liability)**

***Disclaimer:** This presentation represents a general description of proposed insurance coverage. This summary is necessarily brief and is meant only as a supplement to the actual policies. The information presented limits itself to the highlights of various coverages and cannot be applied as a substitute for the actual insurance policies. Further clarification of coverages, conditions, or exclusions may be obtained from the specific insurance policies and forms.*

Village of Gates Mills

**I. PROPERTY**

A.	Blanket Building & Contents Limit.....	\$15,729,968
B.	Equipment Breakdown .....	Included
C.	Replacement Cost Coverage.....	Included
D.	Agreed Amount .....	Included
E.	Deductible (disappearing).....	\$1,000
F.	Extra Expense .....	Actual Loss Sustained
G.	Earthquake Sublimit (\$25,000 deductible) .....	\$2,000,000
H.	Extensions:	
1.	Accounts Receivable .....	\$250,000
	Fire Department .....	Actual Loss Sustained
2.	Arson, Theft and Vandalism Rewards .....	\$25,000
3.	Automated External Defibrillators .....	\$10,000
4.	Back Up of Sewer, Drain or Sump Direct Damage .....	\$100,000
5.	Building Owner –Tenant Move Back Expenses .....	\$25,000
6.	Business Income/Extra Expense (no deductible).....	Actual Loss Sustained
7.	Business Income at Newly Acquired Location .....	\$250,000
8.	Canine Coverage .....	\$10,000/\$25,000
9.	Claim Expenses .....	\$50,000
10.	Commandeered Property (*) .....	Actual Loss Sustained
11.	Computer Equipment & Electronic Data (*) .....	\$100,000
	Fire Department .....	Actual Loss Sustained
12.	Computer – Virus or Harmful Code .....	\$25,000/\$75,000
13.	Confiscated Property – Any One Year.....	\$100,000
14.	Debris Removal.....	\$50,000
	Fire Department .....	Actual Loss Sustained
15.	Fine Arts (*).....	\$25,000
	Fire Department .....	Actual Loss Sustained
16.	Fire Extinguisher Equipment (no deductible).....	Actual Loss Sustained
17.	Grave Markers & Headstones (\$250 deductible).....	\$25,000/\$50,000
18.	Installation Property.....	\$25,000
19.	Lock Replacement if keys are stolen (no deductible).....	\$10,000
20.	Loss Reduction Rewards	
	10% of loss or maximum (no deductible).....	\$25,000
21.	Mobile Equipment (*).....	\$25,000
22.	Money and Securities Off Premises/On Premises (*) .....	\$25,000
23.	Newly Acquired or Constructed Buildings.....	\$2,000,000
	(if reported within 180 days)	
24.	Ordinance or Law (A) –Undamaged Parts of Building (*) .....	Included in Bldg Limit
	(B) – Demolition Costs .....	\$500,000
	(C) – Increased Cost of Construction .....	\$500,000
	Ordinance or Law for Fire Dept (A, B & C) .....	Actual Loss Sustained
25.	Outdoor Property (*).....	\$500,000
26.	Outdoor trees, shrubs & plants (\$2,500 any one item) (*).....	\$25,000/100,000
27.	Personal Effects (no deductible).....	\$5,000/\$25,000
	Fire Department .....	Actual Loss Sustained



**PROPERTY EXTENSIONS CONTINUED**

28.	Personal Property at Newly Acquired Locations ..... (if reported within 180 days)	\$1,000,000
29.	Personal Property at Unnamed Premises (*).....	\$100,000
30.	Pollutant Clean Up and Removal.....	\$25,000
	Fire Department .....	Actual Expenses Incurred
31.	Property In Transit (*).....	\$50,000
32.	Spoilage due to utility failure (*).....	\$25,000
33.	Tools & Equipment (*).....	\$10,000
34.	Underground Fiber Optic Cable (\$2,500 deductible) .....	\$10,000/\$50,000
35.	Unscheduled bleachers, grandstands, scoreboards, refreshment stands, etc. (*).....	\$100,000
36.	Valuable Papers and Records.....	\$250,000
	Fire Department .....	Actual Loss Sustained

*Coverage extensions apply to property located in or on the building described in the Declarations or in the open (or in a vehicle) within 1,500 feet of the described premises.*

*(\*) denotes \$500 deductible*

**II. INLAND MARINE**

A.	Contractors Equipment.....	\$295,333
B.	Inland Marine Premier Pac (Equipment \$25,000 and under) .....	\$100,000
C.	Leased/Rented Equipment .....	\$50,000
D.	Emergency Services Portable Equipment (\$100 Deductible).....	\$160,000 Fire Dept.
E.	Electronic Information Systems Equipment & Extra Expense .....	\$100,000
F.	Deductible .....	\$1,000

### III. CRIME

A.	Employee Theft – Per Loss .....	\$1,000,000
B.	Treasurers and Tax Collectors as Insureds .....	Included
C.	Excess Coverage over Statutory Bonded Officials.....	Included
D.	Faithful Performance of Duty.....	\$100,000
E.	Computer Fraud .....	\$1,000,000
F.	Computer Program & Electronic Data Restoration Expense.....	\$100,000
G.	Funds Transfer Fraud.....	\$1,000,000
H.	Deductible .....	\$25,000
I.	Social Engineering Fraud (\$5,000 Deductible).....	\$100,000
J.	Telecommunications Fraud (\$5,000 Deductible).....	\$100,000
K.	Forgery or Alteration (\$5,000 Deductible).....	\$100,000
L.	On Premises (\$5,000 Deductible).....	\$25,000
M.	In Transit (\$5,000 Deductible) .....	\$25,000
N.	Claim Expense (\$0 Deductible) .....	\$5,000

### IV. AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

A.	Limit Per Occurrence.....	\$1,000,000
1.	Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage Liability	
2.	All Owned Autos	
3.	Hired and Non-Owned Autos	
4.	Uninsured/Underinsured Motorists .....	\$50,000
5.	Includes Fellow Volunteer Extension	
B.	Comprehensive Deductible.....	\$500
C.	Collision Deductible .....	\$500

Extensions of Coverage:

1. Pollution exclusion does not apply to “emergency operations” or “training operations”
2. Hired car physical damage \$250,000 sublimit
3. Lease-Gap coverage included for any leased vehicle
4. Deductible reimbursement for volunteers’ vehicles up to \$1,000
5. Deductible reimbursement for fire dept. volunteers vehicles up to \$2,500
6. Towing and Labor up to \$500 for disabled ambulance
7. Freezing coverage for permanently attached equipment
8. Glass deductible waived for all vehicles for repairs only
9. Value Guard on all Fire Vehicles

Value Guard Endorsement on all Fire Trucks and Ambulances providing payment for loss or damage to be the lesser of:

- What it would cost to repair covered auto or part
- What it would cost to replace a part or parts with like kind without depreciation
- What it would cost to replace vehicle with new vehicle of like kind & quality
- Limit of coverage scheduled on endorsement

**V. GENERAL LIABILITY**

A.	Limit Per Occurrence .....	\$1,000,000
B.	Bodily Injury and Property Damage .....	Included
C.	Personal Injury/Advertising Injury .....	\$1,000,000
D.	Products/Completed Operations Aggregate .....	\$2,000,000
E.	General Aggregate .....	\$2,000,000
F.	Fire Damage Legal Liability .....	\$1,000,000
G.	Employee Benefits Liability (\$1,000 Deductible) .....	\$1,000,000
H.	Employers Liability Stop-Gap.....	\$1,000,000

Additional Coverages Included:

1. Premises & Operations
2. Products & Completed Operations
3. Independent Contractors
4. Employees, Elected Officials & Volunteers As Additional Insureds
5. Host Liquor Liability
6. Blanket Contractual Liability
7. Broad Form Property Damage
8. Hostile Fire Pollution Liability
9. Non-Owned Aircraft
10. Non-Owned Watercraft (without size limit)
11. Fire Department Errors & Omissions
12. EMT Liability
13. Not Subject to Audit
14. Cemetery Liability

Exclusions:

1. Riot, Civil Commotion or Mob Action
2. Inverse Condemnation
3. Asbestos
4. Injury to Volunteer Firemen
5. Law Enforcement Activities
6. Failure to Supply
7. Pollution
8. Medical Payments

**VI. PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY & EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES**

- A. Limit Each Wrongful Act ..... \$1,000,000
- B. Annual Aggregate ..... \$1,000,000
- C. Deductible ..... \$10,000
- D. Includes Employment Practices Liability
- E. Claims Made Coverage with Full Prior Acts

Includes:

- 1. Land Use Planning and Zoning
- 2. Mental Anguish/Emotional Distress/Personal Injury
- 3. Consent to Settle
- 4. Loss of Wages
  - Per Claim ..... \$1,000,000
  - Aggregate ..... \$1,000,000
- 5. Employment Non-monetary Suit Defense
  - Per Claim ..... \$100,000
  - Aggregate ..... \$100,000
- 5. Public Officials Non-monetary Suit Defense
  - Per Claim ..... \$10,000
  - Aggregate ..... \$50,000
- 6. Limited Civil Legal Expense Endorsement
  - Per Claim ..... \$50,000
  - Aggregate ..... \$300,000
- 7. Regulatory Taking of Private Property
  - Per Claim ..... \$100,000
  - Aggregate ..... \$100,000
- 8. Property Damage Definition Endorsement
  - Per Claim ..... \$100,000
  - Aggregate ..... \$100,000

**VII. LAW ENFORCEMENT LIABILITY**

- A. Limit Each Person ..... \$1,000,000
- B. Limit Each Wrongful Act ..... \$1,000,000
- C. Annual Aggregate ..... \$1,000,000
- D. Deductible ..... \$5,000

Includes:

- 1. Consent to Settle
- 2. Includes Line of Duty Death Coverage
- 3. Includes Limited Sexual Abuse and Molestation Coverage

**VIII. UMBRELLA LIABILITY**

A. Limit Each Occurrence .....	\$10,000,000
B. Aggregate.....	\$10,000,000
C. Self-Insured Retention.....	Nil

Coverage over General Liability, Automobile Liability, Law Enforcement Liability, Public Officials Liability and Employment Practices Liability

Aggregate Limit applies separately to each line of coverage and per location.  
Umbrella Limit does not apply to any sub-limits under any underlying liability coverages.

**IX. CYBER LIABILITY**

Aggregate Limit.....	\$1,000,000
Security Breach Expense.....	\$1,000,000
Security Breach Liability.....	\$1,000,000
Restoration of Electronic Data .....	\$1,000,000
Extortion Threats.....	\$50,000
Public Relations Expense .....	\$50,000
Business Income & Extra Expense.....	\$1,000,000
Computer & Funds Transfer Fraud.....	\$1,000,000
Ransom Payment .....	\$1,000,000
Hardware Replacement Costs .....	\$50,000
Telecommunications Fraud.....	\$50,000
Post Breach Remediation Coverage.....	\$50,000
Website Media Liability .....	\$50,000
Deductible .....	\$25,000
Retroactive Period .....	Full Prior Acts

RESOLUTION NO.: 2024-50

BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REAPPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL E. CICERO TO VILLAGE PROSECUTOR AS OF JANUARY 1, 2025, AND APPROVING HIS COMPENSATION.

WHEREAS, Michael E. Cicero has previously served as the Village Prosecutor, with many years of faithful service, and the Village of Gates Mills desires to reappoint Michael E. Cicero to Village Prosecutor, effective January 15, 2025, and to approve his compensation at the following rates:

- 1) \$15,000 per year retainer for day-to-day legal advice and training of Police and Code Enforcement Officers; and
- 2) \$175 per hour, charged in one-tenth hour increments for all other prosecutorial services, which shall be invoiced on a monthly basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Council of the Village of Gates Mills authorizes the reappointment of Michael E. Cicero to Village Prosecutor, effective January 15, 2025, for the rates of compensation set forth herein.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and related to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force at the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk

APPROVED:

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Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-51

BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI

**AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE RATE OF COMPENSATION  
FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE; AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, this Council has created the position of Village Engineer and it is necessary to set the rates and method of compensation to be paid to the Village Engineer and his engineering firm, The C.W. Courtney Co., for necessary engineering consulting services for the Village for 2025 through 2028.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, County of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The duly-appointed Village Engineer, Christopher L. Courtney, PE, PS, CPESC, CPSWQ, is hereby authorized to receive compensation for his services and the authorized contractual services of his engineering firm, The C.W. Courtney Co., as set forth in the Engineering Consulting Services Agreement Terms attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. The rates specified in Exhibit A to this Ordinance shall be effective from and after January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028. The rate provisions of Ordinance No. 2021-47 are hereby repealed. Any construction project which has been commenced prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or for which plans and specifications were authorized to be completed prior to January 1, 2025, the rates charged by the Engineer shall be governed by the provisions contained in Ordinance No. 2021-47 and subsequent hourly rate amendments. Upon the completion of existing construction projects for which the plans and specifications were authorized prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, any compensation provisions of Ordinance No. 2021-47 which are inconsistent with the compensation provisions of this Ordinance, along with any other Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions contained herein, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. All other terms, provisions and conditions of Ordinance No. 2021-47 that are not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force for the term beginning January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028.



SECTION 4. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village, the reason for the emergency being that the same relates to continuing the necessary daily operation of a municipal office; therefore, provided it receives two-thirds of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

## EXHIBIT A

### ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT TERMS

**SECTION 1.** The Engineer shall perform such services and be compensated for services rendered to the Village as follows:

(a) Preparation of necessary plans, profiles, specifications and estimates of cost for such public improvements as may be authorized by the Council to prepare;

(b) The Engineer shall supervise and serve as representative of the Village of Gates Mills in the execution of those public works projects for which the Engineer is authorized by Village Council to so act;

(c) The Engineer shall, as authorized by Village Council, supervise and direct all construction inspectors and such inspectors shall report to and receive their instructions from the Engineer, relative to the improvements covered in paragraphs (a) and (b) hereof;

(d) The Engineer shall, upon appropriate authorization, furnish to the Council plans, specifications and estimates of cost for such improvements for the guidance of this Council and for the information and guidance of contractors dealing with the Village of Gates Mills;

(e) Upon request, the Engineer shall make and deliver progress reports to the Mayor updating the progress of improvements under his or her charge, stating conditions of same, including any changes in construction costs and/or engineering costs, together with any other matters of interest desired by this Council. All plans and specifications shall be the property of the Village of Gates Mills.

(f) The Engineer shall be in charge of engineering and other work to be furnished hereunder as the same may be authorized by Village Council, with the right and obligation of calling upon any of the personnel and facilities of his or her Engineering firm as needed from time to time in the performance of said work.

(g) The Engineer shall make his services available to any department of the Village of Gates Mills and to any official acting in their official capacity, in connection with Municipal business.

**SECTION 2.** The Engineer shall have the following duties and responsibilities considered to be included in his compensation as identified in Section 3 below.

(a) Act as a technical consultant and advisor on engineering matters referred to him or her by the Mayor, Council, and administrative departments upon direction of the Department Heads.

(b) Advise the Mayor/Service Director relating to resident's problems pertaining to engineering as they may relate to public sewers, public water supplies, drainage patterns, and

building grades.

(c) Assist the Building/Service Department on engineering matters including attendance at Planning Commission and BZA meetings, as requested, and act as an aide in the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program.

(d) Attend all meetings as requested by the Mayor or Council. The Engineer shall attend at least one Council meeting per quarter.

(e) Prepare formative or preliminary sketches, layouts, estimates or reports, concerning the advisability of proceeding with sanitary sewers, storm sewers, water mains, pavement improvements or repairs contemplated by the Mayor and/or Council.

(f) Prepare applications for grants pertaining to public improvements requiring the services of the Municipal Engineer, State Issue One funding requests, inventory updating and disbursement requests concerning Federal or State funded projects, and prepare the annual Phase 2 EPA Storm Water Update.

(g) Annually, update Village Engineer's assessment of roadway inventory and condition and by no later than May 1 of each year, recommend to the Mayor, Service Director and Council a prioritized plan of roadway repairs and improvement projects for the current year and for the subsequent year, then adjust the plan as approved by Council and then update the 10-year Roadway Capital Improvement Plan based on the updated assessment and the current year approved plan.

(h) Perform such other duties as is normally required of Village Engineers not requiring the use of additional staff members such as field crews, designers, etc.

**SECTION 3.** The Village Engineer, Christopher L. Courtney, PE, PS, CPESC, shall receive as compensation for the services described in Section 2 hereof, the sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand Six Hundred Ten Dollars (\$38,610), commencing January 1, 2025; the sum of Thirty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$39,770), commencing January 1, 2026; the sum of Forty Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$40,960), commencing January 1, 2027; and the sum of Forty-Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$42,190) commencing January 1, 2028, payable in bi-weekly installments and subject to payroll and Public Employment Retirement System deductions.

**SECTION 4.** Capital Projects - When requested by the Mayor/Council, the Engineer shall provide a design fee quotation for Capital Projects for which plans and specifications are required. This quotation shall be a fixed fee or hourly quote for services to be provided in accordance with an agreed upon Project Scope of Services for each project. If, for reasons beyond the control of either the Engineer or the Village, the project scope is substantially changed, the quoted fee shall be renegotiated. The Engineer shall furnish such design fee quotations at no charge to the Village.

The Engineer shall, at the request of the Mayor/Council, attend such meetings and public hearings as may be necessary, for which work the Engineer shall be compensated on an hourly basis per the rate schedule below.

(a) For all engineering services, as the same may be authorized by Village Council, in connection with Public Improvements constructed by the Village of Gates Mills in cooperation with any Federal Agency; for which the Engineer shall have been authorized to prepare material as hereinbefore provided, work not let by contract, or for special surveys, reports, consultations, conferences with Department or Officers of said Municipality, in accordance with the limitations imposed by Section 1(f) hereof, or the preparation of special assessments and for any and all services not specified above not incident to nor connected with the construction of public improvements but specifically authorized by Village Council, compensation shall be made on the basis of time spent by the Engineer or his or her employees and associates at the rates set forth in the following schedule of hourly rates:

**SCHEDULE OF HOURLY RATES**

<b>Employee Category</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>
<b>Municipal Engineer</b>	<b>110.25</b>	<b>113.50</b>	<b>116.75</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>Principal Engineer</b>	<b>110.25</b>	<b>113.50</b>	<b>116.75</b>	<b>120.00</b>
<b>Dual Registrant (RPE/RS)</b>	<b>107.00</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>113.00</b>	<b>116.00</b>
<b>Reg. Prof. Engineer (RPE)</b>	<b>92.00</b>	<b>94.00</b>	<b>96.00</b>	<b>98.00</b>
<b>Assistant Engineer</b>	<b>83.00</b>	<b>85.50</b>	<b>88.00</b>	<b>90.50</b>
<b>Designer/Drafter</b>	<b>73.00</b>	<b>75.25</b>	<b>77.50</b>	<b>79.75</b>
<b>Clerical</b>	<b>34.00</b>	<b>35.50</b>	<b>37.00</b>	<b>38.50</b>
<b>Chief Reg. Surveyor</b>	<b>99.00</b>	<b>101.00</b>	<b>103.00</b>	<b>105.00</b>
<b>Reg. Surveyor (RS)</b>	<b>84.50</b>	<b>86.00</b>	<b>87.50</b>	<b>89.00</b>
<b>One Man Survey Crew with GPS</b>	<b>107.00</b>	<b>110.00</b>	<b>113.00</b>	<b>116.00</b>
<b>Two-Person Survey Crew</b>	<b>144.00</b>	<b>149.50</b>	<b>155.00</b>	<b>160.50</b>
<b>Contract Administrator</b>	<b>62.00</b>	<b>64.00</b>	<b>66.00</b>	<b>68.00</b>

<b>Inspector</b>	<b>49.00</b>	<b>50.50</b>	<b>52.00</b>	<b>53.50</b>
<b>Services by Others</b>	<b>At Cost</b>	<b>At Cost</b>	<b>At Cost</b>	<b>At Cost</b>

The above rates include all transportation, materials, supplies, reproduction costs, overhead, etc., required to complete a specific project. Upon the request of the Mayor or Village Council, the Engineer shall provide an estimate of probable engineering costs related to a proposed project.

**SECTION 5.** The rates specified in this Ordinance shall be effective from and after January 1, 2025. Any construction project which has been commenced prior to the effective date of this Ordinance or for which plans and specifications were authorized to be completed prior to January 1, 2025, the rates charged by the Engineer shall be governed by the provisions contained in Ordinance No. 2021-47 and subsequent hourly rate amendments. The Engineer shall be entitled to discuss with Council, on an annual basis, proposed changes to the rates and scope of services described herein in the event the Engineer believes that such rates and/or scope of services is creating a hardship.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-52**

**BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS, OHIO, FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio during its fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 the following sums are set aside and appropriated as follows:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
Administrative:	Salaries and Wages	169,664	
	Benefits	83,181	
	Other Expenses	573,860	
			\$826,705
Police Department:	Salaries and Wages	1,315,250	
	Benefits	314,819	
	Other Expenses	1,103,000	
			\$2,733,069
Fire Department:	Salaries and Wages	227,500	
	Benefits	33,900	
	Other Expenses	681,700	
			\$943,100
Service Department:	Salaries and Wages	854,700	
	Benefits	362,200	
	Other Expenses	721,750	
			\$1,938,650
Transfers to Other Funds:			
	Mayor's Discretionary	1,500	
	Capital Improvement	1,000,000	
	Wastewater	70,000	
	Police Pension	170,000	
			\$1,241,500
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>APPROPRIATIONS</b>		<b>\$7,683,024</b>

<b>STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR</b>			200,000
<b>STATE HIGHWAY</b>			20,000
<b>CEMETERY</b>			15,000
<b>LAND CONSERVATION</b>			200,000
<b>PARK RECREATION</b>			29,800
<b>POLICE PENSION</b>			240,000
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT</b>			1,418,125
<b>WATER</b>			25,000
<b>WASTEWATER</b>			70,000
<b>MAYOR'S DISCRETIONARY</b>			1,500
<b>STATE GRANT</b>			8,200
<b>LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY</b>			157,531
<b>SAFETY FUND</b>			48,000
<b>PURCELL FUND</b>			20,000
<b>ONEOHIO FUND (OPIOID)</b>			2,500
<b>GRAND TOTAL – ALL FUNDS</b>			<b>\$10,138,680</b>

**SECTION 2.** The Village Clerk is hereby authorized to draw warrants on the Village Treasury for payments from any of the foregoing appropriations upon receiving proper certificates and vouchers therefore, approved by the Board or officers authorized by law to approve the same, or an ordinance or resolution of Council to make the expenditures; provided that no warrants shall be drawn or paid for salaries or wages except to persons employed by authority of and in accordance with law or ordinance.

**SECTION 3.** That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with this ordinance, be, and are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure in that the same provides for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the Village of Gates Mills and further provides for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; wherefore, this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and approval of the Mayor.

Passed this \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk

APPROVED:

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Mayor



**ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – 53**

**BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE  
NO. 2023-49 TO INCREASE CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND  
OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS, OHIO FOR  
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.**

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio that the following amendment be made to the annual Appropriation Ordinance 2023-49 as passed by Council on December 19, 2023.

SECTION 2. That the appropriation from the Capital Improvement Fund be increased by \$230,000.

SECTION 3. That the appropriation from the General Fund to the Police Department Salaries and Wages be increased by \$20,000.

SECTION 4. That the appropriation from the General Fund to the Service Department Salaries and Wages be increased by \$20,000, and Benefits be increased by 7,000.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, convenience and welfare for reasons apparent from the contents of said ordinance and therefore this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk

APPROVED:

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Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 54  
BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO THE CONTRACT WITH COLE BURTON CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR THE VILLAGE'S 2024 ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, in 2024 pursuant to authorization from this Council by Resolution No. 2024-11, a contract was awarded and executed with Cole Burton Contractors, LLC, pursuant to competitive bidding, for labor and materials for the Village's 2024 Road Maintenance Program in the amount of \$314,680 (the "Original Contract");

WHEREAS, this Council previously authorized Change Order No. 1 to the Original Contract by Resolution No. 2024-39, in the amount of \$207,250, increasing the contract amount to \$521,930;

WHEREAS, additional labor and materials were required to complete necessary additional work for the Old Mill Emergency Repair, additional work on Mayfield Road east of Chagrin River Road, and the Mayfield Road Emergency Water Line Repair (the detailed information supporting the requested Change Order is available from the Village Service Director and Village Engineer);

WHEREAS, this Council finds that the labor and materials necessary for this additional work supports Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$130,853.49.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Mayor is authorized to execute Change Order No. 2 for the 2024 Road Maintenance Program with Cole Burton Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$130,853.49 which, therefore, increases the total contract amount payable to Cole Burton Contractors, LLC to \$652,783.49.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to preserve the public health, safety and welfare of the Village, its residents, and motorists using Village roads which were and are required to be repaired as soon as possible; and therefore, provided this Resolution receives the requisite number of votes pursuant to the Village Charter, it shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon the signature by the Mayor.

Passed the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor