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**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
COUNCIL AGENDA  
SEPTEMBER 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 August 20, 2024. Clerk.
3. Pay Ordinance #1289 \$733,340.58 Clerk.
4. Mayor's Report. Mayor.
  - a. Fraud Training.
  - b. Appointment: Melissa Fortunato to Safety Committee.
  - c. Mayor's Proclamation for David Osburn, Village Carillonneur.
  - d. Encore Report.
  - e. Zoning Workshop.
  - f. Road Program.
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.
  - c. Wastewater Committee. Broome.
  - d. Safety. Mayor.
11. **Ordinance No. 2024-29 (Second Reading) Public Hearing October 15** Steinbrink.

An Ordinance Amending Section 1131.07 and Enacting New Section 1157.10 of Chapter 1157, "Zoning Uses", of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills to Prohibit Adult Use Cannabis Operators in the Village.
12. **Resolution No. 2024-33** Mayor.

Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Fiscal Officer.
13. **Ordinance No. 2024-34** Mayor..

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 159, Police Department, Section 159.01, Membership of Department, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills.

14. **Ordinance No. 2024-35**

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.

15. **Resolution No. 2024-36**

Turner.

A Resolution Authorizing the Village, on Behalf of its Tree Canopy Committee, to Go Out For Bids for an Invasive Species Removal Pilot Project at Four Sites in the Village, at an Estimated Cost of \$60,000/Year for Each of the Next Three Years (2024, 2025, and 2026), and Declaring an Emergency.

16. **Resolution No. 2024-37**

Broome and Mayor.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required; and Declaring an Emergency.

17. Council Matters.

18. Business from the Audience.

19. Adjourn.

Proposed Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda may be obtained by calling Village Hall, 440-423-4405.

**Village of Gates Mills**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**AUGUST 20, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held at the Community House on Tuesday, August 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Siemborski presiding. The meeting was live-streamed to the internet.

1. Roll Call starts at 2:30

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

Other Village officials present were Clerk DeCapite, Service Director Biggert, Police Chief Minichello, Fire Chief Majeski, Village Engineer Courtney, and Law Director Hunt.

2. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 16, 2024 starts at 2:45

Councilmember Welsh moved to approve the July 16, 2024 minutes as corrected and Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3. Pay Ordinance # 1288 \$588,028.52 starts at 3:10

Councilmember Welsh moved to approve Pay Ordinance #1288. Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

4. Mayor's Report starts at 3:37

a. **Storm Review and Update** - While there has been a ton of property damage to both the village and private residences, fortunately no one was injured or harmed. Around \$100,000 of storm related labor and equipment costs will be submitted to the County tomorrow and eventually to the White House for possible emergency relief. None of those dollars are guaranteed to come back to the village, and none of those dollars are available to individual residents. 14 homes have been damaged by trees and 352 homes were out of power for at least several days. Thank you Service/Fire/Police Departments for the help offered to our residents. At the Safety Committee meeting on Sept. 4th, suggestions for communicating status updates to residents during this kind of emergency will be discussed. Councilmember Broome reported that some of the residents on Battles Road still are without AT&T service and asked if anyone had an AT&T contact to share. The Mayor or Councilmember Deacon will reach out to our AT&T broadband contact for direction.

b. **Mayfield City School District Town Hall meeting** starts at 9:55 - Ohio Attorney General David Yost has notified all school district employees, officers, and trustees that they are not to take any position with regard to a levy and they shall not participate in anything that would look to promote or advocate passing a levy. Therefore, the Superintendent and his team will have to refrain from commenting on the levy, and instead a Levy Committee will be the one to promote or advocate the levy at the Town Hall meeting. It will likely be on October 10th at Gates Mills Elementary School led by the Levy Committee Chairperson. We will hear about their report card and a rather black and white report about what the levy dollars could be used for, but we won't hear from anyone who works for the school district. The Mayor encouraged everyone to attend. Councilmember Turner added the law has been on the books for a long time and it's never been enforced until this year. Already a Superintendent in a district outside Dayton has been charged with a felony. Councilmember Steinbrink reported the Mayfield Area Chamber of Commerce is holding an annual State of the Schools breakfast where Superintendent Barnes will provide an update on the schools on August 30th from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. at Mayfield High School. The Mayor suggested that the 2023-2024 report card expected mid-September be reported on, either ourselves or by someone on the Levy Committee.

c. **Continued Discussion of Zoning** starts at 15:32 - The Council Workshop on zoning will be held on September 11. The focus will primarily be on zoning classifications, how the various classifications tie in with ordinances (hillside, development, riparian, tree cutting), and commercial district zoning. There are some elements in the comprehensive plan document that people found objectionable - we will talk about those to understand factually what was recommended or suggested. It is important for all of us at this table to be on the same level of understanding. The Council Workshop will predate a Town Hall meeting where residents are invited to ask zoning questions.

5. Clerk's Report starts at 17:50

Clerk DeCapite asked if the Cleveland Water Department would reimburse any portion of the road repair cost where the water main broke again on Mayfield Road. Service Director Biggert replied yes, although their process takes a long time. Village Engineer Courtney added the Water Dept. pays a fixed amount of money based on the size of the hole they dig in the road and they pay at below market rates, usually about half the cost. Mayor Siemborski stated the emergency work was approved at a cost of \$29,600 and he estimates 2/3 of the cost will be ours.

6. Financial Report attached and on the website starts at 19:45

Mayor Siemborski reported we are running favorable to budget by about \$300,000. We have identified at least four unbudgeted costs that will need to be addressed over the next two months - Mayfield Road water line break road repair (\$29,600), storm related overtime/equipment/tree service costs net of claim (\$50,000), Lyndhurst Municipal Court semiannual cost evaluation shared over six communities (\$34,000), and unknowns that came up during County Line Road paving (\$34,000). That's over \$100,000 in items that will bring our surplus down.

7. Police Department Report attached and starts at 22:38

The Police Chief thanked the Village Engineer for his assistance in coordinating the repair of the water main break on Mayfield Road.

8. Service Department Report attached and starts at 24:24

Service Director Biggert provided an update on County Line Road paving. The intermediate course has been completed. Once castings in the street are adjusted and driveway aprons are elevated, the final top layer of finished asphalt will be laid, probably within three weeks. Councilmember Welsh asked if there are any more streets planned for repaving. Both the Service Director and the Mayor indicated a recommendation would be made at the September Council meeting dependent on the math. The paving company would be able to get work completed this year on Hillcreek and Andrews if the okay is given at the September Council meeting.

9. Fire Department Report attached and starts at 26:25

Fire Chief Majeski reported 25 storm response calls were logged on August 6. It was an all hands-on situation - 10 members of the Fire Department, 4 crews were sent out, 1 engine was out of service, and all the members of the Service Department that were already out. August 7th through the 11th, we had 14 calls. We assisted the County with their physical damage assessment. Mayor Siemborski participated in the damage assessment and spoke to the impressive manner in which all our safety departments worked together. Members used their own vehicles to respond when there weren't enough vehicles to go around. We thank our dedicated employees. Councilmember Turner was severely impacted by the storm and expressed her gratitude for the coordinated efforts of the fire, service, and police departments and First Energy. Councilmember Broome shared that he and his wife were separately attempting to get to their children alone at home, and his wife was led in by Nick, Armando, and Paul clearing trees as fast as they humanly could. The Fire Chief said it was a good thing to see all the teamwork between all the entities present and he must commend our people for their efforts.

10. Committee Reports

- a. Fiber Optic/Broadband Committee (Councilmember Deacon) starts at 33:53
- July 26: Committee met to review RFPs received using a scoring tool. Additional questions were identified, developed, and submitted to the respondents.
  - August 9: Committee met with each vendor separately to review answers and hear any presentation or other information they wanted to provide. We still needed some additional information, and we requested that from the respondents. We intend to continue discussions to hopefully reach a recommendation on terms to bring to Council.

Mayor Siemborski asked whether an updated survey to the residents would be a wise thing to do at this point. Councilmember Deacon stated the Committee is developing a short survey to residents covering quality of service and what they might be willing to pay for better quality of service especially if it's tied to cell service.

Councilmember Welsh asked if the Gilmour cell tower was operational, and Councilmember Turner asked what was the delay. The Mayor will get an answer.

Councilmember Steinbrink asked for a rough timeframe on when the Committee might be back to Council with a recommendation. Councilmember Deacon replied 30-60 days max while negotiating the best situation for the village.

b. Wastewater Committee (Councilmember Broome) starts at 39:58

- August 1: Committee met for the first time to discuss our scope and the process and timing of a possible extension of the current village wastewater treatment facility to provide service to the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club.
- Two funding sources for the project are being looked at and are available only to municipalities. A nomination process with a short 30-day window that started last Friday, if successful, would be followed by an application for a low interest or no interest loan from the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. One step (application) is required for grant money from the Ohio Public Works Commission.
- We have support from local interested parties at Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Cuyahoga County Board of Health, and Chagrin River Watershed Partners.
- The current Hunt Club system is in a condition that at some point it is going to have to be replaced, probably sooner rather than later.
- The current village wastewater system has plenty of capacity as it was originally envisioned that someday the Hunt Club would tie in.
- The best way to ensure the village is repaid is through a real estate tax assessment that would be ahead of any mortgages.
- The Hunt Club has recently been provided with projections of user fees and repayment schedules. They need to have a meeting and sign a letter of intent. We need to hear from them that they do in fact want to go ahead with the project.

At 44:30 the Mayor further explained a resolution of their Board or Executive Committee has been requested before all 30 days of the loan nomination process are expired. We also indicated to them that we would look to negotiate a letter of intent if they are so inclined. The user fee schedules presented to the Hunt Club captured the construction cost, the administrative cost, the ongoing operation and maintenance cost of both their contribution to the village wastewater plant as well as the additional wastewater pumping station that would be built on Hunt Club property for which they would pay for completely and we would operate and maintain. There are a lot of positives - the biggest one is that we're reducing the risk of effluent from private operators into the Chagrin River, an Ohio EPA priority - eliminate private system operators and put those into municipal systems.

At 46:37 resident Charlie Baker asked if the church and museum would be included. The Mayor answered the church is already a participant of the village wastewater system, and the museum has just put in their own new system as part of their improvements to the Kish Gallery.

At 47:09 Councilmember Atton stated he is always very uncomfortable starting a negotiation when he doesn't understand his counterparty's alternatives. We ought to understand what their alternative really is, because in his view this is not an existential investment for the Hunt Club. They will survive one way or the other. There's a deal to be had here which is of great benefit to our villagers and he hopes we negotiate hard. Mayor Siemborski is doubtful their alternatives and costs will be shared. We have been careful to make sure that this is not costing the villagers anything. We passed on the expectation that there could be some upfront down payment so there is some equity put into this by the club.

Councilmember Press questioned whether we are looking at this as a way to make some money for the village, or, are we doing a favor for the Hunt Club which won't cost us anything nor will we make anything off of it. The Mayor replied we have a responsibility to serve all our constituents fairly, honestly, and reasonably. They are constituents. We are looking for a price that's fair.

At 51:35 Councilmember Steinbrink asked if either of the two funding sources provide these no cost loans to residents that need to update their septic system, and Councilmember Broome stated they are only available to municipalities.

At 52:54 Mayor Siemborski, in the spirit of good governance and transparency, introduced a sheet of Frequently Asked Questions that was included in Council's packet and was posted on the village website. Councilmember Steinbrink asked what are the supporting organizations listed on the sheet supporting - fixing the Hunt Club septic system, or, the arrangement that we are talking about where the village will effectively loan money to the Hunt Club to build a solution. Mayor Siemborski answered the four organizations support, in writing, the movement from private system operators to municipal operators, and in particular with respect to this project, they understand and support the Hunt Club/Village of Gates Mills project.

At 54:30 Councilmember Press asked what is our collateral, and Law Director Hunt explained it's the assessment that they will have to agree to. The assessment goes on the tax duplicate. If they don't pay their real estate taxes, we foreclose and we have a priority over any mortgages; so we could foreclose on the whole property.

At 55:28 Councilmember Atton asked why are there no residences attached to this system. Village Engineer Courtney explained the current system is a pump station behind Village Hall that pumps by a pressurized line from behind Village Hall up to the wastewater treatment plant. The shallow pressure line passing in front of homes along the way is not appropriate for connection to a residential system - a system failure can push everything back into the house. Further, the service area that was established for the wastewater treatment plant was specifically identified in all the permitting paperwork that went to the EPA, and it was the downtown area of Gates Mills; not the residential property along Chagrin River Road or anything proximate. It's not just a matter of what properties this pressure line passes; it's what properties were envisioned to be within the service area that are subject to the permit for the wastewater treatment plant. In order to tie in all the homes along Chagrin River Road, there would need to be a gravity sewer that would tie to some point, likely another pump station or a re-envisioned pump station behind Village Hall, and an increased size of the force main up Chagrin River Road. There are many complications based on the system itself and what the permit is that is approved for the wastewater treatment plant.

At 58:14 Councilmember Press continued promoting high density residential properties up and down River Road in the downtown area be on the system as opposed to a bunch of septic systems on relatively small lots. The Village Engineer suggested that's a conversation that should be at the Wastewater Committee level.

c. Treasury Investment Board (Mayor Siemborski) starts at 58:56

- Board has simplified the treasury investment policy and Law Director has updated the ordinance. Both will be discussed at Agenda item 11.

d. Finance/Budget Committee (Mayor Siemborski) starts at 59:33

- Committee will meet in September to review first 7 or 8 months and to forecast what the rest of the year looks like considering the unbudgeted items mentioned earlier.
- Village was not successful in receiving from the State of Ohio the remaining half of the sidewalk grant. Recall the first half was provided through ARPA funds and we need to match those funds to undertake the project. Committee will discuss whether we put up the other \$150,000 this year or next year.

e. Safety Committee (Mayor Siemborski) starts at 1:00:47

- Next meeting September 4th 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall will cover a variety of police, safety, and fire topics and is open to the public.

f. Tree Canopy Subcommittee (Councilmember Turner) starts at 1:01:57

- Subcommittee agrees it's necessary to have a demonstration project focused on the removal of invasives that we can talk about and gather information and educate, motivate, and engage our residents. People can see results; what is a healthy tree canopy; what is the cost; what is the process; how long does it take.
- Properties identified as visible and appropriate for the project are 1) a 12-1/2 acre property owned by the village and Metro Parks on the west side of River Road north of Mayfield Road, 2) the Village Arboretum, 3) the GM Land Conservancy property on the west side of River Road south of Mayfield Road, and 4) Feller Field. It is estimated the first-year cost for these properties is \$60,000.
- Removing invasives is done best either in the fall or winter because it's not so noticeable. People don't see the brown until spring.
- Typically, people think restoring or maintaining a healthy tree canopy is about planting trees, but, as evidenced by the property owned by Mitch and Baird Bass close to the corner of River and Mayfield Roads, it starts with killing the invasives, followed by a period of brown ugliness, and then clearing it away. It's a 3-5-year project.

At 1:10:55 Councilmember Steinbrink is enthusiastic and thinks the village and GM Land Conservancy should be taking a leadership role in serving as an example for residents and what things could look like. There are those who may consider this to be stripping vegetation and terrible looking, so education is a big component of the project.

Considering some of the tenets in the comprehensive plan, scenic views and such, there should be some line item in our budget for these types of things.

Councilmember Broome would like to add one topic - controlling ants that burrow in cherry trees. Downed trees become the home for these ant colonies. Councilmember Atton suggested the Wildlife Committee could have a voice in that discussion.

Mayor Siemborski expects over the next several weeks the Subcommittee will put together specs on what it would like done and will get estimates for the 3-4 pilot projects and come back to Council. The funds would likely be provided from our Conservation Fund. If we do this, it'll be a 2-3-year kind of commitment. You don't clean everything up in one season. Councilmember Atton added the first year of an invasive control program is very intense - costs money and takes a lot of time. The following year you have to follow up on what you did in the first year and make sure it sticks, and you go a little further. It goes exponentially cheaper over time, but it will be a job forever to make sure they don't come back. This is a very good start.

11. **Ordinance No. 2024-28 (First Reading)** starts at 1:15:00

“An Ordinance Amending Section 155.04, Investment Policy, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills and Adopting an Investment Policy Statement with Guidelines’ was read by Mayor Siemborski. Councilmember Welsh moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2024-28 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Press seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Councilmember Deacon asked for an explanation of the philosophy around the changes. Mayor Siemborski referred to Exhibit A and stated it's a much simpler set of directions on what we want our money invested in. Safety is paramount; no risk of principal as measured by Moody's or Standard & Poor's classifications; five specific eligible holdings with minimum and maximum ranges; overall portfolio shall not exceed five years maturity. Councilmember Atton added the simplification does not alter the ability of the investments to be different risk than we've always had. It's a very conservative and safe approach to investment of village funds. Councilmembers Atton and Press are of the view that we could have some others come in and talk about what they might be able to do and think Treasurer Morgan agrees with this. We could be a little more creative to enhance returns albeit still working inside these conservative constraints,

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-28 and Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

12. **Ordinance No. 2024-29 (First Reading)** starts at 1:19:06

“An Ordinance Amending Section 1131.07 and Enacting New Section 1157.10 of Chapter 1157, “Zoning Uses”, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills to Prohibit Adult Use Cannabis Operators in the Village” was read by Councilmember Steinbrink. We’ve got a six-month moratorium that’s in place. This was discussed at Planning and Zoning two weeks ago and the vote was unanimous that we move forward with prohibiting adult use cannabis operators in the village.

Councilmember Press is inclined to amend the ordinance, so it only applies to the dispensary end of the business, not a cultivator or a processor. Councilmember Welsh recollects a similar ordinance was approved last year - that dealt with medical marijuana, this is recreational.

Law Director Hunt advised that under state law the process requires this be referred back to the Planning & Zoning Commission, now that we have it in written ordinance form, for review and recommendation back to Council. The next step is Council sets a public hearing because this is a zoning ordinance. You can have a second reading during that period of time, then have the public hearing, and the third reading at a later time or on the same evening you have the public hearing (assuming the public hearing would be at a Council meeting).

Councilmember Turner, concerned over a potential property rights legal claim, asked if other communities have passed similar ordinances. The Law Director answered yes, some have passed prohibitions, and some have passed permissions. The State of Ohio has said communities can do that with respect to businesses that sell or process cannabis.

Councilmember Press made a motion to refer Ordinance No. 2024-29 to the Planning & Zoning Commission for review and recommendation back to Council. Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 2024-29 remains on first reading.

13. **Ordinance No. 2024-30 (First Reading)** starts at 1:24:27

“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 Mayor Siemborski. Four appropriation increases are requested - 1) \$5,000 donations and GMIS match for a memorial water fountain by the tennis/pickle ball courts, 2) \$100,000 for County Line Road culvert repair (\$13,000), additional subsurface work (\$30,000), and engineering (\$57,000), 3) \$6,500 wastewater treatment plant engineering and data necessary for two loan and grant applications, and 4) \$6,000 tree canopy and small projects. Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No, 2024-30 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

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

Councilmember Deacon moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-30 and Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion.

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

14. **Resolution No. 2024-31 (First Reading)** starts at 1:28:09

“A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Transfer of Certain Sums from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund” was read by Mayor Siemborski. This is \$300,000 that has already been appropriated and approved by Council. We only transfer amounts when we need them. Councilmember Steinbrink moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-31 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Welsh 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. 2024-31 and Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

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

15. **Resolution No. 2024-32 (First Reading)** starts at 1:29:13

“A Resolution Authorizing a Change Order to the Contract with The Eclipse Companies, LLC for the County Line Road Culvert #20 Project and Declaring an Emergency” 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. 2024-32 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Welsh 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. 2024-32. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

16. Council Matters starts at 1:30:05

Councilmember Press thought it would be helpful if Councilmembers submit to the Mayor what they would like to see covered in the zoning workshop in advance. Mayor Siemborski concurred and requested the same within the next week.

17. Business from the Audience starts at 1:31:03

Resident Chuck Spear asked if it was correct when Council says “motion to suspend”, are we suspending the three reading rule. Yes. He laments the passing of the simplified investment policy by champions who say Council needs the three reading rule so residents can think about what Council is talking about. Mr. Spear stated he would not be on this Council - the indemnification provision of the investment policy is so weak. He would say to the Law Director strengthen this. He does not like the fact that our Treasurer must come to Council to get an approval to hire an investment manager, but can fire that investment manager without ever asking. He does not like the fact that the Treasurer can take over the money management responsibility himself without asking and can delegate that responsibility to any employee of this village without asking. He has half a dozen other questions with no opportunity to ask them, because this has been passed. Two Councilmembers forever have said protect the three reading rule. Not today. Today was a great meeting but not in this instance.

Mayor Siemborski asked Mr. Spear to send those questions and he will get answers. Councilmember Deacon added the policy does say that it has to be revisited annually, so if there are questions or opportunities for improvement it is going to be looked at every year. Councilmember Atton suggested circulating all the material ahead of the Council meeting and allowing questions from the audience at the beginning of the meeting if they relate to topics on the agenda.

18. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

Steven L. Siemborski, Mayor

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY

9/6/2024 12:48:17 PM

**Payment Listing**

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August 2024

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
251-2024	05/01/2024	05/03/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$13.69 *	C
251-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$13.69	C
305-2024	05/30/2024	05/30/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$13.69 *	C
305-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$13.69	C
374-2024	07/03/2024	07/03/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$17.88 *	C
374-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$17.88	C
428-2024	07/31/2024	07/31/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$60.61 *	C
428-2024	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$60.61	C
436-2024	08/01/2024	08/06/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$354.69	C
437-2024	08/02/2024	08/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$268.00	C
438-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$86.76	C
439-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$90.82	C
440-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$106.48	C
441-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$144.04	C
442-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$482.25	C
443-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$561.95	C
443-2024	08/28/2024	08/28/2024	NEG ADJ	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	-\$561.95	C
444-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$514.31	C
445-2024	08/05/2024	08/06/2024	CH	THE HARTFORD	\$203.34	C
446-2024	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	CH	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	\$1,782.63	C
446-2024	08/28/2024	08/28/2024	NEG ADJ	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	-\$278.28	C
447-2024	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	CH	TREASUER OF STATE	\$282.90	C
448-2024	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	CH	PRIME PAY	\$68,201.06	C
448-2024	08/12/2024	08/12/2024	NEG ADJ	PRIME PAY	-\$101.65	C
449-2024	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	CH	AETNA HEALTH INC. (OHIO)	\$42,231.96	C
450-2024	08/07/2024	08/08/2024	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$97.63	C
451-2024	08/07/2024	08/08/2024	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$270.67	C
451-2024	08/28/2024	08/28/2024	NEG ADJ	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	-\$270.67	C
452-2024	08/08/2024	08/08/2024	CH	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$613.01	C
453-2024	08/08/2024	08/08/2024	CH	OPERS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES	\$19,564.17	C
454-2024	08/08/2024	08/08/2024	CH	OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION	\$26,825.95	C
455-2024	08/08/2024	08/08/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$39.93	C

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456-2024	08/08/2024	08/08/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$91.54	C
457-2024	08/08/2024	08/08/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$89.33	C
458-2024	08/09/2024	08/12/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$647.59	C
459-2024	08/12/2024	08/12/2024	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,488.00	C
460-2024	08/12/2024	08/12/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$1,135.00	C
461-2024	08/12/2024	08/12/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$7,138.54	C
462-2024	08/12/2024	08/13/2024	CH	DELTA DENTAL	\$2,080.21	C
463-2024	08/13/2024	08/13/2024	CH	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$62.21	C
464-2024	08/13/2024	08/13/2024	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$67.34	C
465-2024	08/13/2024	08/13/2024	CH	PRIME PAY	\$654.89	C
466-2024	08/14/2024	08/14/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$86.76	C
467-2024	08/14/2024	08/14/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$87.35	C
468-2024	08/14/2024	08/14/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$908.12	C
469-2024	08/15/2024	08/15/2024	CH	HOME DEPOT CRC	\$1,112.50	C
470-2024	08/15/2024	08/15/2024	CH	PRIME PAY	\$73,219.10	C
471-2024	08/19/2024	08/26/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$528.64	C
472-2024	08/22/2024	08/26/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$67.20	C
473-2024	08/23/2024	08/26/2024	CH	SAM'S CLUB	\$331.28	C
473-2024	08/28/2024	08/28/2024	NEG ADJ	SAM'S CLUB	-\$235.56	C
474-2024	08/26/2024	08/26/2024	CH	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$2,804.03	C
475-2024	08/26/2024	08/26/2024	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,488.00	C
476-2024	08/26/2024	08/26/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$7,138.54	C
477-2024	08/26/2024	08/26/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$1,135.00	C
478-2024	08/29/2024	08/29/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.50	C
479-2024	08/29/2024	08/29/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.50	C
480-2024	08/29/2024	08/29/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$13.69	C
481-2024	08/29/2024	08/29/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$13.69	C
482-2024	08/29/2024	08/29/2024	CH	CHASE CARD SERVICE	\$3,103.66	C
483-2024	08/30/2024	08/30/2024	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$27,640.00	C
484-2024	08/30/2024	08/30/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.50	C
485-2024	08/30/2024	08/30/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.50	C
486-2024	08/30/2024	08/30/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.50	C

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487-2024	08/30/2024	08/30/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$18.70	C
488-2024	08/30/2024	08/30/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$53.49	C
488-2024	09/05/2024	09/05/2024	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$53.49 *	O
489-2024	08/30/2024	08/30/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$160.32	C
490-2024	08/30/2024	08/30/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$596.84	C
491-2024	08/30/2024	09/03/2024	CH	STATE TREASURER OF OHIO	\$1,350.00	C
492-2024	08/30/2024	09/03/2024	CH	REDSS	\$190.00	C
493-2024	08/30/2024	09/03/2024	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$54.00	C
494-2024	08/05/2024	09/03/2024	CH	CHASE BANK	\$2.50	C
7749	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	AMERICAN SECURITY & AV SYSTEMS	\$4,304.16	C
7750	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	CARGILL, INCORPORATED	\$11,342.54	C
7751	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	CHAGRIN VALLEY DISPATCH	\$14,062.93	C
7752	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	MICHAEL E. CICERO	\$850.00	C
7753	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	COLE BURTON CONTRACTORS, LLC	\$142,125.50	C
7754	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	DAC STRIPING LLC	\$575.00	C
7755	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	ECLIPSE COMPANIES, LLC	\$68,720.50	C
7756	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	FIRST CALL	\$149.99	C
7757	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE, INC	\$59.10	C
7758	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	KOLSOM TIRES	\$634.44	C
7759	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	CITY OF LYNDHURST	\$35,514.62	C
7760	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	MARS ELECTRIC COMPANY	\$44.53	C
7761	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	MARSHALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$114.84	C
7762	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	MIDDLEFIELD MFG	\$204.97	C
7763	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	NICK MAYER'S MARSHALL FORD	\$219.45	C
7764	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	NOACA	\$390.00	C
7765	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	PRESTON FORD	\$485.93	C
7766	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	REID CONSULTING GROUP	\$5,063.00	C
7767	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	ROETZEL & ANDRESS	\$7,921.00	C
7768	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	SRM CONCRETE	\$674.34	C
7769	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	VILLAGE OUTDOORS LTD	\$483.00	C
7770	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	ZOLL MEDICAL GROUP	\$17.60	C
7771	08/06/2024	08/06/2024	AW	CHRISTOPHER L. COURTNEY, PE, PS	\$3,250.00	C

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7772	08/13/2024	08/13/2024	AW	BRYCE DAY	\$101.65	C
7773	08/13/2024	08/13/2024	AW	AKE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.	\$8,612.70	C
7774	08/13/2024	08/13/2024	AW	COMDOC, INC.	\$428.06	C
7775	08/13/2024	08/13/2024	AW	JOSEPH GIGLIO	\$100.00	C
7776	08/13/2024	08/13/2024	AW	RICHARD KAWALEK ARCHITECT INC	\$100.00	O
7777	08/13/2024	08/13/2024	AW	MARSHALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$100.40	C
7778	08/13/2024	08/13/2024	AW	WITMER PUBLIC SAFETY GROUP	\$97.67	C
7779	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	ADLER TEAM SPORTS	\$51.00	O
7780	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	ADVANCED MEDICAL SERVICES	\$175.00	O
7781	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	ATWELL'S POLICE & FIRE EQMT	\$255.50	C
7782	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	THOMAS J COOK	\$500.00	O
7783	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	CUYAHOGA ASPHALT MATERIALS	\$86.10	O
7784	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	ECLIPSE COMPANIES, LLC	\$12,567.43	O
7785	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	DISTILLATA COMPANY	\$150.45	C
7786	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	DUSTBUSTER	\$382.50	O
7787	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	D.H. ELLISON CO.	\$100.00	O
7788	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	JOSEPH GIGLIO	\$100.00	O
7789	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	INTERSTATE BILLING SERVICE, INC	\$1,126.40	O
7790	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	KEN'S WINDOW CLEANING	\$870.00	O
7790	08/28/2024	08/28/2024	NEG ADJ	KEN'S WINDOW CLEANING	-\$491.54	C
7791	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	KUSTOM SIGNALS, INC	\$741.52	O
7792	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	MARSHALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$15.18	O
7793	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF OHIO	\$50.00	O
7794	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	\$172.63	O
7795	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	RUMPKE	\$88.82	C
7796	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	REID CONSULTING GROUP	\$5,408.00	O
7797	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	ROETZEL & ANDRESS	\$3,841.00	C
7798	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	SHUTTLE'S UNIFORM INC.	\$172.00	C
7799	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	\$192.42	O
7800	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	TRIAD TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	\$521.02	O
7801	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	SANDRA TURNER	\$111.02	O
7802	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	TURNEY HOME & AUTO	\$191.61	O

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7803	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	ULLMAN OIL COMPANY	\$4,190.92	O
7804	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	VANCUREN SERVICES, INC	\$16,500.00	O
7805	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	WINZER	\$158.45	O
7806	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	ZOLL MEDICAL GROUP	\$3,576.40	O
7807	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	NICOLA, GUDBRANSON & COOPER	\$3,262.50	O
7808	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	C.W. COURTNEY COMPANY	\$59,730.50	C
7809	08/27/2024	08/27/2024	AW	SEWER CLEANING COMPANY	\$630.00	O
7810	08/29/2024	08/29/2024	AW	CHRISTOPHER L. COURTNEY, PE, PS	\$3,250.00	C
7811	08/29/2024	08/29/2024	AW	K AND H PAINTING	\$9,141.70	C
Total Payments:					\$733,340.58	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$733,340.58	

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 \$733,340.58

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-37**

**By: Councilmember Broome and Mayor Siemborski**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Public Works Commission's ("OPWC") State Capitol Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program (commonly known as the "Issue 1" funding programs) both provide assistance to political subdivisions for capitol improvements to public infrastructure;

WHEREAS, the Village of Gates Mills is planning to make capital improvements to the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), abandoning the WWTP and installing a pump station to connect the Hunt Club's private sanitary system to the public system;

WHEREAS, the infrastructure improvement herein above described is considered to be a priority need for the community and is a qualified project under the OPWC programs.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

SECTION 3. The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage 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.

SECTION 4. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure, which is immediately necessary for the public peace, health, safety, and welfare; such necessity existing for the further reason of meeting the upcoming deadline for submission of the application which is the subject of this Resolution; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed to it, it shall take effect 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 September, 2024.

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

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

## **ENCORE**

Chamber  
Music  
Institute



### **ENCORE - Gates Mills Music & Ideas Festival 2024 Post-Festival Report (Year One)**

Encore Chamber Music Institute is pleased to share the results of the inaugural season of the *ENCORE Gates Mills Music and Ideas Festival*. The season sought to bring a collaborative partnership between the ENCORE Chamber Music Institute and the Village of Gates Mills. This partnership was envisioned as an opportunity for each entity to strengthen the other through a series of events, collaboration, and philanthropic support. These events produced mutually beneficial results in year one. This report outlines many of the highlights of the partnership, and sets the stage for ongoing collaboration.

#### **Financial Contributions to ENCORE from Gates Mills Donors:**

As of July 31, 2024 contributions to the ENCORE-Gates Mills Fund totaled \$29,575.

- Thirty-one households contributed to the fund.
- Seven additional households contributed to ENCORE Chamber Music Institute from general fundraising solicitations.

#### **Village Concerts:**

The ENCORE alumni ensemble participated in five events to promote the ENCORE-Gates Mills Music & Ideas Festival, and bring music to the village.

- Improvement Society Annual Meeting - April 24th in partnership with the Gates Mills Improvement Society – 75 estimated attendees. This event included remarks and information about the upcoming season as well as a performance.
- Two performances at Burton Court on June 10th in partnership with the Gates Mills Community Club and Library – 50 estimated attendees. These performances showcased the musical virtuosity of ENCORE alumni and provided performance opportunities in the village.
- Garden Club Dinner on June 20th and Garden Club Tour on June 21st in partnership with the Gates Mills Garden Club – 250 estimated attendees. Blended both the beauty of music and nature in several events throughout the village.

#### **June 23rd Camerata Concert:**

Originally scheduled to be held on the Village Green, this concert had to be moved indoors to the Community House due to weather conditions. While attendance was severely curbed due to the weather, the concert was a great success.

- 243 ticket reservations were received for the outdoor event.
- 90 people attended the concert at the rain location.
- Gates Mill Mayor Steve Seimborsky opened the concert with remarks about ENCORE, and the importance of vital arts and cultural opportunities in the village.
- \$345 was voluntarily donated on ticket reservations
- \$209 was generated in cash donations.

#### **ENCORE CHAMBER MUSIC INSTITUTE**

Jinjoo Cho, Artistic Director • P.O. Box 181, Gates Mills, OH 44040 • (216) 559-4015

**ENCORE in CLE:**

- The ENCORE outreach program, ENCORE in CLE, included a stop at the Village Green on June 6th, in partnership with the Gates Mills Library. The program included story time and a chamber performance with three groups participating in the ENCORE Summer Academy for members of the Gates Mills Nature Camp and the community. – 25 estimated attendees

**Gates Mills Marketing:**

- 70 Lawn Signs were distributed to Gates Mills households to promote the festival and free concert on June 23rd. Jerry Bohinc led this initiative.
- 5" x 3" ENCORE signs promoting the June 23 concert were posted in the 4 Gates Mills event road-side poster frames.
- Most of the ENCORE artists and faculty are visiting from out-of-town. Seeing the lawn signs and large postings in the community gave them a sense of welcome and excitement as they arrived to the village and the festival.
- Festival direct mail postcards were sent to all Gates Mills households.
- Jinjoo Cho and the ENCORE Gates Mills Music Festival were the featured cover story in the May issue of the Stroll Gates Mills Magazine. Many thanks to Stroll and Jerry Bohinc for helping make this happen!
- Article appeared in The Chagrin Valley Times about the ENCORE-Gates Mills partnership and June 23 final performance.
- Flyers promoting the five Gates Mills Village Concerts and partnerships were distributed and posted at the Gates Mills Elementary School, local businesses, library, and Village Hall.
- The festival and Village Concerts were promoted prominently in the April, May and June issues of the Pink Sheet.
- Two GM Connect email blasts were sent to the community to promote the Village Concerts and the June 23 finale.
- Gilmour Academy included a festival ad in their Spring theatrical performance Playbill. They also distributed festival brochures and sent an email out to their alumni list.
- Music department teachers at Mayfield High School and Hawken School were contacted by email about the local ENCORE events and the festival as a whole.

**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2024**  
**September 9, 2024**

**MONTHLY RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION**

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Year-to-date revenue was \$6,001,794 including \$1,065,970 in traffic camera receipts. Excluding those receipts, revenue would have been \$4,935,824, ahead of last year's amount of \$4,490,968 by \$444,856. Real estate tax collections were ahead of last year by \$53,872. Real estate tax collections are dependent on the county's billing and collection and taxpayer timing of payments. Municipal income tax receipts are up 11.6% at this point. RITA is of the view that our collections will be roughly \$2.3 to \$2.4 million. The Village budgeted \$2.1 million.

The traffic camera enforcement program in combination with Lyndhurst Municipal Court and the vendor started in mid-August 2023, so there were no gross collection receipts in the revenue category but expenditures last August were \$90,000 for the court to start the program. Gross collections in 2024 were \$1,065,970; however, Sensys Gatso was not paid in August due to delayed reporting by the court. Expenses to Lyndhurst Municipal Court and to Sensys Gatso appear in the Police Department expenditure categories and were \$492,387 in 2024 for a margin of 54%. Sensys Gatso will need to be paid \$42,106 for July along with the August amount in September. 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 \$801,349, above 2023's year-to-date amount of \$564,605. Miscellaneous income reflects the receipt of \$115,625. This amount was remitted by 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 lower receipts in the Mills Building rental income and fines.

Expenditures for 2024 were \$5,126,809 compared to \$4,600,441 in 2023. Excluding transfers to other funds from the General Fund, Village expenditures year-to-date 2024 were \$4,030,309 compared to \$3,667,941 in 2023. Traffic camera expenses accounted for \$492,387 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 \$586,590 in 2024, \$21,527 over the prior year due higher personnel costs, engineering and professional services, and general insurance.

The Police Department has incurred \$1,656,350 YTD of which, \$492,387 was associated with the traffic camera program. Excluding those costs to discuss comparability, actual expenditures in 2024 were \$1,163,963 compared to \$1,176,918 in 2023. The largest differences were in higher personnel costs of \$54,614, but lower gasoline, vehicle repairs, training, dispatch and new vehicle expenses.

The Fire Department costs of \$448,212 were below the prior year of \$489,739. Quarterly ambulance and EMS costs are \$44,559 lower this year due to the lower volume of EMS calls, 141 this year versus 151 last year. Year-to-date fire calls are 211 this year compared to 158 last year, but we have been able to stay close to budgeted dollars so far. 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, and excluding capital expenditures, we have spent \$1,150,950, \$32,108 more than the prior year amount of \$1,118,842. We spent \$51,661 more on personnel costs, \$15,208 less on salt due to a milder winter and more at the Community House for the new roof and gutter project. 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 first eight months of the year, the Village operated with a General Fund surplus of \$874,984 compared to a shortfall of \$109,473 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 August 31, 2024 was \$8,455,408 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 \$1,923,465 at August 31, 2024. The increase from the end of 2023 was due to transfers from the General Fund into certain of these funds. In the first eight months, the Village remitted \$65,523 to the Gates Mills Land Conservancy as its share of levy dollars collected. Over the summer months, we expended \$1,005,862 for County Line Road repaving, 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  
AUGUST 31, 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	779,625	2,399,630	2,345,758
Municipal Income Taxes	2,100,000	155,589	1,697,126	1,534,521
Share of Sales and State Taxes	28,000	-	37,718	46,083
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	<b>4,616,500</b>	<b>935,214</b>	<b>4,134,475</b>	<b>3,926,362</b>
<b>Other Sources:</b>				
Fines and Costs	75,100	5,042	45,727	56,807
Traffic Camera Gross Receipts	1,518,400	151,360	1,065,970	-
Building/Liquor Permits & Licenses	51,040	2,271	58,092	56,147
Interest Income	259,000	23,614	192,196	92,458
Rental Income	222,960	21,574	185,815	166,862
Mills Building Rental Income	142,631	9,649	72,583	83,335
Ambulance Income	36,000	-	52,328	24,613
SRO Reimbursement	94,450	7,871	55,096	61,171
Misc <b>County 22 &amp; 23 Road Mnt Reim.</b>	47,750	115,737	139,511	23,213
<b>Total Other Sources Revenue</b>	<b>2,447,331</b>	<b>337,118</b>	<b>1,867,319</b>	<b>564,606</b>
<b>Assessments:</b>				
School Board/Property Assessment	-	-	-	-
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>7,063,831</b>	<b>1,272,332</b>	<b>6,001,794</b>	<b>4,490,968</b>
<b>Add Year Beginning General Fund Balance</b>		<b>7,939,389</b>	<b>7,580,424</b>	<b>7,811,278</b>
<b>Less Expenses:</b>				
Administration Costs (see Page 2)		(83,757)	(586,590)	(565,063)
Administration - Transfers		(300,000)	(1,096,500)	(932,500)
Police Department Costs (see Page 3)		(201,559)	(1,656,350)	(1,266,918)
Fire Department Costs (see Page 3)		(19,298)	(135,210)	(132,178)
Fire Department Ambulance (see Page 3)		-	(313,002)	(357,561)
Service Department Costs (see Page 4)		(151,699)	(1,339,157)	(1,346,221)
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>		<b>(756,312)</b>	<b>(5,126,809)</b>	<b>(4,600,441)</b>
<b>Current General Fund Balance</b>		<b>8,455,409</b>	<b>8,455,408</b>	<b>7,701,805</b>
<b>Plus:</b>				
Other Fund Current Balances		1,923,465	1,923,465	2,309,822
<b>Total Current Balance - All Funds</b>		<b>10,378,873</b>	<b>10,378,873</b>	<b>10,011,627</b>

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VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AUGUST 31, 2024

	2024 BUDGET	2024 Month Expenses	2024 To Date Expenses	2023 To Date Expenses
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	165,000	12,538	106,593	103,286
Health Insurance	54,180	4,460	41,672	34,188
Worker's Comp/Medicare	8,000	212	2,348	2,162
Employee Retirement (OPERS)	27,900	2,151	17,698	17,180
<b>PERSONNEL COSTS</b>	<b>255,080</b>	<b>19,361</b>	<b>168,311</b>	<b>156,816</b>
Legal - Law Director	60,000	3,841	37,131	73,753
Legal - Prosecutor	48,000	12,034	36,621	22,051
Legal - Other	500	-	8	499
Engineering	33,900	8,877	32,698	21,124
Other Professional Services	114,500	11,872	78,616	75,908
<b>LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL</b>	<b>256,900</b>	<b>36,623</b>	<b>185,074</b>	<b>193,335</b>
General Insurance	120,000	-	116,741	103,887
Income Tax Expense	75,000	4,387	49,551	44,204
County Auditor Expenses	64,000	22,278	55,567	58,289
Office Expenses	9,500	556	7,722	4,298
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,000	551	3,624	4,234
<b>OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS</b>	<b>273,500</b>	<b>27,773</b>	<b>233,204</b>	<b>214,912</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>785,480</b>	<b>83,757</b>	<b>586,590</b>	<b>565,063</b>
Transfers to Other Funds	1,096,500	300,000	1,096,500	932,500
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS</b>	<b>1,881,980</b>	<b>383,757</b>	<b>1,683,090</b>	<b>1,497,563</b>

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AUGUST 31, 2024

	2024 BUDGET	2024 Month Expenses	2024 To Date Expenses	2023 To Date Expenses
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	1,134,000	88,303	749,773	718,834
Overtime	50,000	2,596	25,899	26,250
Health, OPERS, MEDI, Worker Comp	274,700	22,037	189,080	165,053
PERSONNEL COSTS	1,458,700	112,936	964,751	910,137
Gasoline	25,000	-	7,003	16,940
Repairs and Maintenance	16,000	1,574	8,697	10,040
Uniforms	15,000	428	5,599	6,567
Training/Conferences	12,000	450	5,028	11,808
Dispatch Operating Fee	170,100	14,063	112,503	120,539
Alarm System Fee	18,000	4,304	12,966	14,127
Maintenance Agreements/Radio Expenses	29,000	-	21,733	25,125
Traffic Camera Program LMC	312,000	63,155	237,075	90,000
Traffic Camera Program Gatso	379,400	-	255,312	-
Other Expenses	16,000	331	6,323	9,203
V.E.G.	11,000	-	11,000	10,000
OTHER POLICE DEPART COSTS	1,003,500	84,305	683,241	314,349
Vehicle Purchases	60,000	-	-	35,030
Equipment Purchases	12,000	4,318	8,358	7,402
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	72,000	4,318	8,358	42,432
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT COSTS	2,534,200	201,559	1,656,350	1,266,918
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<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	160,000	16,274	98,076	95,260
PERS, MEDI, SOC SEC, Worker Comp	31,150	1,339	9,298	9,131
PERSONNEL COSTS	191,150	17,613	107,374	104,391
Vehicle Maintenance	11,000	40	777	1,169
Ambulance/EMS <i>see below</i>	437,000	-	313,002	357,561
Training/Conferences	12,000	-	-	1,960
Contracts & Annual Fees	24,000	242	13,164	16,923
Other Expenses	10,000	199	4,672	2,298
OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS	494,000	480	331,616	379,911
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	63,125	1,205	9,222	5,437
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS	748,275	19,298	448,212	489,739
<i>Ambulance Income on Cover Page</i>	36,000	-	52,328	24,613

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AUGUST 31, 2024

	2024 BUDGET	2024 Month Expenses	2024 To Date Expenses	2023 To Date Expenses
<b>SERVICE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	776,600	57,143	493,001	476,522
Overtime	30,975	1,263	15,686	13,302
Health, OPERS, MEDI, Worker Comp	323,650	26,680	233,374	200,577
<b>PERSONNEL COSTS</b>	<b>1,131,225</b>	<b>85,086</b>	<b>742,062</b>	<b>690,401</b>
Salt/Aggregate (snow removal)	65,000	11,343	55,716	70,924
Building Inspection	12,000	5,733	10,899	7,910
Equipment Maintenance	46,000	2,250	40,468	37,276
Gasoline Expense	40,000	4,191	20,259	31,799
Supplies/Uniforms	34,000	2,781	22,190	23,433
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>	<b>197,000</b>	<b>26,298</b>	<b>149,532</b>	<b>171,342</b>
<b>BUILDING OPERATION &amp; MTC</b>				
Village Hall	127,300	8,576	60,727	97,066
Village Houses	12,300	4,469	7,207	1,100
Community Building	65,200	4,945	61,320	19,487
Post Office	3,000	255	812	7,047
OBT Building	1,940	97	1,009	1,203
Wash House	3,700	(32)	60	70
Burton Court	3,100	384	4,470	13,716
Mills Building	34,010	674	50,755	72,834
<b>BUILDING OPERATION &amp; MTC</b>	<b>250,550</b>	<b>19,369</b>	<b>186,359</b>	<b>212,523</b>
Street Repair	8,000	86	974	2,622
Ditch, Drain, Sewers	35,500	809	15,731	8,865
Tree Grinding (Contractors)	15,000	16,500	31,775	800
Street Lighting	17,100	1,219	12,342	11,620
Parks	21,000	1,011	9,565	15,694
Guardrails, Signs, Bridges	26,600	1,321	2,610	4,975
<b>STREETS AND ROADS</b>	<b>123,200</b>	<b>20,946</b>	<b>72,997</b>	<b>44,576</b>
Vehicles	181,400	-	174,689	208,512
Other Equipment	20,000	-	13,518	18,867
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>201,400</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>188,207</b>	<b>227,379</b>
<b>TOTAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT COSTS</b>	<b>1,903,375</b>	<b>151,699</b>	<b>1,339,157</b>	<b>1,346,221</b>

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AUGUST 31, 2024

	Beginning Year Balance	Year-to-date Actual Receipts	Year-to-date Actual Expenses	Unexpended Balance
Street Const Maint Repair	134,824	136,911	175,000	96,735
State Highway	27,243	11,268	17,344	21,167
Bond Retirement (KeyBank Loans)	2,730	-	-	2,730
	<u>164,797</u>	<u>148,178</u>	<u>192,344</u>	<u>120,631</u>
Capital Improvement	420,762	913,174	830,861	503,075
Water	284,003	39,769	21,307	302,465
Wastewater Plant	29,776	44,008	51,165	22,619
Park Recreation	53,947	27,759	56,299	25,407
Cemetery	54,799	20,500	579	74,720
Mayor's Court-Violations Bureau	1,220	17,139	17,359	1,000
Mayor's Discretionary	285	1,500	1,040	745
Purcell Trust	31,800	-	9,836	21,964
Land Conservation	210,318	218,054	65,523	362,849
Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA)	499,530	-	312,425	187,105
Building Bond Deposit	129,989	14,643	1,022	143,610
Underground Storage Tank	11,000	-	-	11,000
Safety Fund	26,714	10,450	15,691	21,473
Police Relief & Pension	23,104	224,847	140,160	107,791
Law Enforcement	265	-	265	-
VEST Grant	-	-	-	-
OneOhio Fund (Opiod)	1,769	2,983	149	4,603
STATE Grants	20,008	-	7,600	12,408
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	<u>1,964,085</u>	<u>1,683,005</u>	<u>1,723,625</u>	<u>1,923,465</u>
GENERAL FUND	7,580,424	6,001,794	5,126,809	8,455,408
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	<u>9,544,509</u>	<u>7,684,799</u>	<u>6,850,434</u>	<u>10,378,873</u>

STATE OF THE VILLAGE  
AUGUST 31, 2024

	2024	2023
Total Current Balance - All Funds	<b>10,378,873</b>	<b>10,011,634</b>
Cash and Investments:	8/31/2024	8/31/2023
Cash:		
ANCORA	8,616,584	8,426,729
CHASE DDA	294,243	314,089
CHASE SAV - LAND CONS	1,498	248,835
STAR OHIO -LAND CONS	361,351	-
CHASE VIOLATIONS BUREAU	23,006	33,330
Star Ohio	<u>1,133,970</u>	<u>1,029,170</u>
Total Cash	10,430,653	10,052,153
(OUTSTANDING CHECKS)	<u>(51,780)</u>	<u>(40,519)</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<b>10,378,873</b>	<b>10,011,634</b>

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\* From Wastewater Fund

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY	BUDGET	AUGUST	2024 YEAR TO DATE	2023 YEAR TO DATE
Real Estate Taxes	2,488,500	779,625	2,399,630	2,345,758
Municipal Income Tax	2,100,000	155,589	1,697,126	1,534,521
Share of Sales and State Taxes	28,000	-	37,718	46,083
Other Sources	2,447,331	337,118	1,867,319	564,606
Assessments	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>7,063,831</b>	<b>1,272,332</b>	<b>6,001,794</b>	<b>4,490,968</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
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Police Department	2,534,200	201,559	1,656,350	1,266,918
Fire Department	748,275	19,298	448,212	489,739
Service Department	1,903,375	151,699	1,339,157	1,346,221
Transfers excluding Inheritance Taxes	1,096,500	300,000	1,096,500	932,500
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,067,830</b>	<b>756,312</b>	<b>5,126,809</b>	<b>4,600,441</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(3,999)</b>	<b>516,020</b>	<b>874,984</b>	<b>(109,473)</b>

Project	August 31, 2024	BUDGET	AUGUST	YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	COURTNEY	OTHER	SCMR/STHWY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT							
	2024 ROAD PROGRAM & SERVICE LOT PAVING	970,000	255,894	881,724	172,310	619,840	89,573
	STORM WATER REGS AND ISSUES	20,000	1,017	7,214	7,214		
	RIVERVIEW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	73,000		85,427			85,427
	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	8,310		
TOTAL	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	1,083,000	265,220	1,005,862	187,834	643,029	175,000

# Village of Gates Mills

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*Division of Police*  
1470 Chagrin River Road  
Gates Mills, Ohio 44040-9703  
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[www.gatesmillsvillage.com](http://www.gatesmillsvillage.com)

## September Council Report

- 1) All of our police officers have completed the required 24 hours of continuing professional training (CPT) mandated by the State.
- 2) A Battles Road resident has reported thefts of stolen political signs from his front yard.
- 3) An elderly male was found deceased by a nurse at the Aria Assisted Living on Som Center. The male passed away from natural causes.

### Monthly Totals:

- 57 Traffic Citations.
- 35 Warnings.
- 17 Incident/Accident reports
- 8.382 Patrol Miles.
- 1125 House Checks
- Total Fines \$ 5042.00

Sincerely,



Gregg Minichello  
Chief of Police  
Gates Mills Police Department  
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SGG USA						
Gates Mills, OH - Summary by time periods						
Time Period	Start Date	End Date	Passes	Passes 56-59	Passes 60+	Avg Speed
Warning Period	5/11/2023	8/16/2023	789,502	54,757	23,191	48.8
Part of August	8/17/2023	8/31/2023	162,410	3,841	1,295	46.3
September	9/1/2023	9/30/2023	443,354	10,333	3,596	46.3
October	10/1/2023	10/31/2023	428,664	8,923	3,134	46.2
November	11/1/2023	11/30/2023	400,350	6,868	2,330	45.8
December	12/1/2023	12/31/2023	402,921	6,528	2,267	45.7
January	1/1/2024	1/31/2024	373,317	4,617	1,460	45.2
February	2/1/2024	2/29/2024	382,252	4,872	1,574	45.6
March	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	397,284	4,945	1,637	45.5
April	4/1/2024	4/30/2024	421,368	4,812	1,554	45.5
May	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	435,632	5,051	1,693	45.5
June	6/1/2024	6/30/2024	425,375	5,580	1,812	45.7
July	7/1/2024	7/31/2024	376,031	4,585	1,532	45.6
August	8/1/2024	8/31/2024	324,127	3,176	1,043	45.0

\*\*\* Cameras were down for approximately 10 days due to storm power outages and maintenance

# Gates Mills Service Department

*"Yours in service since 1920"*

TO: Mayor  
and Council Members

FROM: Dave Biggert, Service Director

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

1. In August, 6 building permits were issued for a total construction value of \$245,618.
2. In August 2023, 11 building permits had been issued for a total construction value of \$518,084.
3. In late August, Karvo Construction installed the finish layer of asphalt on County Line Road. The installation of berm material along the pavement edge will be completed in earlier September followed by the installation of the pavement markings. The project is expected to be completed ahead of schedule and on budget.

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  
August 2024 Council Report

DATE	NFIRS #	Address/Location	Description of Incident
8-2-24	2024-148	809 Village Trails	Fire Alarm
8-2-24	2024-149	1119 West Hills Drive	Fire Alarm
8-5-24	2024-150	1910 Woodstock Road	Fire Alarm
8-5-24	2024-151	7040 Gates Road	Public Service-Detector Install
8-5-24	2024-152	599 Battles Road	Wires Down-Damage to Home Electrical System
8-6-24	2023-153	6990 Norvale Circle West	Fire Alarm
8-6-24	2024-154	7200 Wilson Mills	Public Service-Water Line
8-6-24	2024-155	Mayfield & West Hill	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-156	1279 West Hill Drive	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-157	514 Battles Road	Assist Medical Crew-Remove Fallen Trees
8-6-24	2024-158	West Hill Drive & Mayfield	Transformer Down-Arcing Wires
8-6-24	2024-159	6850 Mayfield	Wires Down-St. Francis School
8-6-24	2024-160	7979 Gates Mills Estates	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-161	709 Chagrin River Road	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-162	829 Chagrin River Road	Power Lines Hanging Low
8-6-24	2024-163	669 Chagrin River Road	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-164	7504 Saddleback Lane	Wires Down & Power Poles Across Roadway
8-6-24	2024-165	476 Riverview Road	Assisted Resident to Safety—Power Lines Down
8-6-24	2024-166	7810 Sugarbush Lane	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-167	7511 Brigham Road	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-168	445 Timberidge Trail	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-169	7719 Battles Road	Electrical Equipment Problem-Generator
8-6-24	2024-170	7523 Brigham Road	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-171	678 Chagrin River Road	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-172	Battles & Brigham Roads	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-173	680 County Line Road	Electrical Wiring Equipment Problem
8-6-24	2024-174	7495 Brigham Road	False Call-incorrect address
8-6-24	2024-175	500 Battles Road	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-176	7830 Sugarbush Lane	Wires Down
8-6-24	2024-177	971 Chestnut Run	Remove Tree—Safety Access
8-6-24	2024-178	600 Battles Road	Wires Down
8-7-24	2024-179	514 Battles Road	Wires Down—Confirm Safe Area
8-7-24	2024-180	Village North of Rt. 322	Damage Assessment-Mayor
8-7-24	2024-181	1279 West Hill Drive	Fire Alarm
8-7-24	2024-182	7840 Gates Mills Estates	Wires Down
8-7-24	2024-183	7725 Old Mill Road	Wires Down-Between House and Garage

8-7-24	2024-184	6662 Gates Mills Blvd.	Public Service-Remove Tree Safety Access
8-7-24	2024-185	7970 Sherman	Mutual Aid-Chesterland-MVC With Injuries
8-7-24	2024-186	1309 West Hill	Transformer and Wires Down
8-8-24	2024-187	7859 Sugarbush Lane	Chipper Vehicle on Fire
8-8-24	2024-188	7459 Brigham Road	Wires and Transformer Down
8-9-24	2024-189	7320 Stoneham Road	Medical Assist
8-9-24	2024-190	1420 Echo Glenn Drive	Carbon Monoxide-Replace Unit
8-9-24	2024-191	7775 Brigham Road	Medical Assist-Welfare Check
8-9-24	2024-192	432 Riverview Road	Wires Down
8-10-24	2024-193	Timberidge Trail	Outside Burning
8-10-24	2024-194	Chagrin River & Brigham	Odor of Burning Electrical
8-11-24	2024-195	437 Timberidge Trail	Open Burning
8-11-24	2024-196	1021 Chestnut Run	Fire Alarm
8-12-24	2024-197	Village North of Rt. 322	Damage assessment by Cuyahoga County
8-14-24	2024-198	West Hill at Mayfield Rds.	MVC-With Injuries
8-14-24	2024-199	459 Hillside Lane	Odor of Smoke
8-14-24	2024-200	2045 SOM Center Road	Fire Alarm
8-16-24	2024-201	12465 County Line Road	Auto Aid-Chesterland-Fire Alarm
8-16-24	2024-202	1540 Chagrin River Road	Fire Alarm
8-21-24	2024-203	544 Battles Road	Wires Down
8-21-24	2024-204	419 Chagrin River Road	MVC With Injuries
8-22-24	2024-205	1647 Epping Road	Public Service
8-22-24	2024-206	1215 Fox Hill Drive	Fire Alarm
8-25-24	2024-207	7541 River Oaks Trail	Fire Alarm
8-26-24	2024-208	7468 Saddleback Lane	Wires Down
8-27-24	2024-209	7800 Gates Mills Estates	Wires Down-Across Roadway
8-28-24	2024-210	1460 Chagrin River Road	Animal Rescue
8-31-24	2024-211	County Line & GM Estates	Wires Down

CURRENT MONTH TOTAL	2024 YEAR TO DATE	2023 YEAR TO DATE
<b>G.M. FIRE 63</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>M.V. EMS 20</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>151</b>
<b>Cancelled 1</b>	<b>5</b>	

**Special thanks to the Gates Mills Fire Department members for responding to the highest number of incidents (63) in a single month in the fire department's history. The previous record was (42) incidents in August of 2023.**

The August training topics were:

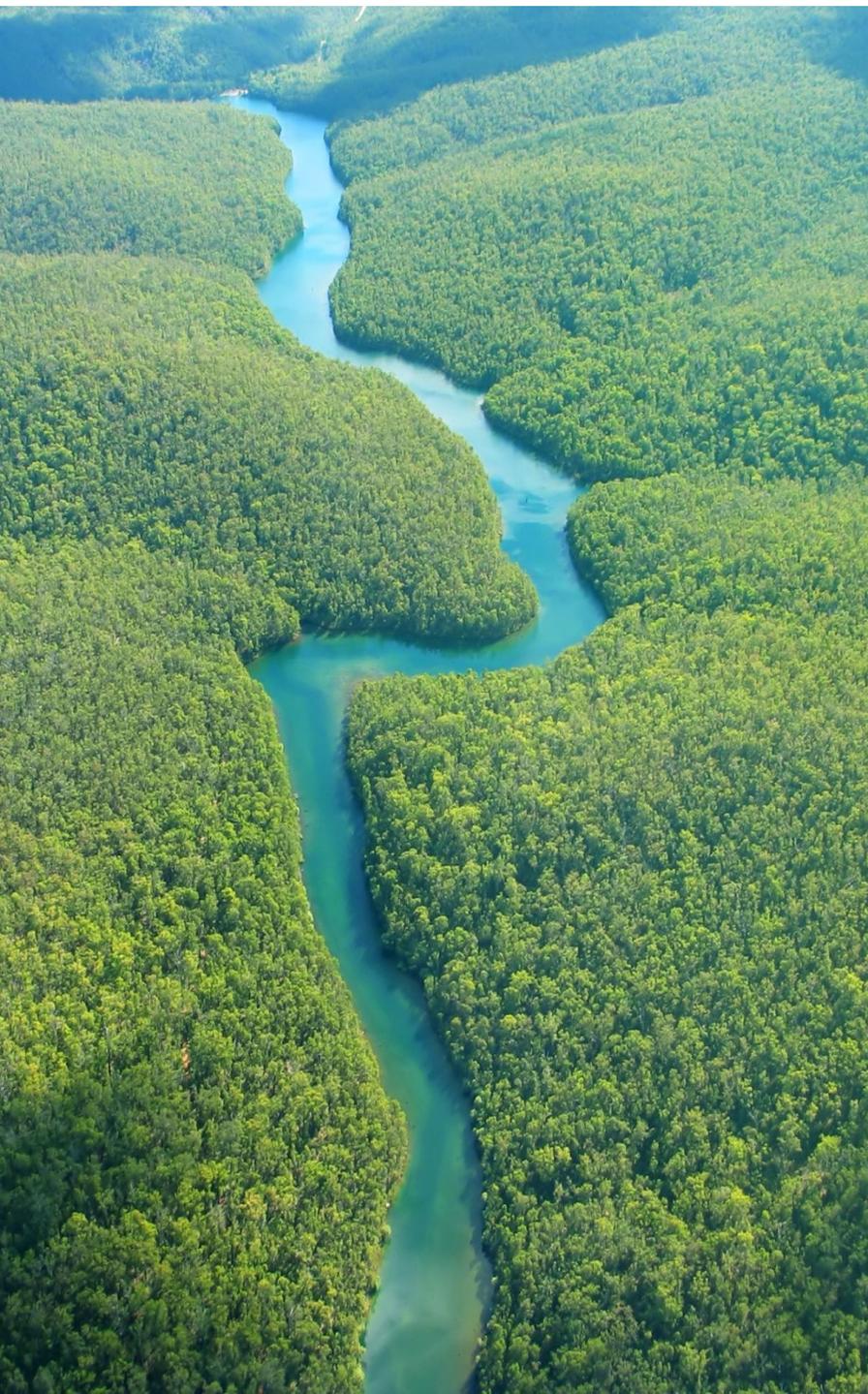
- August 1, 2024      Mass casualty training. Rescue Task Force—Active Shooter. Highland Heights.
- August 13, 2024      Review of storm duty responses and update of tactics. Compiled list of equipment to add for disaster operations. Reviewed new battery-operated scene lights, and heat gun. Review communications needs for disaster operations (no cell service and overload of MARCS system). Need for better communications for Service to Fire and Police Departments during storm.
- August 27, 2024      Structure fire ventilation tactics and operations. Review of positive and negative ventilation. Residential modes of attack Offensive, Defensive, and Transitional. Review 1412 pump repairs and water tank and foam tank level indicators. Run all gasoline-powered equipment.

**August employee anniversaries:  
Fire Fighter Andrew Reda – 20 years**

Yours in Safety,  
Tom Majeski, Fire Chief

# Tree Canopy Com

Council presentation 9/17/2



## **Commis**

- A. Research best practices for p  
canopy in Gates Mills in conj  
the Chagrin River Watershed R  
the Ohio Department of Natur  
Coordinating Agency, and the
- B. Develop specific recommend  
Village
- C. Advise regarding sources of F  
potential grant funding
- D. Oversee tree canopy initiative
- E. Report periodically on the pro

## What we've accomplished

- 6 committee meetings
- Multiple ODNR meetings and site visit within
- CRWP meeting and site visit within Gates M
- Holden Working Woods site visit
- Metroparks - Director of Natural Resources
- University School invasive removal site visit
- 2 drive along Village tours reviewing sites – C

# Collaborations

- Concurrently, the Tree Canopy Committee is and will continue to work with local and state agencies, along with highly respected non-profit conservation organizations engaging in this environmental work to restore the health of urban tree canopies



# Pilot Project

- 4 locations covering 49 acres located in various parts of the village  
next 4 slides of mapped areas
  - Feller Field (25 acres)
  - Village Arboretum (2 acres)
  - GMLC south of Mayfield (west side) by garden club (8.85 acres)
  - GM & Cleveland Metroparks (west side) north of Mayfield to Shepley  
entity approx. 150' back from road edge)
- These properties were selected based on their large impact on the village  
by village residents in the case of two of the first two properties  
collaboration among the Village of Gates Mills, Gates Mills Land Trust,  
Cleveland Metroparks.

# Feller Field 25 acres

\* Target invasive species: privet, vines, Buckthorn, multiflora rose



Village  
Arboretum  
2 acres

\*Target invasive species:  
Japanese knotweed, vines, privet  
tree of heaven



GMLC south  
of Mayfield  
(west side) by  
GardenClub  
8.85 acres

\*Target invasive species: porcelain-berry,  
Japanese knotweed, tree of heaven,  
honeysuckle



Gates Mills / Cle  
Metroparks North of  
Mayfield  
12.3 acres (6 GM / 6  
CMP approx. 150'  
from Chagrin River  
Road edge)

\*Target invasive species: vines, privet  
buckthorn, Japanese knotweed, tree of  
Heaven, honeysuckle



# Commitment from Gate

- Financial commitment – funding pilot project
  - 3 years of treatment on 4 identified properties w other identified properties OR expand management techniques on the 4 pilot locations as work begins on other identified
- Constant vigilance - long-term operating bu

# Financial Commitment S

<u>Financial Commitment Request</u>	<u>YEAR 1</u>	<u>YEAR</u>
Assumptions:		
<b>ACREAGE</b>	49	4
<b>INVASIVES - REMOVAL COST/ACRE</b>	\$1,800	\$1,30
<b>COST OF CONTROL/REMOVAL OF INVASIVES DECREASES BY EACH YEAR THROUGH YEAR 3. TYPICALLY FLAT THEREAFTER.</b>		
<b>Approx PRECENT DECREASE FROM PRIOR YEAR</b>		30%
<b>ANNUAL COST FOR REMOVAL</b>	<b>\$88,200</b>	<b>\$63,70</b>
<b>RANGE TARGET</b>	\$65k - 85k	\$45k - 60
<b>POTENTIAL : ADMIN FEES / OUTSIDE CONSULTANT</b>	\$3-5k	\$1-3
<b>ABOVE FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE COST OF PLANTING, RE-VEGETATION, HABITAT</b>		

# Residents' Education / Resources / In

## 1) Onsite communications – During pilot project beginning November

- Posters / Handouts at Post Office / Library / other “pick-up” locations
- Signage at working sites
- Resource hotline for questions or concerns - website/email

## 2) Regular communications – Ongoing , Sept 2024 onward

- Pink Sheet
- Village website
- GMLC articles, website and educational events
- Gates Mills Connect

## 3) Education

- Workshops with Metroparks
- Organizing volunteer support
- ODNR
- “Neighborhood community meetings” like strategic plan
- GMLC

# Next Steps

- September 2024 – October 2024
  - Approval of Council to proceed
  - Completion and distribution of RFP
  - Qualification of vendors
  - Vendor (s) selection
  - Memorandum Of Understanding with ODNR for inspection of delivered Gates mills
- November/December 2024 – March 2025
  - Vendor selection with approval from Council
  - Work to be performed
- 2025
  - Based on pilot results, develop long term vision and strategy for Gates Mills
  - Enhance collaboration relationships
  - In conjunction with the Gates Mills Land Conservancy - develop strategy with Federal / State / Local funding obtainment (EQUIP, CSP, GRANTS)

Thank you



ORDINANCE NO. 2024-29

BY: COUNCILMEMBER STEINBRINK

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1131.07 AND ENACTING NEW SECTION 1157.10 OF CHAPTER 1157, "ZONING USES", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS TO PROHIBIT ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS IN THE VILLAGE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3780.25(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, the legislative authority of a municipal corporation may adopt an ordinance by majority vote to prohibit adult use cannabis operators from operating in the Village but who would otherwise be permitted to operate under Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code, which legislation was enacted by the Ohio General Assembly with respect to adult use cannabis control;

WHEREAS, Council desires to amend Section 1131.07, "Definitions", of Chapter 1131, "General Provisions and Definitions", of the Planning and Zoning Code to add the definition of "Adult Use Cannabis Operator" and to enact new Section 1157.10 of Chapter 1157, "Zoning Uses", to prohibit adult use cannabis operators in the Village of Gates Mills.

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

Section 1: Section 1131.07, "Definitions", of Chapter 1131, "General Provisions and Definitions", of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills is hereby amended to read as follows:

**"1131.07 DEFINITIONS.**

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**(b) "Adult use cannabis operator" means a Level I adult use cultivator, a Level II adult use cultivator, a Level III adult use cultivator, an adult use processor, and an adult use dispensary, all as defined in Section 3780.01 of the Ohio Revised Code, as said Section may be amended from time to time."**

Section 2: All remaining subsections of Section 1131.07, "Definitions", shall be redesignated with letters and numbers to conform with the new subsection adopted in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

Section 3: New Section 1157.10 of Chapter 1157, "Zoning Uses", of Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills to prohibit adult use cannabis operators in the Village of Gates Mills is hereby enacted to hereafter provide as follows:

**"1157.10 PROHIBITION OF ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS.**

**(a) Definition of Adult Use Cannabis Operator. For the purpose of this Section, "adult use cannabis operator" shall be as defined in Chapter 1131 of this Code.**

**(b) Prohibited Activity.**

- (1) No person shall operate any business as an adult use cannabis operator within the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio.**
- (2) No building permits, certificates of occupancy, or any other permits shall be granted by the Village of Gates Mills to any person who intends to open, use any land or devote any floor area of a business for the purpose of the sale of cannabis. No existing business in the Village may expand in any way that would establish the sale of cannabis.**

**(c) If any provision of this section, or the application of such provision, shall be rendered or declared invalid by any court action or by reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation, the remaining parts or portions of this section shall remain in full force and effect.”**

Section 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 5 This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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

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

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33  
BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET  
COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX  
LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR**

WHEREAS, this Council, in accordance with the provisions of law, has previously adopted a tax budget for the next succeeding fiscal year, commencing January 1, 2025 and

WHEREAS, the Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, Ohio has certified its action thereon to this Council together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this council, and what part thereof is outside and what part inside the ten mill tax limitations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted.

SECTION 2. That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Village the rate of each tax necessary to be levied inside and outside the ten mill limitations as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>County Auditor's Estimate Of Tax Rate To Be Levied</u>	
	Inside 10 Mill Limit	Outside 10 Mill Limit
General Fund	3.18	10.00
Police Pension	0.30	
Land Conservation		1.00

SECTION 3. That the Clerk be and is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Cuyahoga County.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall go into immediate effect.

Passed: September 17, 2024

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

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE  
BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES  
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER

(VILLAGE COUNCIL)  
Revised Code, Secs. 5705.34-5705.35

The Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Cuyahoga  
County, Ohio, met in \_\_\_\_\_ session on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Regular Or Special)  
2024, at the office of \_\_\_\_\_ with the following members  
present:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, This Council in accordance with the provisions of law has previously  
adopted a Tax Budget for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1st, 2025 and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has  
certified its action thereon to this Council together with an estimate by the County Fiscal Officer of the rate  
of each tax necessary to be levied by this Council, and what part thereof is without, and what part  
within, the ten mill tax limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Council of the Village of Gates Mills,

Cuyahoga County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined  
by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Village the rate  
of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

**SCHEDULE A**  
**SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET**  
**COMMISSION AND COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES**

FUND	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 M. Limitation	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 M. Limitation	County Fiscal Officer's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limit	Outside 10 M. Limit
	Column II	Column IV	V	VI
General Fund			3.18	10.00
General Bond Retirement Fund				
Park Fund				
Recreation Fund				
Police Pension			0.30	
Land Conservation				1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$0	3.48	11.00

**SCHEDULE B  
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES**

FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to Be Levied	Co. Fiscal Officer's Est. of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
<b>GENERAL FUND:</b>		
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on for not to exceed                      years.	,20	
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Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on for not to exceed                      years.	,20	
<b>Total General Fund outside 10m. Limitation.</b>		
Park Fund: Levy authorized by voters on for not to exceed                      years.	,20	
Recreation Fund: Levy authorized by voters on for not to exceed                      years.	,20	
Fund: Levy authorized by voters on for not to exceed                      years.	,20	
Fund: Levy authorized by voters on for not to exceed                      years.	,20	
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and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Clerk of this Council be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Fiscal Officer of Said County.

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the Resolution and the roll being called

upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted the \_\_\_\_\_ day o \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_

President of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

**CERTIFICATE TO COPY  
ORIGINAL ON FILE**

The State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County, ss.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk of the Council of the Village  
of Gates Mills within and for said County, and in whose custody the Files  
and Records of said Council are required by the Laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby  
certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original \_\_\_\_\_

now on file, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original document,  
and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNCIL OF THE Village OF

Gates Mills

Cuyahoga County, Ohio.

\_\_\_\_\_  
RESOLUTION  
ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES  
AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET  
COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE  
NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING  
THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER

(Village Council)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Filed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Fiscal Officer

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy



Cuyahoga County  
Executive Chris Ronayne

Fiscal Office

August 19, 2024

Dear Fiscal Officer,

Attached is the Tax Rate Resolution for tax year 2024.

Please adopt the tax rates for your subdivision and email a signed Tax Rate Resolution to our office by September 30, 2024.

Feel free to contact the Budget Commission if you have any questions or concern.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Pitts-Lynch".

Robin Pitts-Lynch

Cuyahoga County Budget Commission

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-34

BY: MAYOR SIEMBORSKI

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 159, POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
SECTION 159.01, MEMBERSHIP OF DEPARTMENT, OF THE CODIFIED  
ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Chief of Police desire to amend the Village's Codified Ordinance Section 159.01 which sets forth the authorized number of police personnel in each position in the Village Police Department;

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

Section 1: Section 155.04 is hereby amended to hereinafter provide as follows:

" 159.01 MEMBERSHIP OF DEPARTMENT.

The number of authorized positions in the Police Department shall not exceed the following:

One Chief

One Executive Lieutenant

~~Two~~ **Up to Three** Sergeants

One Detective

~~Six~~ **Up to Ten** Other ~~Patrolmen~~ **Patrol Officers** (First Class, Second Class, Third Class).

Section 2: Section 159.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills Heights as it existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance 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 5: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force form and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this \_\_\_\_ 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 - 35**

**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 \$232,000.

SECTION 3. 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.

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

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 36

BY: COUNCILMEMBER TURNER

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE, ON BEHALF OF ITS TREE CANOPY COMMITTEE, TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR AN INVASIVE SPECIES REMOVAL PILOT PROJECT AT FOUR SITES IN THE VILLAGE, AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$60,000/YEAR FOR EACH OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS (2024, 2025, AND 2026), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, in the 2023 Village Comprehensive Plan, Gates Mills villagers prioritized “protect/preserve/enhance the Chagrin River Valley natural environment”;

WHEREAS, the 2021 conservation levy was renewed by Gates Mills villagers to not only fund land acquisition and preservation, but also to focus more on education, access and stewardship opportunities, and to promote collaboration between the Village, the Gates Mills Land Conservancy (“GMLC”), and other non-profit entities;

WHEREAS, the Tree Canopy Committee first met in May 2024 with members of Village Council, the GMLC Board of Directors, and Village residents and has the following mission:

- A. Research best practices for protecting and maintaining a healthy tree canopy in Gates Mills in conjunction with conservation organizations like the Chagrin River Watershed Partners and Holden Arboretum, as well as the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, the Metroparks, and First Energy;
- B. Develop specific recommendations to initiate pilot projects within the Village;
- C. Advice regarding sources of grant funding;
- D. Oversee tree canopy initiatives that are approved and funded by Council; and
- E. Report periodically on the progress of these initiatives.

WHEREAS, the impact of climate change on weather conditions is hastening the decline of our tree canopy and subsequently our Village viewsapes, and necessitates immediate action to begin practically addressing this overwhelming threat.

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

SECTION 1. This Council authorizes a request for proposals (“RFP”) to be developed and submitted and made available to proposers-bidders to remove invasive species thereby

fostering the restoration of trees negatively impacted. Labor, materials and project management is to be included in the bid specifications. The following four properties will be included in the scope of work:

- a) A portion of Village property (6.60 acres) on the west side of Chagrin River Road running south from Sherman Road to just before Mayfield Road where it connects with Metroparks property to reach Mayfield Road. The Metroparks portion is 6.00 acres;
- b) LC property on the west side of Chagrin River Road south of Mayfield Road (8.85 acres);
- c) Village Arboretum (2 acres); and
- d) Feller Field teardrop (25 acres).

These properties were selected on the basis of their large impact on the public viewsapes, access by Village residents in the case of two of the properties, and demonstration of collaboration among the Village, GMLC, and Metroparks.

SECTION 2. The results of the RFP/bidding process are to be presented to Council at its October 2024 meeting with a request to enter into a contract with the selected commercial proposer-bidder for a late fall/early winter start in 2024-2025.

SECTION 3. Community education, engagement and training is to occur throughout this pilot with community partners named in the Tree Canopy Committee’s mission above. Given that 89% of Village land is owned by entities over which the Village and the GMLC have limited influence, this effort to improve the viewsapes will only be successful with the full support of Village landowners.

SECTION 4. Council hereby commits to a three-year process, with updates provided by the Tree Canopy Committee.

SECTION 5. Concurrently, the Tree Canopy Committee is to work with county, regional, state and federal entities to secure grant funding which is available to municipalities and nonprofit conservation organizations engaging in this environmental work to restore the health of urban tree canopies.

SECTION 6. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure, which is immediately necessary for the public peace, health, safety, and welfare; such necessity existing for the further reason of initiating this important project in the Fall of 2024; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed to it, it shall take effect 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 September, 2024.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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Clerk

APPROVED:

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Mayor