

Village of Gates Mills
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
September 17, 2024

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held at the Community House on Tuesday, September 17, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Siemborski presiding. The meeting was live-streamed to the internet.

1. Roll Call starts at 0:15

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

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

Councilmember Welsh moved to excuse Councilmember Steinbrink and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Deacon, Press, Turner, Welsh.
Nays: Atton
Motion carried.

2. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 20, 2024 starts at 0:50

Councilmember Welsh moved to approve the August 20, 2024 minutes and Councilmember Atton seconded the motion.

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

3. Pay Ordinance # 1289 \$733,340.58 starts at 1:40

Councilmember Welsh moved to approve Pay Ordinance #1289. Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

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

4. Mayor's Report starts at 2:04

a. **Fraud Training** - We are required as public officials to participate every four years in fraud training prescribed by the State of Ohio. A training video covering the fraud reporting system and the means of reporting fraud, waste, and abuse was presented.

b. **Appointment: Melissa Fortunato to Safety Committee** starts at 3:12

Councilmember Welsh moved to approve the appointment of Melissa Fortunato to the Safety Committee. Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

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

c. **Mayor's Proclamation for David Osborn, Village Carillonneur** starts at 5:24 - David, son of nursery school teacher Ruth, has played the bells at St. Christopher's for traditional Village celebrations for over 30 years - most notably before the annual 4th of July Parade. A Carillon Concert by Becky Everett and Kieran Cantilina will be held in David's honor Saturday, October 12th from 11 a.m. to noon at St. Christopher's where the two octave bell set is one of only ten in Ohio.

d. **Encore Report** attached and starts at 10:10 - The Board of Encore Chamber Music Institute was pleased with the additional attention and attendance in year one of the Encore/Gates Mills partnership. Encore will return for the next two years, and GM will be asked again to support Encore financially and enthusiastically.

e. **Zoning Workshop** starts at 11:25 - Minutes of the Special Council Meeting Zoning Workshop held last week on September 11th will be available before the next Council meeting. If need be, we will discuss scheduling another zoning workshop covering open items.

f. **Road Program** starts at 12:30 - Our most recent road study indicated a cost of \$6,000,000 to \$7,000,000 to fix our roads. We opted to spread the cost over 6-7 years taking care of the worst roads first and then tackle the next set of roads to the tune of \$1,000,000 per year. Most of these are roads that we have full responsibility for. Some are County roads where at times the County shares in the cost or in the reimbursement of materials. Three are State roads, and we are dependent on when the State decides to do those roads.

Going into 2024 we had planned on doing Hillcreek and Andrews, but then we were approached by Geauga County and agreed to participate in paving the 4-1/2 miles of County Line Road between the Willoughby Hills and Hunting Valley borders. We talked about putting Hillcreek and Andrews off for a year, but would review in the fall. As things turn out, the road program is costing us \$1,135,000 this year including the Service Dept parking lot previously deferred for one year. We have had some unexpected and unbudgeted expenditures - \$30,000 for repair to Mayfield Road at West Hill due to a water line break and \$207,000 for repair to Old Mill Road due to a water line break (\$100,000 in emergency funding from Cuyahoga County is anticipated pending County Council approval on September 23rd - then we have to spend the money before applying for reimbursement). Additional items planned and known are \$73,000 for Riverview drainage problems, \$19,000 for final settling up of work done at the intersection of Mayfield and River Roads, \$8,000 for flooding at Berkshire and Epping Roads, and \$36,000 for drainage issues on SOM Center Road from Gilmour to the circle. Overall we are projecting that we will spend \$1,503,000 this year compared to our budget of \$1,063,000 - a difference of \$440,000 that excludes Hillcreek and Andrews. If we were to add Hillcreek and Andrews, that would put our 2024 road costs at close to \$2,100,000.

Having recently driven Hillcreek and Andrews, the Mayor would prefer to maintain the deferral of Hillcreek and Andrews until next year and get an early start as soon as the snow melts in April. Village Engineer Courtney said it has to be warm enough, so April or May, after soliciting bids in February. Mayor Siemborski added Hillcreek and Andrews are the biggest items planned for next years road program. Service Director Biggert expects to do patching throughout the winter. Councilmember Deacon stated the plan was reasonable and prudent. Councilmember Atton sees no advantage in delaying what was already planned when we have near \$8,500,000 in the general fund. The Mayor replied that would put us at a large deficit for the year and he prefers a balanced budget approach. Wait six months. The roads are in fair shape.

At 21:30 Councilmember Turner said we did not get grant money from the State for the sidewalk between the school and library. In order to keep the ARPA funds for the sidewalk, we have to appropriate the shortage estimated at \$150,000 by the end of 2024. Village Engineer Courtney will provide an updated estimate for the sidewalk at the October Council meeting.

Councilmember Turner stated the only reason to move forward now with Hillcreek and Andrews would be finding a better bid from a contractor with extra time. The Village Engineer finds from a quality of construction standpoint, we stand a better chance of getting a higher quality installation in May versus October. If there is any sort of problem after taking off the asphalt surface in October, we may end up with our backs against the wall.

Councilmember Welsh suggested Mayfield Schools be asked to contribute to the sidewalk project.

5. Clerk's Report - None

6. Financial Report attached and on the website starts at 24:55

Mayor Siemborski reported we continue to be in a good financial position. Revenues have been up in most categories. The Sensys Gatso traffic camera invoice was not received in time for verification and payment in August, and therefore double payments will be reflected in September expenses. Our expenses are pretty much in line. We talked about the road program dollars. We have expected overages due to storm cleanup. A lot of guard rails on River Road by Riverview and Hillside got beat up and will need to be repaired.

7. Police Department Report attached and starts at 26:38

The Police Chief reported the Valley Enforcement Group drone team checked the area at County Line and Old Mill last night after receiving a report of a person near the guardrail possibly in distress. There was no evidence found to support the concern.

Councilmember Atton asked if issuing citations to people who drove 58 mph or more on Mayfield Road had started. Mayor Siemborski answered it has been decided internally, after checking with the Law Director and the Prosecutor, that we are not going to provide that information publicly going forward. The Mayor would be happy to discuss one-on-one with any Councilmember wishing to do so. Councilmember Atton found that to be a good move.

Councilmember Welsh asked if adding a drone to our police toolbox had been considered. The Police Chief replied our membership in the Valley Enforcement Group gives us access to their six drones and well-trained operators, so we don't have a need.

8. Service Department Report attached and starts at 30:35

Councilmember Press has received calls regarding a second property owner on Mayfield Road with a non-compliant political sign. Service Director Biggert stated the second sign went up yesterday and a violation notice went out today. Councilmember Turner expressed frustration with seeing no corrections by several residents after being cited for violations of our various ordinances (sign and building). The Service Director explained a resident has a 20-day period to appeal or comply with the sign violation before the Prosecutor gets involved. Mayor Siemborski added the property owner of the non-compliant sign near St. Francis has a court date set, despite the fact it's been suggested that they put up 10 small signs rather than one big sign. Since they've decided to fight through the court process, we can't do anything further until the court hearing. Councilmember Turner asked what date the fines would go back to, and Law Director Hunt answered on a daily basis back to the date of citation. Councilmember Press asked if the Judge could propose a remedy, and Law Director Hunt replied the Judge needs to follow the ordinance; however, a property owner could challenge the constitutionality of our ordinance. Law Director Hunt believes our ordinance is constitutional - it provides ample opportunity for people to express their first amendment rights.

Councilmember Turner said we also have a home that has been given deadlines. Service Director Biggert stated September 30th is the last deadline when the permit expires.

The Mayor shared we have had a few complaints over people stealing other people's signs and they've been caught on Ring. People are allowed to express their political views according to the rules that we have. Stay on your own property and don't take away somebody else's rights to express their views.

Service Director Biggert understood Councilmember Turner's unhappiness with time frame, but regardless of being in violation or not, property owner's still have legal rights that we are obligated to uphold. In response to Councilmember Press, the Service Director stated when a property owner is sent a violation, by law he has to say what section of our Code they are in violation of and a full copy of that section is also sent.

Councilmember Welsh asked how many non-compliant signs there are, and the Service Director replied two are currently under violation. The rest of the political signs are all compliant with the village ordinance - no larger than six square feet and the location has to be outside the right of way. There are no time limits.

The Police Chief said there is no doubt the residents who reported stolen political signs would want to file criminal charges (trespassing/theft) against the violators if we can find out who they are.

9. Fire Department Report attached and starts at 42:00

Fire Chief Majeski thanked all members of the GM Fire Dept for responding to the highest number of incidents (63) in a single month (August) in fire department history. The previous record was 42 incidents in August 2023.

Our damage assessments went to the County. The County tabulates ours along with other cities/villages and is now in the hands of the State EMA. From there it goes to FEMA. It can take 18 months to see funds, if we are entitled to any.

Our 1996 fire engine was sent out for minor refurbishment. It has passed all the required tests and is almost complete. The cost was \$10,000.

10. Committee Reports start at 44:08

a. Tree Canopy Committee (Chairperson Mitch Bass)

- Written presentation is attached and was read by Mr. Bass from 44:40 to 59:55. Questions and comments follow:

Councilmember Welsh congratulated Mr. Bass on a very thorough report and asked how many locations were being looked at to fund. Mr. Bass responded four initially - Feller Field, the Arboretum, the GM Land Conservancy parcel, and, further north, the combined parcel owned by Cleveland Metroparks and Gates Mills - and hoping to expand.

At 1:01:28 the Mayor stated an important part of this is the education of our residents, who are the biggest land owners of the village. The four very visible high impact areas will promote interest and the need for more information.

Councilmember Deacon brought up the Financial Commitment Snap-Shot figures do not include the cost of planting, re-vegetation, or habitat establishment. She asked Mr. Bass to speak to what the plan would be for that aspect of the overall project. Mr. Bass explained it is difficult to specify dollar amounts and it is why he suggested some flexibility in the schedule. Until we get into the covered and carpeted areas, it is hard to say exactly what is needed. Getting trees planted is not necessarily the answer - it's about building the seed bank back up using tree saplings. It is a long-term strategy.

At 1:05:13 Councilmember Broome questioned whether the Metroparks was willing to make a contribution - at least for some of the effort on their own roughly six acre parcel. Mr. Bass stated Metroparks has not committed to pay, but has loosely acknowledged up to the CFO level of the group that if we start the project, it is a high probability they will continue on the rest of their parcel. Councilmember Turner added Metroparks is already contributing some in-kind services (RFP criteria for vendors, vendor listing) and a commitment to educate and on-site training.

At 1:07:20 Rick Bole, from the audience and a founding member of the GM Land Conservancy, said we need to educate the whole village. Eliminating invasives on one property can be ruined by the spread of invasives from an adjoining property. Mr. Bole has 26 acres and is working to eliminate invasives, especially burning bush.

Celeste McClung, from the audience and current Board member of the GM Land Conservancy, invited everyone to the GMLC seminar "Our Collective

Responsibility Moving Forward” to be held Saturday, September 21st at 9 a.m. at the Environmental Education Center on County Line Road. Four speakers will cover conservation easements, land and conservation easement stewardship programs, growing a healthier tree canopy, and aquaponics and restoring biodiversity.

At 1:11:27 Councilmember Broome suggested Council needs to decide to fund this with funds either that we have from the Conservancy levy, or that we are committed to do it even if the Conservancy levy sharing switches back to the old sharing agreement. He foresees that when that levy comes up for renewal, it will be an issue again as to whether it’s going to be a 50/50 share or a 95/5 share or some other amount. We should not go into this thinking that it’s a set thing and it’s going to forever be 50/50 because the Conservancy may need the money. We may have less funds available with more funds going to the Conservancy.

Moved to Agenda Item 15. **Resolution No. 2024-36 (First Reading)** starts at 1:14:27

“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” was read by Councilmember Turner. This resolution gives the Tree Canopy Committee the opportunity to prepare and submit a RFP to vendors and have them respond with a bid covering the scope of work just presented. The results of the RFP/bidding process will be presented to Council at its October 2024 meeting for approval. The best time for completion of this work is late fall and through winter, which is why we are declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Press is in favor of this program, but doesn’t think we need to declare an emergency. Nat Smith, President of the GM Land Conservancy, told Councilmember Press today that it should not go on as an emergency - it should just go on first reading until such time as the Board of the GM Land Conservancy and the Board of the Cleveland Metroparks have had a chance to consider it. Councilmember Press asked if we can do a RFP without an emergency, and the Law Director responded no - you have to wait 30 days. Council is required to authorize to go out for a bid. The Law Director set the resolution up as an emergency - it would require suspension of the rules and then go into effect as soon as it’s passed to move the process along. The Mayor and Councilmember Turner agree it is better to have specific numbers to discuss with the two Boards. Responding to Councilmember Deacon, Law Director Hunt suggested the RFP detail a scope of work for each of the four properties so there is a quote for each property. If one of the Boards does not want to contribute then we could pick other properties. Councilmember Broome pointed out the financial contribution from the GM Land Conservancy is the 50% from the Conservancy levy - the GM Land Conservancy is not going to come up with any additional funds other than that 50%.

Councilmember Turner moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-36 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Atton seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Turner, Welsh.
Nays: Press
Motion carried.

Councilmember Atton moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-36 and Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

b. Wastewater Committee (Councilmember Broome) starts at 1:22:32

- At our second committee meeting we reviewed the application for a \$250,000 grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program. If we were to be awarded this grant money, it would greatly reduce the cost of any wastewater treatment project that would be undertaken - especially the one we're considering at the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club - and would reduce the amount of borrowing that would have to be done through the Ohio EPA. Our committee approved recommending Council pass the resolution authorizing the Mayor to make this application. We're a little behind; the application was technically due last Friday. It had to be submitted or we would have missed the window.
- Second item discussed was the nomination request that, if successful, would enable us to apply for a low or no interest loan from the Ohio EPA Water Pollution Control Fund should the project go forward. The nomination form has been prepared, is being reviewed by the Mayor, and will be submitted by tomorrow, it's deadline.
- Our committee looked at considerations that should go into a fee determination - usage flow, frontage rate for maintenance, sinking fund, repairs, utilities, and administrative costs. Currently the village charges \$65.60 per thousand cubic feet. That rate was set by our Section 933.07 which was effective 4-9-2002. The rate has never been changed. We looked at other local rates. Residents in the western part of the village that are on sewer are paying \$120.45 per thousand cubic feet to Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Our thought is that by the next council meeting, this committee will recommend an amendment to Section 933.07 to update our rates.

Moved to Agenda Item 16. Resolution No. 2024-37 (First Reading) starts at 1:27:05

"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" was read by Councilmember Broome. The due date for this was Friday. Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-37 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

In response to the Mayor's call for conversation, Councilmember Turner asked if we had heard back from the Hunt Club about their interest. Councilmember Broome stated the Hunt Club has expressed an interest in going forward, and Mayor Siemborski

added they are familiar with the magnitude of the numbers. The big items are the grant and loans - are they available to us or not? This is the first step to answer that question.

Councilmember Deacon asked if we need the Hunt Club's commitment to go forward, or do you apply for the funds but you don't have to use them. Councilmember Broome replied we don't have to use the funds. If we're not going to do the project, they're not going to give us the money.

At 1:29:37 the Mayor requested the roll call for the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome
Abstain: Deacon, Press
Nays: None

Law Director Hunt said we can not suspend the rules without five yeases. It's appropriate when you abstain to give a reason since you have an obligation to vote. Councilmember Press said the reason is we're members of the Hunt Club - we're on both sides of this transaction. The Law Director stated that is not a legal conflict. Councilmember Press said it may not be, but when it comes to conflicts, you have to consider the perception as well as the reality. Councilmember Deacon asked could we go ahead and vote given that it's the suspension and not the merits of the resolution. The Law Director started to say he put an emergency clause on this when Councilmember Atton proclaimed we're going after free money - how could there possibly be a conflict? Councilmember Press came back with the recipient of the free money is a private institution, not the village - there's the conflict. Law Director Hunt explained it's for a public purpose or we would not be doing this at all. Councilmember Press said it's being done for the benefit of the Hunt Club; the Law Director said for the benefit of the village also. Councilmember Press stated the benefit to the village is quite marginal. The Mayor countered with the benefit to the village is financially attractive. Councilmember Press doesn't know what the pricing is going to be - the last he heard it would be done at cost. The Mayor said no, it would be a fair price; more than cost and less than gouging.

Councilmember Deacon suggested it might be helpful if legal counsel could restate what does constitute legally a conflict of interest. Law Director Hunt answered the Ohio Ethics Commission has said if you are on the Board or you are an officer, particularly the president or CFO, then you have a conflict. Being a member is not a conflict. The Ohio Ethics Commission is not going to come after you for this. This is simply to ask for grant money for a public project. The Mayor asked Councilmember Deacon if she wanted to keep her vote or change her vote, and she replied she was comfortable voting in favor of suspending the rules. The Clerk asked Councilmember Press to restate his vote, and he replied recusing or abstaining as he doesn't care whether our Law Director says he can or he can't. There are other standards besides the Ohio State Ethics Commission, which is largely worthless. The Clerk asked Councilmember Turner to vote, and she voted yes. The Clerk asked Councilmember Welsh to vote, and he voted to abstain since he was not sure what his membership status was; he just wants to stay out of it and doesn't want to be questionable. Village Engineer Courtney came to the podium to say we've submitted an unsigned resolution for the grant; we've indicated that we would follow up with the resolution once it was approved and signed by Council; they like to see that done as quickly as possible on the heels of the application.

The Mayor asked for a motion to table this matter and we'll pick it up at a further meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Broome, seconded by Councilmember Press, and unanimously carried, that the matter be tabled.

Resolution No. 2024-37 has been tabled and remains on first reading.

c. Fiber Optic/Broadband Committee (Councilmember Deacon) starts at 1:37:33

- We asked the vendors for additional information regarding 1) their financial wherewithal to complete all these projects and 2) the extent to which the village might or might not be asked to invest and put funds into the project (discounts and pricing). We heard back from one of the vendors, but are still waiting for the other one. Until we get the overdue response, we are on hold. Reid Consulting does not think the delay is an issue, because additional time is needed to develop terms if the response comes through in the form that we hope. The Mayor added there are a variety of items that would reduce the village's cost by contributions of services, time, and other.

Councilmember Atton asked if we are being asked to invest, or are they making it a condition of our engagement with them. Councilmember Deacon responded in one case, yes, it's a condition. It depends on an analysis that they do as to whether or not they'll need additional money. That's what they are working on and we don't have that back yet. Mayor Siemborski added we are not putting up cash to own something. This is just the cost.

Councilmember Atton asked did Hunting Valley invest with CV Gig in their agreement. Councilmember Deacon replied no, they had some other factors that they were able to contribute to the project - some in kind contributions.

Councilperson and Committee-member Press is confused. If Hunting Valley did not have to invest and they have a lower population and a much lower density than we do, why would we be required to invest when we're offering them a much higher density in a larger population. Councilmember Deacon said we don't know yet. Councilmember Press thought the investment that was being discussed was more of a prepayment to buy a discounted rate for the 20-year term of the agreement. If we prepay, we got to think about the risk of them selling or going bust. Our Consultant says that their economic proposition is infeasible. Councilmember Deacon thought they did a good job explaining they're vertically integrated and how they have reduced costs. Councilmember Press asked if Reid will give us a recommendation that we can rely on that Ohio Gig is the best of the two vendors. Councilmember Deacon replied they did, but not in writing. She will ask for that to be in writing.

Councilmember Turner brought up a previous discussion of a survey to the village, but until we get more clarification, it might be deferred or not necessary.

Councilmember Atton wonders if Spectrum will sit by and let this happen, or will they entice us to stay using competing rates to maintain their market share. Councilmember Press said we have been advised that they will do exactly what was just suggested - they will lower their prices and try to protect their market position. The

Spectrum customers who don't switch will benefit just like the people who sign up for CVG. Everybody is going to end up with a lower price for some period of time. Competition is a good thing.

Councilmember Broome asked if CVG is running the cable underground and to the houses. Councilmembers Deacon and Press answered yes. The competing vendor, AT&T, is not burying. They're using their overhead lines.

d. Safety Committee (Mayor Siemborski) starts at 1:46:50

- September 4th meeting was well attended
- Committee supports continuing and expanding firefighter station duty to more than just Saturday for 24 hours in 2025. When we put together our budget this fall, we will see what we can afford.
- Ways for better communication between fire, service, and police departments were discussed. The three departments are all on different radio bands. They rely on cell service to bridge the gap. In the period where cell service isn't reliable, there's a danger to that. The Fire Chief is looking at the cost of additional radios for the service dept, so in situations like the August 6 storm, service and fire are communicating without interruption.
- We talked about the need for a fire engine in 2-3 years. The suggestion was made to lay out the specs this fall and then be able to talk about cost in 2025. It's going to be \$750,000 - \$1,000,000. Maybe we put aside a third of that each year for the next 3 years as one option or perhaps we lease or something else. The old truck will be 40 years old in 2027.
- The Police Chief and the Mayor have a meeting tomorrow with Chagrin Valley Dispatch to go through the rates. The rates are going to be based on actual calls - our calls are less than the other member communities. We should see a reduction that would go forward for several years and could save us 15% to 20%.
- The membership of our Police Dept is restricted by ordinance to certain numbers. It doesn't provide any flexibility in hiring when we already have difficulty finding full-time and part-time individuals. We need to have more in the headcount to take care of the loss of part-time patrolmen, vacations, and so on.

Moved to Agenda Item 13. Ordinance No. 2024-34 (First Reading) starts at 1:51:47

"An Ordinance Amending Chapter 159, Police Department, Section 159.01, Membership of Department, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills" was read by Mayor Siemborski.

Ordinance No. 2024-34 remains on first reading.

11. Ordinance No. 2024-29 (Second Reading) Public Hearing October 15 starts at 1:52:59

"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 Mayor Siemborski.

Councilmember Press commented again that we ought to ban the retail but not the cultivation or the process. Councilmember Atton asked if this pertained to medical or recreational. Law Director Hunt explained the State uses the term “adult use” to cover both.

Ordinance No. 2024-29 remains on second reading.

12. **Resolution No. 2024-33 (First Reading)** starts at 1:54:10

“A 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 Auditor” was read by Mayor Siemborski. Finance Administrator Mulh stated this needs to be passed tonight as the County needs it by the end of the month.

Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-33 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

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

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-33 and Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

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

14. **Ordinance No. 2024-35 (First Reading)** starts at 1:55:16

“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. We are asking for an additional \$232,000 for the Capital Improvement Fund for Old Mill and Mayfield. Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2024-35 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

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

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-35 and Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Councilmember Broome asked what if the County comes through and gives us half, and the Mayor answered we'll put it in the Capital Improvement Fund. The County is on a reimbursement basis - we have to appropriate it and spend it and then ask for it back.

17. Council Matters starts at 1:57:12

Councilmember Turner advised the handout from the Mayfield Schools Liaison Committee provided in Council's packet includes some highlights of the School District's 2023-24 Report Card. The meeting sponsored by the Improvement Society and the Liaison Committee to talk about the levy is October 9th from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Elementary School.

18. Business from the Audience - None

19. 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