

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

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

1. Roll Call starts at 2:54

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

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

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

4. Mayor's Report starts at 4:05

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10. Committee Reports starts at 27:26

a. Tree Canopy Committee (Councilmember Turner/Chairperson Mitch Bass)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20. Council Matters starts at 1:14:09

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth DeCapite". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven L. Siemborski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steven L. Siemborski, Mayor