

Village of Gates Mills
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL
May 2, 2013

Pursuant to written notice, a Special Meeting of Council was held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in Burton Court.

Councilmembers present: Barnes, Reynolds, Schneider, Sogg.

Councilmember absent: Turner, Welsh.

Mayor Riley presided.

It was moved by Councilmember Reynolds, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, that Councilmembers Turner and Welsh be excused from the meeting.

Mayor Riley, Police Chief Szeredy, and Police Executive Lieutenant Whitmer gave a slide presentation explaining the timeline and implementation of partnering with the Chagrin Valley Dispatch. They presented the proposed hours the Town Hall would have an Administrative Assistant on duty to handle resident's vacation check calls and other questions/concerns. Alarm monitoring would continue to be free of charge.

Hunting Valley Police David Maine explained Hunting Valley's experience with the Chagrin Valley Group which was all positive.

Mayor Riley gave reasons why Gates Mills is doing this, which includes future State Mandates, the County's plan, the cost savings for the village, and the improvement of services to the residents.

A copy of the slides is attached to these minutes.

The following questions were asked by residents:

Will Barnes:

Will the future equipment update costs be shared by the members? Yes, they will be shared on a percentage of calls basis. Currently Gates Mills' share is 17%.

Barbara Leirvik:

Because of the contributions from University Hospital will that hospital have to be used by the residents or is this just a wonderful gift? The service provider (Mayfield Village for Gates Mills) will make the decision where the patient will be transported, which is typically Hillcrest.

Will the keys and vacation check information still be at Gates Mills? Both will still be at Gates Mills. There will be an additional service in that the vacation information can be updated on line.

Karen Schneider:

She has received questions about vacation watch. She said the information will be called into the Gates Mills receptionist, not Chagrin Valley Dispatch, during open hours or can be supplied on

line. The information will remain discreet. The police officers and firemen are not leaving the Village, just the dispatch.

Barbara Leirvik:

Is there anything in the contract with Chagrin Valley Dispatch that obligates using University Hospital? Police Lieutenant Nick Diccio of Orange Village said each hospital must give back to the community. This is how University Hospital is giving back. There is no obligation.

Nancy Sogg:

Can a community in the partnership request a higher level of service? It depends on the request. Example, Chagrin Valley Dispatch will not want to handle alarm calls. Gates Mills does not want Chagrin Valley Dispatch to receive house watch calls. If that philosophy changes we can ask and pay.

Charles Seymour:

How many communities are involved and is it open-ended? Gates Mills will be the 9th partner. Other communities will be sought in order to lower costs. The existing communities enjoy the same level of service as Gates Mills does. The County mandate is to lower the number of dispatch service centers. If that does not happen the dispatch centers will lose financial support. Therefore, consolidations are going to be made quickly. Now Gates Mills has the opportunity to partner with communities of our choice.

If we later get larger communities in the partnership will we have less say? No. Each community has one vote.

Barbara Leirvik:

Is there some control over who is invited into the group? Each partner gets one vote to decide who can be invited into the group.

Ron Leirvik complimented the job done on this project.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

Shawn Riley, Mayor