

Village of Gates Mills
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
December 14, 2010

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6:30 P.M.

Councilmembers present: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.

Councilmembers absent: Nemastil.

Mayor White presided.

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

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Patrolman Kimball was presented with an award for making a traffic stop and recognizing the driver was in need of medical treatment. As a result he minimized the effects of the stroke the driver was experiencing and perhaps saved the driver's life. The driver was present and expressed his gratitude.

The minutes of the meeting of November 9, 2010 were presented by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Reynolds, seconded by Councilmember Bletcher, that the minutes be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Barnes.
Motion carried.

Pay Ordinance #1124 in the amount of \$487,807.00 was presented by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Bletcher, that Pay Ordinance #1124 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

The financial statement for the period ending November 30, 2010 was presented by the Clerk. Councilmember Barnes noted the department budgets are on target, the year-end cash and investments balances will be higher than budgeted, and the final General Fund balance that is now positive is still estimated to be a deficit for the year.

Chief Szeredy presented a written report for the Police Department for the preceding period. Most of the thefts the Village is experiencing are electronic thefts. The Chief thanked the Service Department for the way they maintained the roads during the recent snow storms.

Service Director Biggert presented a written report for his department for the preceding period. Village Engineer Chris Courtney reported that the Old Mill Road Bridge will be completely closed for repairs during the paving season in 2011 and in 2012. It will be open in the winter. The project is being funded by the County with Issue I money.

Chief Robinson presented a written report for the Fire Department for the preceding period.

Mayor White announced the appointment of Shawn Riley and Ed Welsh to the Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependents Fund Board. It was moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds, that the Mayor's appointment be approved and confirmed.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance #2010-38 entitled "An Ordinance To Amend The Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 2010-04 To Increase Certain Appropriations And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Gates Mills, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2010," was introduced by Councilmember Barnes and read by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Welsh, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2010-38 be placed upon its final passage.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Welsh, that Ordinance #2010-38 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance #2010-39 entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing A Contract With Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. To Furnish And Provide Liability And Property Insurances Coverages For The Village Of Gates Mills, Its Officials And Employees And Declaring An Emergency," was introduced by Councilmember Schneider and read by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2010-39 be placed upon its final passage.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that Ordinance #2010-39 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance #2010-40 entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing A Contract With Aetna Health Care To Furnish And Provide Hospitalization, Health Care And Dental Insurance Coverage For Village Employees And Declaring An Emergency," was introduced by Councilmember Barnes and read by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2010-40 be placed upon its final passage.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Bletcher, that Ordinance #2010-40 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance #2010-41 entitled "An Ordinance Declaring The Village's Intention To Enter Into A Tax-Qualified Medical Reimbursement Plan For 2011," was introduced by Councilmember Barnes and read by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2010-41 be placed upon its final passage.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, that Ordinance #2010-41 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance #2010-42 entitled “An Ordinance To Increase The Compensation Of Certain Village Employees,” was introduced by Councilmember Barnes and read by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Riley, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2010-42 be placed upon its final passage.

Councilmember Welsh stated he felt no pay increase should be given. He felt the money would be better spent elsewhere especially since the Village has debt. Before giving any increase we should consider reemploying the two employees who were laid off. He said that Pepper Pike employees have agreed to take a percentage wage cut. Councilmember Bletcher responded that Gates Mills’ percentage change is less important than the actual pay rates; he has seen some Pepper Pike rates that are much higher than Gates Mills’. Councilmember Reynolds stated that \$24,000, the cost of 1% wage increase, is worth it. Councilmember Bletcher added that in order to attract and retain a quality work force we need to have fair, equitable, and competitive pay rates. He added that we have significant opportunities to reduce costs in other areas; we need to continue to watch other expenses.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider.
Nays: Welsh.
Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Riley, that Ordinance #2010-42 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider.
Nays: Welsh.
Motion carried.

The Mayor requested Councilmember Bletcher to report on the Hillcrest Council of Council meeting. He said the speaker presented ways that fire departments can work together. It is important to do what is in the best interest of the people we serve.

Business from the audience: None

There being no further business, at 7:25 p.m. it was moved by Councilmember Reynolds, seconded by Councilmember Bletcher, and unanimously carried, that the council meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

Connie White, Mayor