

# **THE TAX ATTACK**

## **Chapter VIII**

This month's article will be brief.

In light of the recent rejection of the Roads and Culverts Levy, the Village Finance Committee is considering, and ultimately Council will decide, the options to provide adequate service and still operate within the statutorily mandated balanced budget.

Our community was not the only one to reject new taxes this past March. Print media has been filled with articles on how various communities intend to trim personnel and services to keep operations within constrained budgets.

The plan for Gates Mills is not yet formed. It is hoped that at its May meeting, Council will signal the course it will follow. The possibilities range from accepting the voters' rejection and cutting costs to resubmitting new funding options to the electorate. I'll be reporting more to you in the June article about the options chosen.

By the way, soon we will begin annual review of compliance with our Village Income Tax. If you have not yet filed your 2007 return or the required certification of exemption (if in fact you are exempt), you should do so promptly.

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