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VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
COUNCIL AGENDA
AUGUST 18, 2026
5:30 p.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1470 CHAGRIN RIVER ROAD
(Livestream available on YouTube – click on the link on
www.gatesmillsvillage.com to watch)

1. Roll call.
2. Minutes of Regular Council meeting of July 21, 2026. Clerk.
3. Pay Ordinance # 1312 \$666,642.00. Clerk.
4. Oath of Office to Robert Hansen, Engineer (Fire). Mayor.
5. GMLC Semiannual Report – Jamie Carracher.
6. Mayor’s Report. Mayor.
 - Town Hall Meeting on the Conservation Levy.
 - Allocation of Conservation Levy Proceeds.
 - Road Program Status.
7. Financial Report. Mayor.
8. Clerk’s Report. Clerk.
9. Treasurer’s Report. Spear.
10. Police Department Report. Minichello.
11. Service Department Report. Biggert.
12. Fire Department Report. Majeski.
13. **Ordinance No. 2026-31** (Third Reading) Turner.

An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Gates Mills a Proposed Amendment to the Charter of the Village of Gates Mills to Renew for a Period of Five Years the Existing One Mill Tax Levy for the Public Purpose of Conserving, Retaining, Protecting and Preserving Land, Water, Forest, Open, Natural or Wetland Areas in this Municipality Predominantly in their Natural, Scenic, Open or Wooded Condition or as Suitable Habitat for Fish, Plants, or Wildlife, Including the Acquisition of Such Real Property or Interests Therein as may be Necessary to Carry Out That Purpose; and Declaring an Emergency.

14. **Ordinance No. 2026-25** (Third Reading)

Greco.

An Ordinance Amending Section 155.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills to Eliminate the Treasury Investment Board.

15. **Resolution No. 2026-38**

Mayor.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Siteworx Unlimited, LLC for the Chagrin River Headwall Repairs and the Carpenter Culvert Repairs and Declaring an Emergency.

16. **Motion** to Bid 519 Battles Culvert Replacement.

17. **Ordinance No. 2026-39**

Mayor.

An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal by Sale of a Vehicle that is Unfit, Obsolete and Unneeded for Village Purposes; and Declaring an Emergency.

18. **Resolution No. 2026-40**

Mayor.

A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Transfer of Certain Sums from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund.

(This is to move the remaining \$1,000,000 to Capital Improvement Fund for 2026 for Road Program, Sidewalk/Bridge project and Broadband payments all coming due).

19. **Ordinance No. 2026-41**

Mayor.

An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-51 to Increase Certain Appropriations and Other Expenditures of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026.

(Cemetery Fund increase by \$8,000 for tree removal work. Land Conservation Fund increase by \$35,000 for emergency culvert repairs.)

20. **Ordinance No. 2026-42**

Turner.

An Ordinance Designation JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Public Depository for the Funds of the Village of Gates Mills.

(Current Five-Year Depository Agreement Expires August 22, 2026.)

21. Council Discussion.

22. Business from the Audience.

23. Adjourn.

Proposed Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda may be obtained by calling Village Hall,
440-423-4405.

Village of Gates Mills
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
July 21, 2026

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held at the Community House on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Siemborski presiding. The meeting was live-streamed to the internet.

1. Roll Call starts at 3:30

Councilmembers present: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner, Young.

Other Village officials present were Treasurer Spear, Clerk DeCapite, Service Director Biggert, Police Chief Minichello, Fire Chief Majeski, Assistant Fire Chief Jamieson, Fire Captain Feig, Village Engineer Courtney, and Law Director Hunt.

2. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of June 16, 2026 starts at 3:49

Councilmember Greco moved to approve the June 16, 2026 minutes, and Councilmember Onysko seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner, Young.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3. Mayor Siemborski administered the Oath of Office to Firefighter Noah Scanlon at 4:46

4. Pay Ordinance # 1311 \$627,706.42 starts at 7:50

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Pay Ordinance #1311, and Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner, Young.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's Report starts at 8:27

• 4th of July Parade and Celebration

Thank you to the Gates Mills Improvement Society and Clark Langmack for organizing our fabulous July 4th parade, to Bill Lavigna for organizing the hot air balloons, and to all volunteers, village organizations, participants, and attendees.

• School Pedestrian Bridge - starts at 11:00

The bridge should be delivered this Thursday and installed on Friday.

- 2024 and 2025 Audit - starts at 11:18

The 2024 and 2025 audits have been approved by the Auditor of State, and those reports are available to Council and to the public. The reports came back with an unqualified opinion on a statutory basis - the highest level of assurance to be received. There were two small management letter comments of no serious consequence.

- Snowplow Ordinance - starts at 12:00

Last month one of our residents asked if we would do some research to see whether there's an ordinance to prevent snow from being pushed into the right of way. Law Director Hunt's office will be looking at those ordinances of comparable villages and report back to us in the fall.

- Sign Ordinance - starts at 12:22

The P & Z Committee has agreed to take up at their July meeting the issue about illuminated signs raised last month.

- Aging Well - starts at 12:35

After four months of programming, the Committee desires more notoriety. Even with publicity items in Stroll, the Pink Sheet, Gates Mills Connect, and a postcard mailing in the next week or two, it will take some time to get resident support.

A Key Box program will be starting. This is a locked box attached to the home allowing firefighters, EMS, or police immediate access to the home during an emergency without waiting for house keys to be retrieved from Town Hall. There will be no cost, typically \$35 - \$40 per box, to residents.

- Summer Band Concert - starts at 14:31

Our last summer event will take place at the Village Green on August 16th. Music and tables will be provided at no cost.

- Conservation Levy Town Hall Meeting - starts at 15:27

As promised, on July 29th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., a Town Hall Meeting will take place regarding the conservation levy. Tom Beres, retired senior political correspondent for WKYC, will moderate. The format will be conversational. There won't be for and against speeches. There will be a description of the levy's background, what has been done with the funds, and an opportunity for those in the audience to ask questions or make their points of view.

- Aging Well Committee Appointment - starts at 16:46

Mayor Siemborski wishes to appoint Paul DiCorleto to the Aging Well Committee. Co-Chairs Jan Bohinc and Joy Banish value his participation and ideas.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve the appointment of Paul DiCorleto to the Aging Well Committee, and Councilmember Greco seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner, Young.
Nays: None
Motion carried.

(Clerk's Note: Paul DiCorleto was erroneously credited with being a retired Cleveland Clinic physician, and he subsequently provided corrected credentials. He has a doctorate in biochemistry and had a 34-year career at Cleveland Clinic as a federally funded heart disease researcher with 13 years as Chair of all Cleveland Clinic Research. Following retirement from Cleveland Clinic, he served for 6 years as Vice President for Research and Economic Development at Kent State University.)

6. Financial Report attached and on the website starts at 17:56

Mayor Siemborski said going forward, the Finance Administrator will still compile the report and prepare the narrative, while the Treasurer will present the monthly report to Council.

Treasurer Spear reported the difference between this year and last year could be called alarming, but flat revenues and increased expenses were anticipated in the budget, and we are doing better this year than the budget said we would. Traffic camera numbers are badly affected by the closing of Mayfield Road for two months. On the other hand, personal income tax income is up. Property taxes are basically flat.

The Budget and Finance Committee will be starting fairly soon to work on the 2027 budget. A lot of effort goes into it, but it doesn't get voted on by Council. It's presented to Council. Since there are no Councilmembers on that committee, being involved in the budget process is probably a very good idea.

7. Clerk's Report - starts at 22:57

The Clerk noted the Finance Administrator prepared and distributed tonight to Council a description of the difference between "suspending the rule" and "declaring an emergency". The terms are often confused. Councilmember Onysko suggested the same be done for the difference between an ordinance and a resolution.

8. Treasurer's Report - starts at 23:35

Treasurer Spear reported he and guests David Young and Dixon Morgan met with Ancora representatives. The portfolio is in conformity with the investment policy statement. The average rate of return is 4-1/2%. We still have room to improve the portfolio over the next 18 months. Investments of \$1,100,000 made during the Covid period that carry coupons as low as 1/2% will roll off, and at the current moment we would get 4.5% in treasuries and about 5.4% in agencies.

The Ancora meeting was not an official meeting of the Treasury Investment Board, so there wasn't a notice of it. Once we get the Treasury Investment Board staffed for a quorum, notice will be posted for all meetings and they will be available for the public to attend.

Mayor Siemborski stated the small group of David Young, Chuck Spear, and Janet Mulh met 3 or 4 times to put together a three to five year financial plan. Spreadsheets, narratives, and recommendations will be forthcoming, and it will be helpful to have the multi-year outlook as we enter the budget season in September.

9. Police Department Report attached and on the website - starts at 25:49

Chief Minichello reported June was especially active for the road officers on night shift - with OVIs, crashes, abandoned vehicles, and a vehicle pursuit.

When asked by the Mayor if the St. Francis traffic cameras will be effective when school starts on September 1, the Police Chief replied he believes by August 1 the cameras will be activated outside of school zone hours and then enforceable September 1. The Mayor added the conclusion has been that no additional advanced notice is required, since the signage has been in place for a number of years and no change has been made to the school zone or hours. The Police Chief responded the Service Dept did put up a 45mph sign today to make sure we're in compliance with what was required.

Councilmember Turner wondered if there is a sense of whether or not state legislation mentioned at the last Council meeting and requiring the renewal of speed camera contracts to go to a vote by our residents would pass. Might we want to take action to extend the contract that we have? The Mayor stated the best indicator of what might or might not happen with the law is following the Ohio Municipal League, an outside firm that monitors legislative developments and provides advice.

Councilmember Turner asked if once ticket data is provided by the collection agency, would it be shared with Council via another line item on the grid we already have. Police Chief Minichello agreed that was something to discuss. Councilmember Onysko suggested a separate report rather than modifying the existing report.

10. Service Department Report attached and on the website - starts at 30:38

Service Director Biggert shared exciting news found in the 2025 Residential Recycling Report from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District received last Friday. Of 59 communities, Gates Mills ranked second with a 29% recycling rate. Only one other community recycled more - Linndale with a 37% recycling rate. In the past, we were second from the bottom. The Service Director thanked residents Jim Stafford and Jennifer Pinto, who suggested alternate recycling methods beyond the blue bag be considered, and Town Hall Coordinator Jean Misch and Joe from Rumpke, who figured out a successful way to do it. Included in our recycling number are the tote contents, cardboard in bins, ground up trees, hazardous household waste, and the electronics round up. Well done villagers! Councilmember Perez suggested we might be able to use this information for future trash pickup rate negotiations with Rumpke or other companies.

At 36:15 Village Engineer Courtney updated Council on the road program. We are 75% - 80% done. We've completed all crack filling and all pavement striping on county roads. We've completed patching and resurfacing on West Hill, Settlers Ridge, and Glenwood. Having run into more repairs on West Hill than anticipated and not wanting to come back to Council for more money, we opted to forego the chip seal and

fog seal on Beverly and Chelsea this year. We'll put them at the top of the list for next year. The reconstruction of Colvin will start July 29th and will be completed within two weeks. We're replacing full-width asphalt pavement with full-width concrete pavement to make the road tougher for the school bus traffic.

11. Fire Department Report attached and on the website - starts at 39:08

Fire Chief Majeski reported the dept finished their regional water supply drills with area communities as part of training.

The Fire Chief provided on the back side of the report an excerpt from an article he found pertinent to Council's recent discussions on ambulance costs and billing. The average transport cost nationwide is \$2,673 to provide. Medicare only pays about \$329 for that. The practice known as "balance billing" - when an insurer pays less than the provider charges, the provider bills the patient for the balance - is illegal with Medicare and Medicaid. So we can't go back and charge those folks. He can make the full 28-page article available if requested.

Of the original 50 fire hydrants that were reported as needing to be replaced, 24 have been replaced, and a number of other hydrants have had minor repairs. We added another 11 hydrants to the needing replacement list. The Fire Chief is hopeful Cleveland Water will have most of the work completed by fall.

12. Report of the Ad Hoc Levy Committee - starts at 42:04

Mayor Siemborski stated the committee consisting of Councilmembers Young and Turner and the Mayor formed early this year to look at the levy fund history, to identify the needs of the conservation levy going forward, and to make other comments has delivered to Council this weekend a two-page summary report. If we haven't made it available on the website, we'll do that tomorrow morning.

At 42:47 Councilmember Young read the Report of the Ad Hoc Levy Committee which contained five basic questions:

- What is the purpose of the Conservation Levy?
- Has the Levy historically been successful?
- What is the benefit of the public/private partnership between the Village and the Gates Mills Land Conservancy?
- What makes Gates Mills Land Conservancy and the Village Council qualified to manage Conservation Levy funds?
- Is the Levy still necessary?

At 50:12 Councilmember Onysko recalled shortly after moving into the paradise of Gates Mills, he and his wife decided to look at giving to the Land Conservancy a 17-1/2 acre parcel of park-like ravine meeting the river. They found there were two Land Conservancies - Western Reserve Land Conservancy, of which they were familiar, and Gates Mills Land Conservancy. They read both 990s, interviewed them, showed them the land, and started the process of "what's the long term effect of doing this". A few months later at the ballot box, there is a conservation levy on the ballot. He believes the five eligible voters in his family, having read the placard that gave the entire verbiage of the conservation fund, all voted for the

conservation levy. Who wouldn't? Who's against conservation? But he can now tell empirically they didn't know what they were voting for.

Fast forward to one month ago when the first reading of the very same levy comes up, and he is supposed to make a decision and start the fiduciary process of finding if this is the right thing to put on the ballot. But the only information given is the previous 95/5, then 50/50, and now 80/20 split. He didn't get any other information at first reading. So, he did his own research, and he doesn't think that's right. No individual citizen or Councilmember should have a first reading without the report just given. He received information from Finance Administrator Mulh, talked to patrons at Addie's Cup, talked to Councilmembers Turner and Broome and the Mayor. The Mayor was in the room in 1988 during the formation of the Land Conservancy, knew when it turned to being a 501(c)(3), and knew when the conservation levy went in to support that. The story is fascinating and it's an amazing process that happened. But where Councilmember Onysko's research landed was really clear - the levy and the Conservancy exist to buy land so developers can't. Historically, the vast majority of the funds have been used to buy land. That's absolutely fine. It worked. Look around this place. It's fantastic. But we need to have the courage to put the correct verbiage on the levy, so it's clear what we are voting for. The word "acquisition" is a subordinate clause in the 70-word sentence, and the only time the Gates Mills Land Conservancy is mentioned is that we may give to an organization like them should Council deem to do that. There's nothing wrong with that. It's just that it's not clear what the tax levy is going for.

The flyer mailed to all residents this past weekend by the Gates Mills Land Conservancy has so much great information, but not one word says "please donate". Thirty-five years of living off a tax has put them in such a position that fundraising doesn't even come to mind when you put a mailer in every single person's mailbox. Councilmember Onysko's goal is not to say there's something wrong with the organization or the levy. It's that the process is broken. Let's unwind that. He wants the Land Conservancy to have it in their DNA to ask for support from their neighbors with their every word. Tin cup. That's what 501(c)(3)s do. That's what unwinds this entanglement that we have, and it's their obligation to do such a thing.

At 1:00:46 Councilmember Greco stated, having had to educate herself as Councilmember Onysko did, that she believes we are moving too fast. Having that first reading last month was not really a first reading at all, and it caught a lot of us off guard. She is not against the Gates Mills Land Conservancy at all. What she is against is using tax dollars to fund their mission. That is wrong. This is the beginning of the process to end that program. This levy got on the ballot and has been automatically renewed for all these years. She is not a sheep, she doesn't follow along just for the ride, and she has to do her own research.

There's some problems with the five-year operating agreement that Council agreed to with the Land Conservancy that ends at the end of the year. The Gates Mills Land Conservancy was required to come before this body in January and in July and make a report as to its activities and its finances. This is our July meeting. She doesn't see the Gates Mills Land Conservancy on the agenda. That's an issue for her. This five-year agreement also said that the Gates Mills Land Conservancy was refocusing its mission towards stewardship and away from acquisition and that they would establish an endowment. \$700,000 was what they said five years ago would suffice

according to their concerns and make them a perpetual organization. On their 990 - we only have the 2024 990/2025 hasn't been filed - there's a box that they have to check if they have an endowment. That box is not checked. That's an issue. Most interestingly, in that five-year agreement, the village said that at the end of the five-year period, which is where we are now, that they hoped that the Conservancy would have sufficient funds set aside to carry it on in perpetuity. She says that they do.

Being presented this report by the Ad Hoc Levy Committee generates some questions to be directed to the Law Director. 1) Does the Ad Hoc Levy Committee's preparation of this report comply with Ohio's Open Meetings Act? There are two Ohio Supreme Court cases on the books - one just decided in March - that would say that maybe it doesn't. 2) Please state whether preparing and circulating this report using village resources and time complies with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.03(C). 3) If the Ad Hoc Levy Committee meetings were in violation of the law, she is formally requesting that the minutes of every meeting be prepared, if they were not, and submitted to Council before we can do anything.

This report also asks voters to approve an additional \$1.3 million. When combined, the Conservancy and the village have \$1.5 million unspent. She thinks that is untenable. The report doesn't answer the real question before this Council - why residents' tax dollars should keep being the default source of funding for conservation, rather than the Gates Mills Land Conservancy's own membership, donors, and grants. Every charity has to make their case to their own supporters and this charity should not be exempt.

She thought the report that the Gates Mills Land Conservancy sent out was misleading in certain ways. It bemoans the fact that over 70% of the land in Gates Mills remains unprotected. That means that 30% of the land in this village is protected - either owned or conserved by the Conservancy, the village, and other entities. When is that going to stop? What's the end? Every acre that we add to that column is an acre that stops contributing to the cost to run this village. We run a fairly tight financial ship here, but we do not have a lot of cash. We have to watch what we're spending and where it comes from. At some point, conserving land stops being stewardship and starts being something we do to ourselves.

Councilmember Greco respects the Gates Mills Land Conservancy and what they've done over 35 years, but it is a charity. This Council's job, our fiduciary duty, is to represent the taxpayer, not to backfill a charity's budget with taxes instead of donations. She is asking her colleagues not to continue to rush through this. If we don't get it on the ballot in November, perhaps we can get it on the ballot in some other time.

At 1:08:32 Councilmember Broome finds people often overstate that the purpose of the Conservancy is to prevent developers from coming in. It's a common overstatement and people say it all the time. That's not the case. In his time with the Conservancy, lots of properties were looked at and passed over because they didn't have a conservation value worth pursuing. The Conservancy has tried to preserve primarily properties along the river to protect it. Some of the properties that the Conservancy owns are properties that are donated and might not be along the river. Hopefully the outlook on what value everyone in the village gets out of the Conservancy is that a well-run land conservancy program enhances the value of all

properties and enhances the beauty of living here and is worth saving. We all have fair opinions about how we get there.

At 1:13:13 the Mayor asked GMLC President Carracher and other GMLC members in the audience to hold their comments until the end of the meeting when the agenda calls for comments from the audience.

At 1:13:55 Councilmember and former GMLC member Turner addressed the implications made by Councilmembers Greco and Onysko that this body has not been scrupulous in the oversight of the Land Conservancy and that reports were not made on time at a given date. There are five Councilmembers appointed by the Mayor who are at every Land Conservancy Board meeting, who look at the budget, who are aware of the marketing plan and the application for grants and everything that the Land Conservancy is doing with regard to the management of its properties, including conservation easements, and getting donations from villagers. The fact that the Land Conservancy has not approached Councilmember Onysko directly for a donation is unfortunate, but she doesn't think it indicts the whole marketing program. There have been occasions when there was not a report to Council at a specific time, but because of a full Council agenda, the report offered has been deferred for another time, or it's been accepted and given to Council without an actual presentation. She does not want to leave the impression that the Land Conservancy is not, on its own or by Council oversight, scrupulous about how it spends money.

13. **Ordinance No. 2026-25 (Third Reading)** - see page 11

14. **Ordinance No. 2026-31 (Second Reading)** starts at 1:15:54

"An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Gates Mills a Proposed Amendment to the Charter of the Village of Gates Mills to Renew for a Period of Five Years the Existing One Mill Tax Levy for the Public Purpose of Conserving, Retaining, Protecting and Preserving Land, Water, Forest, Open, Natural or Wetland Areas in this Municipality Predominantly in their Natural, Scenic, Open or Wooded Condition or as Suitable Habitat for Fish, Plants or Wildlife, Including the Acquisition of Such Real Property or Interests Therein as may be Necessary to Carry Out That Purpose; and Declaring an Emergency" was read by Councilmember Turner.

Mayor Siemborski asked for a motion to suspend the rules. Councilmember Young moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2026-31 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

Discussion starts at 1:17:50 -

Greco - Why make the motion to suspend the rules and not have a third reading?

Siemborski - There still will be discussion. There'll be the town hall meeting. We have four months to discuss this. This just is a question of do we want one more reading to put it on the ballot.

Onysko - This is wrong. There's three readings and there's no emergency here.

Greco - She is surprised that would be done right now given the fact that this is an issue that does nothing but need to be discussed.

Young - He does not think it's our responsibility to decide this for the villagers. It's important that this get on the ballot, and we let the villagers vote for themselves.

Greco - She thinks it's our fiduciary duty not to put it on the ballot. This is a tax.

Young - He understands.

Perez - We should wait for the town hall meeting to happen and not suspend the rules.

Ayes: Broome, Turner, Young.

Nays: Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink.

Motion failed.

Ordinance No. 2026-31 remains on second reading.

15. **Ordinance No. 2026-35 (First Reading)** starts at 1:20:06

"An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-51 to Increase Certain Appropriations and Other Expenditures of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026" was read by Mayor Siemborski.

This item is to fund the Arboretum stair replacement project being done by Siteworx and approved last month by Council. We've provided pictures showing the unsafe condition of the stairs.

Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2026-35 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner, Young.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Ordinance No. 2026-35 and Councilmember Greco seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner, Young.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

16. **Resolution No. 2026-36 (First Reading)** starts at 1:22:38

"A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2026" was read by Mayor Siemborski.

Service Director Biggert explained we submit our tonnage request to ODOT. Once ODOT compiles all requests, they solicit and receive bids. So we do not know the price now, but we should in the next few weeks. This authorization form to participate in the program needs to get to ODOT. The Service Director is behind in getting this in front of Council; usually we do this earlier.

Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-36 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Onysko seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner, Young.
Nays: None
Motion carried.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-36 and Councilmember Perez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner, Young.
Nays: None
Motion carried.

13. **Ordinance No. 2026-25 (Third Reading)** starts at 1:25:00

“An Ordinance Amending Section 155.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills to Eliminate the Treasury Investment Board” was read by Councilmember Greco.

Mayor Siemborski provided background. Since the time Councilmember Greco recommended eliminating the Treasury Investment Board, the Law Director has provided information on what the roles and responsibilities of the Board members would be. The Mayor has spoken with two Councilmembers who would be interested in sitting on the Board if it continues to exist. Several Councilmembers like the fact that there is an Investment Board with members of Council or our community that could provide advice and perspective, despite the fact we have hired outside professionals. Councilmember Greco stated we do have the investment policy statement that not only is Ancora bound by, but we are. She feels that it's unnecessary and duplicative.

Law Director Hunt got the impression when it was on first reading that there were a couple of Councilmembers that expressed a desire to continue to have a Treasury Investment Board, if only to be an advisory board to the Treasurer. The Law Director has put together a draft for discussion with the Treasurer and Mayor some role that the Treasury Investment Board would have in either an advisory position to the Treasurer or maybe something more than that. He leaves it up to Council to decide whether to pass this tonight to eliminate the Board entirely, or he can come back with a proposed ordinance way ahead of the next meeting so Council can review and decide whether to move forward with something on an advisory position or more than that. Councilmember Greco stated this is the first she is hearing of this and doesn't mind hearing additional information. Councilmember Onysko asked the Law Director to include a one-page opinion on the subject.

Treasurer Spear thinks, because this has gone on for a very long time, we should look at the ordinance. The ordinance says Council shall appoint at least two of its members. You could do that today and not in any way prejudice what you're going to do later. The truth is he has had his quarterly meeting with Ancora, so there's no sense of urgency here. Having David Young and Dixon Morgan at his meeting with Ancora made that a better meeting. He is perfectly happy to have consultation on the Board. Councilmember Turner asked does it need to be Councilmembers, and the Treasurer answered there is a purpose for two Councilmembers - that is the Treasurer is watching the portfolio manager and Councilmembers are watching the Treasurer. Councilmember Greco asked, other than Councilmember Young, who is going to serve if we do this. The Mayor responded he has asked Councilmember Perez to serve in that

role and she is willing to do that. Councilmember Broome stated his only hesitancy is there are a lot of smart people in the village.

Ordinance No. 2026-25 remains on third reading.

17. Executive Session starts at 1:32:49

Councilmember Broome moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property for public purposes and obtain confidential legal advice from the Law Director. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner, Young.

Nays: None

Motion carried. Executive Session commenced at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Siemborski reconvened the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Added Agenda Item **Resolution No. 2026-37 (First Reading)** starts at 1:52:58

“A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club for a Sanitary Sewer Project and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember Broome.

The agreement is the culmination of negotiations with the Hunt Club to construct a wastewater pumping station, on Hunt Club property and to be paid for by the Hunt Club, to tie into the village’s existing wastewater treatment system. The money for this project is entirely from a \$250,000 Ohio Dept of Public Works grant plus Hunt Club funds. There is no cost to the village. The agreement provides for payments to the village for sewage treatment at NEORSD market rates and it provides for contributions to the operating costs of the system based on flow. The agreement also provides additional protections in the form of a deed restriction concerning zoning and the right of notification and offer for the village should the Club property ever go up for sale.

This has been the product of many meetings with the Club, the Mayor, and the Law Director, and a lot of back and forth. What this does is it takes a system that the Club is operating now, an on-site wastewater treatment system that is not functioning very well, and it gets the Club tied into a system that is working to protect the river. It provides a revenue stream to the village. It’s a win-win for everybody.

Acceptance of the grant is required to be signed 45 days from July 2nd. That timeframe will expire before the next meeting. Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-37 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner.

Abstain: Young

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Councilmember Broome explained we're going to be acquiring permanent easements from the Hunt Club on their property so that we can access the system. Acquisition of land and changes that were made to the document yesterday and today necessitated all Councilmembers be given the benefit of consulting with the Law Director in Executive Session about the effect and legal implication of those.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-37 and Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

Ayes: Broome, Greco, Onysko, Perez, Steinbrink, Turner.

Abstain: Young

Nays: None

Motion carried.

18. Council Discussion - starts at 1:58:54

Councilmember Perez, relative to the robust discussion earlier about the conservation levy, does not want residents to walk away with the implication that the Land Conservancy does not conduct fundraising efforts, because she received an envelope in the mail not more than two months ago seeking a donation. She believes the Land Conservancy report in February, due in January, was postponed by village request due to the lengthy January agenda and not for lack of trying.

Councilmember Perez reported the elementary school (turning 100 this year) in partnership with the village will be hosting our second annual family-friendly 5K in the village on September 12 at 9 a.m. with a kids run, a one-mile, and a 5K.

Councilmember Greco recommends looking at Form 990 to see exactly how much fundraising the Conservancy does.

19. Business from the Audience - starts at 2:00:53

Resident and Gates Mills Land Conservancy President Jamie Carracher appreciates the time and the consideration given by Council as they think about this issue. He put forth points that are important to him and to the Conservancy Board:

- We are not about stopping development in Gates Mills. He would not be involved in an organization that is about stopping development. We never had enough money to stop development wholesale in Gates Mills. Our job is to protect the unique natural heritage of the Chagrin Valley.
- We work hand in hand with conservation partners around the region, including the Western Reserve Land Conservancy. We are extremely friendly with them; we share conservation easements with them; we partner with them. We had an event here in town with Land Trust Alliance, a national association for land trust in America, attended by 50 conservation folks. We partnered with Western Reserve Land Conservancy to bring them here. Their mission is just like our mission. We work together.
- Like Western Reserve Land Conservancy and other land conservancies, we work closely with cities and jurisdictions - and that includes getting funding to do our work. What makes us unique is we are focused 100% on Gates Mills. We bring in about \$40,000 a year and want to drive that number up.

We sent a fundraising letter out May 15th, consistent with Councilmember Perez's observation. We do two mailings a year. We do a lot of communication in terms of newsletters and events. We work hard to make sure people know what we are doing. We want them to come and learn about us, ask questions, probe, challenge us. We want to be delicate about how we ask for money. Some people don't take too kindly to us knocking on their door asking for money, but some people may be ok with that. We have fundraising professionals on our Board working for organizations like Lake View Cemetery, much larger than our little nonprofit.

- The people he volunteers with are passionate. We spend so many hours doing this for the betterment of the community. We really believe in it. We are ready to continue to work with the community, look forward to answering questions at the town hall next week, and look forward to keeping it going.

Councilmember Broome noted this is the last week of GM Nature Camp. Thank you Joe and Carmela Hayes and son Josh for the great job and taking advantage of our river and the beauty we have. The kids have a blast. Councilmember Perez agreed.

20. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

Steven L. Siemborski, Mayor

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97-2026	02/27/2026	02/27/2026	NEG ADJ	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	-\$2,570.57 *	C
	Purpose:	REIMBURSED BY WASH HOUSE				
97-2026	05/26/2026	05/26/2026	NEG ADJ	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	-\$4,987.62 *	C
	Purpose:	REIMBURSED BY VERIZON FOR CELL TOWER CARPENTER RD				
97-2026	07/15/2026	07/15/2026	NEG ADJ	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	-\$747.95	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S CAE				
238-2026	04/29/2026	04/29/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$14.40 *	C
	Purpose:	WASH HOUSE				
238-2026	07/31/2026	07/31/2026	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$14.40	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY WASH HOUSE 7/31/26				
300-2026	05/27/2026	05/27/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90 *	C
	Purpose:	WASH HOUSE				
300-2026	07/31/2026	07/31/2026	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY WASH HOUSE				
348-2026	06/23/2026	06/23/2026	CH	CIGNA HEALTHCARE	\$51,088.51 *	C
	Purpose:	HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION PREM				
348-2026	07/15/2026	07/15/2026	NEG ADJ	CIGNA HEALTHCARE	-\$878.01	C
	Purpose:	ISOLVED COBRA PAYMENT ZALEWSKI				
362-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$14.40 *	C
	Purpose:	WASH HOUSE				
362-2026	07/31/2026	07/31/2026	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$14.40	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY WASH HOUSE				
365-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$57.13 *	C
	Purpose:	GLENWOOD - VILLAGE HOUSE				
365-2026	07/08/2026	07/08/2026	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$57.13	C
	Purpose:	REIMBURSED BY MINICHELLO				
370-2026	07/01/2026	07/07/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$403.15	C
	Purpose:	MILLS BUILDING				
371-2026	07/02/2026	07/07/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$474.50	C
	Purpose:	TRAFFIC LIGHT				

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	Purpose:	STREET LIGHT				
373-2026	07/03/2026	07/07/2026	CH	THE HARTFORD	\$198.99	C
	Purpose:	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM				
374-2026	07/03/2026	07/07/2026	CH	CHASE BANK	\$2.50	C
	Purpose:	ACH FEE				
375-2026	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$75.93	C
	Purpose:	CHAGRIN RIVER BRIDGE				
376-2026	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$360.31	C
	Purpose:	WASTEWATER PLANT				
377-2026	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	CH	TREASUER OF STATE	\$231.00	C
	Purpose:	IPA QUALITY REVIEW				
378-2026	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	CH	PRIME PAY	\$81,698.07	C
	Purpose:	DIRECT DEPOSIT AND TAXES				
379-2026	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	CH	MAYFIELD VILLAGE	\$13,490.26	C
	Purpose:	COLLECTIONS FROM BILLING COMPANY				
380-2026	07/08/2026	07/08/2026	CH	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$63.22	C
	Purpose:	CABLE				
381-2026	07/08/2026	07/08/2026	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$215.00	C
	Purpose:	TOWN HALL				
382-2026	07/08/2026	07/08/2026	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$313.00	C
	Purpose:	MILLS BUILDING CAE				
382-2026	07/15/2026	07/15/2026	NEG ADJ	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	-\$313.00	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S CAE				
383-2026	07/09/2026	07/09/2026	CH	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$200.00	C
	Purpose:	POSTAGE UPLOAD				
384-2026	07/09/2026	07/09/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$35.52	C
	Purpose:	STREET LIGHTING				
385-2026	07/09/2026	07/09/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$115.89	C
	Purpose:	SERVICE GARAGE				
386-2026	07/09/2026	07/09/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$123.94	C
	Purpose:	BURTON COURT				

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	Purpose:	MILLS BUILDING				
387-2026	07/15/2026	07/15/2026	NEG ADJ	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	-\$578.81	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S CAE				
388-2026	07/09/2026	07/09/2026	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$7,802.00	C
	Purpose:	DEFERRED COMP				
389-2026	07/09/2026	07/09/2026	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$2,145.00	C
	Purpose:	ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS				
390-2026	07/09/2026	07/09/2026	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,776.00	C
	Purpose:	DEFERRED COMP				
391-2026	07/10/2026	07/15/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$81.72	C
	Purpose:	FOX HILL AND MAYFIELD				
392-2026	07/10/2026	07/15/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$701.32	C
	Purpose:	COMM HOUSE				
393-2026	07/13/2026	07/15/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$79.35	C
	Purpose:	CARPENTER RD				
394-2026	07/13/2026	07/15/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$83.12	C
	Purpose:	MAYFIELD & CARPENTER				
395-2026	07/13/2026	07/15/2026	CH	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$659.84	C
	Purpose:	CELL SERVICES				
396-2026	07/14/2026	07/15/2026	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$104.01	C
	Purpose:	COMM HOUSE				
397-2026	07/13/2026	07/15/2026	CH	PRIME PAY	\$484.00	C
	Purpose:	PAYROLL PROCESSING				
398-2026	07/15/2026	07/15/2026	CH	OPERS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES	\$22,507.13	C
	Purpose:	OPERS JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS				
399-2026	07/15/2026	07/15/2026	CH	OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION	\$29,731.13	C
	Purpose:	OP&F JUNE 2026 CONTRIBUTIONS				
400-2026	07/16/2026	07/16/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$76.95	C
	Purpose:	OLD MILL RD XMAS				
401-2026	07/16/2026	07/16/2026	CH	HOME DEPOT CRC	\$497.68	C
	Purpose:	BRIDGE BOX MATERIALS, SUPPLIES				

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402-2026	07/17/2026	07/20/2026	CH	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	\$1,383.80	C
	Purpose:	UNIFORMS - MONTHLY SD				
403-2026	07/17/2026	07/20/2026	CH	PRIME PAY	\$78,696.87	C
404-2026	07/20/2026	07/21/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$77.17	C
	Purpose:	OBT BUILDING				
405-2026	07/20/2026	07/21/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$580.09	C
	Purpose:	TOWN HALL				
406-2026	07/20/2026	07/21/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$1,169.27	C
	Purpose:	TOWN HALL				
407-2026	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$70.69	C
	Purpose:	FIRELINE MILLS BLDG				
408-2026	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	CH	CIGNA HEALTHCARE	\$54,698.15	C
	Purpose:	HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION PREMIUMS				
409-2026	07/23/2026	07/24/2026	CH	SAM'S CLUB	\$343.18	C
	Purpose:	BATH TISS, TOWELS, SOAP				
410-2026	07/24/2026	07/24/2026	CH	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$2,085.57	C
	Purpose:	INTERNET AND PHONE				
411-2026	07/24/2026	07/24/2026	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,776.00	C
	Purpose:	DEFERRED COMP				
412-2026	07/24/2026	07/24/2026	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$2,145.00	C
	Purpose:	ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS				
413-2026	07/24/2026	07/24/2026	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$7,847.00	C
	Purpose:	DEFERRED COMP				
414-2026	07/27/2026	07/27/2026	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$27,000.00	C
	Purpose:	1350 CASES FILED JUNE 2026				
415-2026	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	1481 CHAGRIN, PARK LAND				
416-2026	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	OBT BUILDING				
417-2026	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	596 CHAGRIN - BRIDGE				
418-2026	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	FLOWER BOXES - SOUTH BRIDGE				

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	Purpose:	WASH HOUSE				
420-2026	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$26.54	C
	Purpose:	POST OFFICE				
421-2026	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$57.13	C
	Purpose:	VILLAGE HOUSE				
422-2026	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$273.15	C
	Purpose:	TOWN HALL				
423-2026	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	CH	CHASE CARD SERVICE	\$5,583.32	C
	Purpose:	UNIFORMS, HARD DRIVE, TONER, HELMET, BACKGROUND CHECKS, SUPPLIES, PARADE CANDY, BBS FEES, TRAINING, SIGN POST PULLER, AGING WELL SIGNS & MAILING				
424-2026	07/30/2026	07/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	1471 CHAGRIN - PARK LAND				
425-2026	07/30/2026	07/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$14.40	C
	Purpose:	WASTEWATER PLANT				
426-2026	07/30/2026	07/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$19.45	C
	Purpose:	SERVICE GARAGE				
427-2026	07/31/2026	08/03/2026	CH	STATE TREASURER OF OHIO	\$1,050.00	C
428-2026	07/31/2026	08/03/2026	CH	REDSS	\$140.00	C
429-2026	07/31/2026	08/03/2026	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$42.00	C
430-2026	07/31/2026	08/03/2026	CH	REFUND - MAYOR COURT OVERPAYMENT	\$134.03	O
431-2026	07/31/2026	08/03/2026	CH	ANCORA ADVISORS	\$5,346.02	C
	Purpose:	QUARTERLY INVESTMENT ADV FEE				
9337	05/18/2026	05/18/2026	AW	CUY. SOIL & WATER CONS. DST.	\$6,600.00 *	C
	Purpose:	PIPE PROGRAM				
9337	07/27/2026	07/27/2026	NEG ADJ	CUY. SOIL & WATER CONS. DST.	-\$6,600.00	C
	Purpose:	REIMBURSED BY NEORS				
9423	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	RUGG'S PEST MANAGEMENT	\$235.00 *	C
	Purpose:	QUARTERLY SERVICE				
9423	07/15/2026	07/15/2026	NEG ADJ	RUGG'S PEST MANAGEMENT	-\$235.00	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S CAE				
9435	07/03/2026	07/03/2026	AW	WILLIAM LAVIGNA	\$500.00	C
	Purpose:	BALLOON PILOT JULY 4				

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	Purpose:	BALLOON PILOT JULY 4				
9437	07/03/2026	07/03/2026	AW	SHANNON ROTE	\$500.00	C
	Purpose:	BALLOON PILOT JULY 4				
9438	07/03/2026	07/03/2026	AW	EUGENE KENYO	\$500.00	C
	Purpose:	BALLOON PILOT JULY 4				
9439	07/03/2026	07/03/2026	AW	JOSEPH CLARK	\$500.00	C
	Purpose:	BALLOON PILOT JULY 4				
9440	07/03/2026	07/03/2026	AW	LUKE RUSSELL	\$500.00	C
	Purpose:	BALLOON PILOT JULY 4				
9441	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	JAN H BOHINC	\$464.49	C
	Purpose:	AGING WELL POST IT NOTES- PARADE				
9442	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	CHAGRIN VALLEY DISPATCH	\$12,086.17	C
	Purpose:	DISPATCH SERVICE				
9443	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	MICHAEL E. CICERO	\$1,250.00	C
	Purpose:	RETAINER				
9444	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	MAYFIELD VILLAGE	\$92,022.89	C
	Purpose:	EMS 2ND QTR 2026				
9445	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	NICOLA, GUDBRANSON & COOPER	\$3,115.00	C
	Purpose:	MAY SERVICES				
9446	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	ROETZEL & ANDRESS	\$4,491.00	C
	Purpose:	RETAINER, NON LAW DIR SERVICES, BD TAX REVIEW				
9447	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	CCM RENTAL	\$171.94	C
	Purpose:	HYDRAULIC HOSE AND FITTING				
9448	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	CHAGRIN VALLEY NURSERIES, INC.	\$225.25	C
	Purpose:	TOP SOIL AND 12 SNOWCAP PLANTS				
9449	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	\$124.88	C
	Purpose:	FIRST AID SUPPLIES				
9450	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	COMO'S OHIO PRESSURE WASH	\$1,940.00	C
	Purpose:	TENNIS COURT PRESSURE WASHING				
9451	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	CUSTOM ELECTRIC SERVICE, INC.	\$404.00	C
	Purpose:	STARTER				

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	Purpose:	CHILD ABUSE - PTL GARCIA TRNG				
9453	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	\$850.00	C
	Purpose:	BODY REPAIR AND REFINISH TAILGATE				
9454	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	MARSHALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$421.38	C
	Purpose:	FAN HOUSING, STIHL LINE TRIMMER				
9455	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	MIDDLEFIELD MFG	\$21.91	C
	Purpose:	14" TOP AND SIDE MOUNT MAST				
9456	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	NATIONAL TESTING NETWORK	\$475.00	C
	Purpose:	FRONT LINE MEMBERSHIP				
9457	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	OHIO TREASURER OF STATE	\$885.00	C
	Purpose:	MARCS RADIO SERVICES FD AND PD				
9458	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	OACP	\$125.00	C
	Purpose:	SAVAGE - DUES				
9459	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	SHEFFIELD MONUMENTS	\$400.00	C
	Purpose:	REPAIR TO CONTI BENCH BASE				
9460	07/07/2026	07/07/2026	AW	SPEAR'S	\$149.00	C
	Purpose:	SHOCK ABSORBER				
9461	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	LEE KINSTLE CHEVROLET BUICK GMC	\$34,592.00	C
	Purpose:	2026 CHEVY BLAZER				
9462	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	BLUE TECHNOLOGIES	\$134.29	C
	Purpose:	COPIER CONTRACT				
9463	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	\$116.48	C
	Purpose:	FIRST AID SUPP				
9464	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	THOMAS J COOK	\$500.00	C
	Purpose:	JUNE INSPECTIONS				
9465	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	DISTILLATA COMPANY	\$168.30	C
	Purpose:	WATER COOLERS				
9466	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	DUSTBUSTER	\$431.26	C
	Purpose:	CLEANING SERVICES				
9467	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	NICOLA, GUDBRANSON & COOPER	\$3,535.00	C
	Purpose:	PROSECUTOR SERVICES JUNE 2026				

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	Purpose:	MONTHLY TRASH REMOVAL				
9469	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	SENSYS GATSO USA, INC.	\$40,837.00	C
	Purpose:	TRAFFIC CAMERA DSN JUNE RECEIPTS				
9470	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	ABATE LANDSCAPING FLORIST	\$846.05	C
	Purpose:	WASH GRAVEL, BRIDGE BOX MATERIALS				
9471	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	C.W. COURTNEY COMPANY	\$82,967.30	C
	Purpose:	STORM WATER REGS, OLD MILL STORM SEWER, KENWYN STORM SEWER, BRIDGE/WALK, ROAD PROGRAM, FIBER OPTIC PROJECT				
9472	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	AKE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.	\$5,013.40	C
	Purpose:	MONTHLY ROUTINE MAINT, INSPECTIONS, ANALYSIS, REPORTS, REPAIR FIRMWARE UPDATE				
9473	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	ARIS COMPANY	\$785.00	C
	Purpose:	PORTA POTTY AT FELLER FIELD				
9474	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	ATWELL'S POLICE & FIRE EQMT	\$3,180.50	C
	Purpose:	UNIFORM AND 2 BULLET PROOF VESTS				
9475	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	ECONO SIGNS	\$352.00	C
	Purpose:	SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT SIGNS				
9476	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	\$108.67	C
	Purpose:	ADHESIVE, OIL FLTR, ENG OIL FLTR, PUSH TYPE RETAINER, BLADE, SWIVEL GRIPPER				
9477	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	KIMBALL MIDWEST	\$333.93	C
	Purpose:	DRILL BIT, GREASE, HOLDER, SET				
9478	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	TOM MAJESKI	\$77.92	C
	Purpose:	REIMBURSE DONUTS/WATERS				
9479	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	\$144.00	C
	Purpose:	OIL FILTERS				
9480	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	REFRIGERATION SALES CORP	\$100.64	C
	Purpose:	PLEATED FILTERS - 18				
9481	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	SHUTTLE'S UNIFORM INC.	\$145.00	C
	Purpose:	BIKE PATROL UNIFORM				
9482	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	\$291.76	C
	Purpose:	HERBICIDE				
9483	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	TURNEY HOME & AUTO	\$602.37	C
	Purpose:	PVC, TOILET REPAIR KIT/PARTS, LED, VEH MAINT SUPPLIES, TIE DOWN STRAP, ROPE, MISC				

Payment Listing

July 2026

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
9484	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	TREAS OF STATE (FUND 83F)	\$750.00	C
	Purpose:	LEADS				
9485	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	VILLAGE OUTDOORS LTD	\$709.00	C
	Purpose:	RANGE PRO GAL, HERBICIDE				
9486	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	ZOOM CAR WASH	\$104.00	C
	Purpose:	CAR WASHES - PD				
9487	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	CLEVELAND TRIM & STRIPE CO.	\$278.00	C
	Purpose:	GRAPHIC REPAIR ON CRUISER				
9488	07/21/2026	07/21/2026	AW	UNITED STATES TREASURY	\$231.36	C
	Purpose:	PCOR FEE FOR LEVEL FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE				
9489	07/29/2026	07/29/2026	AW	TOM BERES	\$1,800.00	C
	Purpose:	MODERATOR TOWN HALL MEETING 07 29 26				
9490	07/31/2026	07/31/2026	AW	ADVANCED MEDICAL SERVICES	\$800.00	O
	Purpose:	RANDOM CDL DRUG TESTING				
9491	07/31/2026	07/31/2026	AW	AMERICAN SECURITY & AV SYSTEMS	\$4,681.02	O
	Purpose:	QUARTERLY ALARM MONITORING				
9492	07/31/2026	07/31/2026	AW	CHARLES J. GRIFFEE	\$100.00	O
	Purpose:	CEMETERY PLOT SOLD BACK TO VILLAGE				
9493	07/31/2026	07/31/2026	AW	KT'S CUSTOM LOGOS	\$1,258.45	O
	Purpose:	BICENTENNIAL SHIRTS				
9494	07/31/2026	07/31/2026	AW	NCD CORSILLO PLUMBING, LLC	\$8,325.00	O
	Purpose:	COMMUNITY HOUSE WATER FOUNTAINS AND REPAIR				
Total Payments:					\$666,462.00	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$666,462.00	

Type: AM - Accounting Manual Warrant, AW - Accounting Warrant, IM - Investment Manual Warrant, IW - Investment Warrant, PM - Payroll Manual Warrant, PR - Payroll Warrant, RW - Reduction of Receipt Warrant, SW - Skipped Warrant, WH - Withholding Warrant, WM - Withholding Manual, WS - Special Warrant, CH - Electronic Payment Advice, IL - Investment Loss, EP - Payroll EFT Voucher, CV - Payroll Conversion Voucher, SV - Payroll Special Voucher, EW - Withholding Voucher, POS ADJ - Positive Adjustment, NEG ADJ - Negative Adjustment, POS REAL - Positive Reallocation, NEG REAL - Negative Reallocation

Status: O - Outstanding, C - Cleared, V - Voided, B - Batch

* Asterisked amounts are not included in report totals. These transactions occurred outside the reported date range but are listed for reference.

ORDINANCE NO. 1312

ORDINANCE FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

PASSED AUGUST 18, 2026

TOTAL \$666,462.00

Clerk

Mayor

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that at the time of making the contracts or orders for the expenditures provided for in the foregoing ordinance and at the time of the execution of such certificate a sufficient sum appropriated for the purpose of such contract was in the treasury or in process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances.

(This ordinance is not of "a general or permanent nature" and need not be read three times nor published)

Clerk

To: Gates Mills Village Council
From: Jamie Carracher, President
Subject: 2026 Mid-Year Report from Gates Mills Land Conservancy (GMLC)
Date: Aug. 18, 2026

Since our 2025 end-of-year update to the Village Council, the following activities have transpired at the Gates Mills Land Conservancy:

Conservation Easements on GMLC-Owned Land: In the fall of 2025, our board voted to proceed with protecting all of our fee-owned properties with conservation easements. We have always believed that the land we purchase should be protected in perpetuity. However, placing conservation easements on properties we own is not simple and requires meticulous legal documentation and time-consuming filings with the state and county. We began the process with two initial properties at the end of last year and will continue with more at the end of this year until we complete this work. We are staggering this process over several years to manage the workload and any temporary tax or filing costs that come from completing the legal paperwork.

Stewardship: We have completed a little over half of our annual inspections of all 57 properties that we own or hold conservation easements or deed restrictions. These inspections are required as part of our land trust accreditation, as well as to maintain and protect our conservation easements. We look for improper construction, dumping or other damage to properties. Additionally, as we increase our efforts on invasive plant remediation, we use inspections to track progress and identify new problem areas that may need addressed.

As part of our ongoing maintenance of GMLC-owned properties, we addressed damaged trees within our Village Westgate property on Mayfield Road at the border of Mayfield Heights, as well as our LoConti property on Chagrin River Road near Mayfield Road. Additionally, we repaired fencing at LoConti and our Svette property on Riverview Road.



An photo from July 2026 taken during an inspection of a GMLC-owned property

Invasive Removal: The Conservancy continues to partner with the Village and its Tree Canopy Committee on its pilot program addressing invasive plants. As part of the pilot, last year we began work on our Merkel property on Chagrin River Road south of Mayfield. The program's success has driven the board to approve additional GMLC funding to expand invasive removal to our LoConti and Wick properties. Wick, which is located on Chagrin River Road and Beverly Lane, saw its first round of treatment in the spring.



The last several years, we've been awarded more than \$22,000 in private grant funding to target invasives on our properties, particularly Tree of Heaven, host of the Spotted Lantern Fly. We're making an impact each year but we've got more work to do as this invasive is tenacious. We are in the process of reapplying for additional funds from this grant for 2027.

During the spring we partnered with Holden Forests and Gardens on a grant request to Cornell University to fund invasive plant removal and forestry services to improve bird habitat on our Clark and Sherman Road preserves. These two properties are very large and in close proximity to each other and are part of our long-term plans to increase tree coverage and improve meadow habitat. We were not awarded funds this year but were encouraged to resubmit next year, which we plan to do with Holden.

Additionally, earlier this year we submitted grant requests to the federal government through the EQIP program to fund forestry services on several properties. We partnered with neighbors to include their properties in the application alongside ours, which would enable us to expand our impact more easily. This program is available only to private landowners, which makes GMLC a uniquely helpful partner for the Village and its residents. Unfortunately, we were not awarded federal funding this year. It is our understanding that reduced funding resulted in 75% fewer grants awarded in 2026. We will try again in 2027.

We are in the planning stages our stewardship priorities in 2027 and beyond. Whether levy funding is available will impact the extent to which we can invest in this effort.

Community Outreach: GMLC published online Newsletters in March, May, June and July that were distributed to more than 725 villagers each. Focus areas included: promoting our new website; explaining how we identify properties to protect; sharing the history of two select properties; celebrating the memory of two Village conservation heroes, Tom Liederbach and Bonnie Humphrey; promoting our beekeeping event with Gentle Boy Farms and Jay Haddam; promoting the Village's Arbor Day tree event; and promoting attendance at the Village's conservation levy town hall.

In June, we partnered with Gentle Boy Farms and Jay Haddam to offer an educational session on beekeeping. It included a family friendly introduction to honeybee biology and sustainable beekeeping. Through demonstrations, equipment displays, and conversation with experienced beekeepers, attendees gained a deeper appreciation for these remarkable pollinators and the role they play in supporting biodiversity. The event was attended by more than 30 people.



Oak planted in village center for Tom Liederbach, one of GMLC's founders

In May, we were proud to partner with the Village and the Gates Mills Garden Club to celebrate Arbor Day with tree plantings in the Village Center. The Conservancy planted a Heritage Oak tree in honor of Tom Liederbach, a GMLC founder and long-time director who worked for decades to preserve our natural heritage. Tom was remembered for his dedication to the community, including his annual nature walks with our local students and his detailed knowledge of our properties, which is preserved in our inspection reports dating back many years. We celebrated Tom's contributions with his family and fellow Villagers.

In mid-October, we will host our annual meeting at the Community House. This event is free and open to the public, although only resident members may vote to approve terms for directors. We provide food and refreshments and offer an annual update from the Conservancy, as well as an expert guest speaker. More detail on the program will be available soon.

Fundraising: As of the end of July, we have fundraised \$32,205 in 2026, which puts us at 81% of our total fundraising goal for the year. Our annual fundraising budget target is \$40,000, which we receive from around 150 donors, the vast majority of whom are Village residents. That's a 48% increase from the previous 5 years. These funds are used to cover our daily business operations, like our Internet subscription and producing events and fundraising materials. Over the last 5 years, we've fundraised around \$422,000 from private sources, a 220%+ increase from the prior 5 years. This increase comes thanks to large contributions over the last two years from Dan Kish and the family of Bonnie Humphrey, who donated in her memory. Both Dan and Bonnie had deep roots in and love for this community and we were honored by their generosity and celebrate their legacies. These were record-breaking donations.

This year, we sent a fundraising mailer out to every resident in May and will send a second closer to the end of the year.

Our efforts are led by a strong team of passionate volunteers who have decades of experience in fundraising and marketing for organizations like Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Western Reserve Land Conservancy and Lake View Cemetery.

Financials: As of the end of July 2026, GMLC's Statement of Revenues & Expenses and its cash position were as follows:

Statement of Operations	July YTD Actual	Full Year Budget 2026
Revenues	\$ 38,177	\$ 45,000
Expenses	<u>\$ 23,317</u>	<u>\$ 43,400</u>
Net	\$ 14,859	\$ 1,600

Levy Receipts: In 2026, we have received levy funds totaling \$73,710. Of those funds, we have spent \$2,413, which included expenses for real estate taxes and tree and fence maintenance on GMLC-owned properties. We presently hold \$235,102 in levy funding.

Cash reserves at the end of July were as follows:

Operating Funds	\$ 524,053
Special Gift Fund	\$ 2,557
Levy Funds	\$ 235,102
Stewardship & Defense Reserves	<u>\$ 218,417</u>
Subtotal	\$ 980,129

Definitions and Explanation:

- **Operating Fund:** This fund is unrestricted and serves as GMLC's capital reserve for normal operating needs, as well as large, long-term expenses, including land acquisitions.
- **Special Gift Fund:** Private grant funding we receive is allocated to this fund for designated uses.
- **Levy Funds:** These are levy funds received from the Village of Gates Mills. They are used exclusively for new land acquisitions, conservation easements and stewardship on GMLC-owned properties, including things like large invasive remediation projects, planting trees, and addressing downed trees.
- **Stewardship & Defense Reserve:** This balance is set by a Land Trust Alliance (LTA) formula, which covers core stewardship obligations — monitoring conservation easements, defending them, and maintaining boundaries.
- **Accounting Basis:** GMLC's financial reporting is cash-basis, consistent with its transaction volume (typically 10–15 entries per month). An independent CPA firm reviews and compiles an annual report, including a record of all land holdings and financial footnotes.

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2026

MONTHLY RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

The financial statements were provided to the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Council prior to the August 18, 2026, Regular Council meeting.

GENERAL FUND

Revenue for the month was \$524,101. Year-to-date revenues of \$4,850,635 were \$7,996 more than this time last year. Real estate taxes were \$92,649 lower than this time last year. Municipal income taxes were \$155,341 higher this year compared to last year-to-date. Receipts from real estate taxes and municipal income taxes are based on collections by Cuyahoga County and RITA. The Village is dependent on the timing of those agencies' billing and collection activities and on the timing of taxpayer remittances. Other Sources of revenue are \$50,256 lower than last year at this time. Traffic camera receipts and Fines are trailing last year's figures. The Village received \$273,985.73 (net) from the sale of property in June.

The traffic camera enforcement program gross receipts in July were \$148,130. Year-to-date receipts are \$150,951 lower than 2025. Vehicles pass through the Village at lower and safer speeds, thereby achieving the primary objective of road safety. Expenses for the program are to Lyndhurst Municipal Court and Sensys Gatso, which appear in the Police Department expenditure area of the General Fund. Expenses in July totaled \$67,837 for a net collection of \$80,293 for the month. Year-to-date, net collections total \$354,260.

Other sources of revenue, excluding the traffic camera program, were \$50,172 for the month. Year-to-date, the Village has received \$908,740 compared to \$808,045 last year.

Expenditures for 2026, excluding transfers to other funds from the General Fund, were \$4,144,225 compared to \$3,873,475 in 2025. Village expenses are budgeted and controlled by its four departments (Administration, Police, Fire and Service).

The Administration Department incurred expenses of \$45,262 in July. Year-to-date expenses were \$46,837 more than last year. The Village paid the IT equipment needed for the CVG upgrades. Revize was paid for the work being done on the new website design. R.E. Warner was paid for work on the interurban walking bridge assessment. We have paid for audit services and purchased the new copier.

The Police Department recorded expenses of \$261,235 in July. Year-to-date expenses were \$104,080 higher this year over last year. The traffic camera program costs, year-to-date, were \$340,979 this year compared to \$427,152 last year. Higher costs were attributable to higher wages due to payouts attributed to a retiring officer and paying for the Flock Camera annual maintenance fee (previously paid from the Safety Fund).

The Fire Department costs were \$131,396 in July. Year-to-date, expenses were \$38,416 lower than last year. EMS costs are lower this year than last year by \$47,735. Personnel costs are higher than last year by \$36,717 due to the increased station duty hours.

The Service Department incurred \$124,277 in expenses in July. Year-to-date expenses are \$101,536 higher this year over last year. Overtime wages of \$53,161 exceeded last year's amount by \$11,849 due to the number of snow and ice storms experienced over the year and increased hours of the Community House Manager. The new truck chassis was purchased in June for \$118,900. Mills Building expenses are higher this year due to a roof leak, water intrusion damage, entry door replacement and repairs to the snow melt system. Burton Court had rubber flooring installed. The Parks line item is higher due to the costs of the demolition of the home donated to the Village on Battles Road. A new budgeted fuel pump was installed in April.

In summary, for the seven months, the Village operated with a General Fund shortfall of \$994,590. Last year, the Village had a shortfall of \$272,336. For 2026, excluding transfers of \$1,701,000 to other funds from the General Fund, the surplus was \$706,410. For 2025, excluding transfers of \$1,241,500 to other funds from the General Fund, the surplus was \$969,164.

The General Fund cash balance on July 31, 2026 was \$7,157,980 compared to the beginning of the year balance of \$8,152,570.

OTHER FUNDS

The Village is required to maintain other special purpose funds by statute or contract. Cash in these funds amounted to \$3,003,153 on July 31, 2026. Year-to-date transfers from the General Fund included \$1,000,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund, \$200,000 to the Police Pension Fund, \$60,000 to the Wastewater Fund, \$2,000 to the Mayor's Discretionary Fund, and \$439,000 to the Safety Fund (for new fire engine).

Janet M. Mulh, MPA
Finance Administrator

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 31, 2026

	2026 BUDGET	Current Month	2026 Year to Date	2025 Year to Date
General Fund (GF) Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Real Estate Taxes	2,652,850	127,000	1,549,636	1,642,285
Municipal Income Taxes	2,415,000	198,800	1,696,873	1,541,532
Share of Sales and State Taxes	-	-	148	4,587
Total Tax Revenue	5,067,850	325,800	3,246,656	3,188,404
Other Sources:				
Fines and Costs	60,000	4,587	26,022	31,589
Traffic Camera Gross Receipts	1,520,000	148,130	695,239	846,190
Building/Liquor Permits & Licenses	51,840	1,600	54,443	33,394
Interest Income	299,500	17,878	161,404	151,479
Rental Income	209,800	5,670	162,650	151,603
Mills Building Rental Income	144,994	6,946	96,172	71,821
Ambulance Income	80,000	13,490	60,986	58,162
SRO Reimbursement	99,180	-	49,594	47,225
Misc	316,750	-	297,469	262,772
Total Other Sources Revenue	2,782,064	198,302	1,603,979	1,654,235
Assessments:				
School Board/Property Assessment	-	-	-	-
Total General Fund Revenues	7,849,914	524,101	4,850,635	4,842,639
Add Year Beginning General Fund Balance		7,227,548	8,152,570	7,879,102
Less Expenses:				
Administration Costs	(see Page 2)	(45,262)	(634,281)	(587,444)
Administration - Transfers		(31,500)	(1,701,000)	(1,241,500)
Police Department Costs	(see Page 3)	(261,235)	(1,667,205)	(1,563,125)
Fire Department Costs	(see Page 3)	(25,883)	(216,642)	(150,610)
Fire Department Ambulance	(see Page 3)	(105,513)	(302,168)	(349,903)
Service Department Costs	(see Page 4)	(124,277)	(1,323,929)	(1,222,393)
Total General Fund Expenses		(593,670)	(5,845,225)	(5,114,975)
Current General Fund Balance		7,157,980	7,157,980	7,606,766
Plus:				
Other Fund Current Balances		3,003,153	3,003,153	2,812,092
Total Current Balance - All Funds		10,161,133	10,161,133	10,418,858

MISC	2026
JUNE	KISH PROP \$273,985.73

MISC	\$63,212 OH Emerg Mgmt
as of 7/31/25	\$42,098 NEORSD REIMB
	\$20,000 Cleveland Water
	\$100,000 County fro Old Mill

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 31, 2026

	2026 BUDGET	2026 Month Expenses	2026 To Date Expenses	2025 To Date Expenses
ADMINISTRATION:				
Salaries and Wages	175,500	14,148	100,282	97,964
Health Insurance	52,910	4,215	29,425	26,056
Worker's Comp/Medicare	6,000	247	2,242	1,980
Employee Retirement (OPERS)	29,870	2,283	17,071	16,541
PERSONNEL COSTS	264,280	20,893	149,020	142,541
Legal - Law Director	78,000	4,492	22,872	42,003
Legal - Prosecutor	60,000	7,900	31,500	32,373
Legal - Other	2,000	-	18	1,389
Engineering	50,000	3,059	37,570	26,503
Other Professional Services	188,400	2,411	142,395	96,948
LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL	378,400	17,862	234,355	199,216
General Insurance	136,500	-	136,558	123,668
Income Tax Expense	100,000	6,034	50,057	80,920
County Auditor Expenses	75,000	-	47,121	30,466
Office Expenses	24,500	472	14,014	7,053
Miscellaneous Expenses	6,000	-	3,156	3,580
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	342,000	6,506	250,906	245,687
ADMINISTRATION OPERATING COSTS	984,680	45,262	634,281	587,444
Transfers to Other Funds	2,262,000	31,500	1,701,000	1,241,500
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS	3,246,680	76,762	2,335,281	1,828,944

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 31, 2026

	2026 BUDGET	2026 Month Expenses	2026 To Date Expenses	2025 To Date Expenses
POLICE DEPARTMENT:				
Salaries and Wages	1,345,750	98,399	777,356	700,983
Overtime	55,000	4,944	22,074	33,574
Health, OPERS, MEDI, Worker Comp	353,900	30,162	219,625	156,791
PERSONNEL COSTS	1,754,650	133,504	1,019,055	891,348
Gasoline	25,000	-	8,911	12,486
Repairs and Maintenance	17,000	1,376	16,296	7,893
Uniforms	17,000	3,420	7,675	5,465
Training/Conferences	12,000	450	8,238	4,349
Dispatch Operating Fee	144,500	12,086	84,802	79,935
Alarm System Fee	17,000	4,681	12,695	8,365
Maintenance Agreements/Radio Expenses	47,000	1,020	37,651	15,909
Traffic Camera Program LMC	336,000	27,000	148,900	195,280
Traffic Camera Program Gatso	405,000	40,837	192,079	231,872
Other Expenses	16,000	2,268	9,070	8,854
V.E.G.	13,000	-	13,000	12,000
OTHER POLICE DEPART COSTS	1,049,500	93,138	539,317	582,408
Vehicle Purchases	80,000	34,592	77,912	71,870
Equipment Purchases	39,000	-	30,921	17,499
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	119,000	34,592	108,833	89,369
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT COSTS	2,923,150	261,235	1,667,205	1,563,125

FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
Salaries and Wages	314,000	21,648	139,123	109,328
PERS, MEDI, SOC SEC, Worker Comp	41,800	1,693	17,786	10,864
PERSONNEL COSTS	355,800	23,341	156,909	120,192
Vehicle Maintenance	11,000	312	2,418	185
Ambulance/EMS <i>see below</i>	539,000	105,513	302,168	349,903
Training/Conferences	14,500	405	10,459	5,190
Contracts & Annual Fees	28,000	899	18,575	12,196
Other Expenses	17,000	926	4,532	9,093
OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS	609,500	108,055	338,151	376,567
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	138,000	-	23,749	3,754
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS	1,103,300	131,396	518,810	500,513
<i>Ambulance Income on Cover Page</i>	80,000	13,490	60,986	58,162

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 31, 2026

	2026 BUDGET	2026 Month Expenses	2026 To Date Expenses	2025 To Date Expenses
SERVICE DEPARTMENT:				
Salaries and Wages	833,360	59,632	468,047	480,873
Overtime	45,000	3,800	53,161	41,312
Health, OPERS, MEDI, Worker Comp	388,000	29,654	226,549	203,634
PERSONNEL COSTS	1,266,360	93,085	747,757	725,819
Salt/Aggregate (snow removal)	143,000	-	81,996	73,711
Building Inspection	14,000	849	12,377	5,893
Equipment Maintenance	45,000	1,323	28,833	22,385
Gasoline Expense	40,000	-	29,421	23,379
Supplies/Uniforms	37,000	4,397	26,585	21,847
OPERATING COSTS	279,000	6,568	179,212	147,215
BUILDING OPERATION & MTC				
Village Hall	324,400	5,687	137,300	51,952
Village Houses	1,500	66	123	368
Community Building	50,700	9,337	18,868	32,519
Post Office	5,300	27	3,904	3,864
OBT Building	1,850	87	607	767
Wash House	5,700	(20)	19	255
Burton Court	4,500	124	3,515	3,310
Mills Building	80,270	(14)	49,379	64,509
BUILDING OPERATION & MTC	474,220	15,294	213,716	157,544
Street Repair	5,000	-	1,514	1,044
Ditch, Drain, Sewers	28,500	81	19,841	16,447
Tree Grinding (Contractors)	14,000	-	-	6,181
Street Lighting	16,000	1,187	16,553	7,978
Parks	31,000	7,848	23,362	12,080
Guardrails, Signs, Bridges	6,700	213	2,359	3,257
STREETS AND ROADS	101,200	9,330	63,629	46,987
Vehicles	262,810	-	118,900	128,018
Other Equipment	9,000	-	715	16,810
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	271,810	-	119,615	144,828
TOTAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT COSTS	2,392,590	124,277	1,323,929	1,222,393

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JULY 31, 2026

	Beginning Year Balance	Year-to-date Actual Receipts	Year-to-date Actual Expenses	Unexpended Balance
Street Const Maint Repair	180,538	122,384	-	302,922
State Highway	24,467	8,660	25,000	8,126
Bond Retirement (KeyBank Loans)	2,730	-	-	2,730
	<u>207,735</u>	<u>131,043</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>313,778</u>
Capital Improvement	185,805	1,003,903	392,266	797,443
Water	293,183	49,500	26,747	315,936
Wastewater Plant	28,587	72,322	29,152	71,757
Park Recreation	18,908	17,767	13,647	23,028
Cemetery	92,675	12,000	13,906	90,769
Mayor's Court-Violations Bureau	380	7,281	6,753	908
Mayor's Discretionary	505	2,000	282	2,223
Purcell Trust	21,964	-	-	21,964
Land Conservation	407,341	169,929	86,441	490,829
Building Bond Deposit	181,755	14,447	2,924	193,278
Underground Storage Tank	11,000	-	-	11,000
Safety Fund	40,382	439,525	1,018	478,889
Police Relief & Pension	53,263	248,083	139,994	161,352
Law Enforcement	-	443	-	443
VEST Grant	-	-	-	-
OneOhio Fund (Opiod)	3,434	757	433	3,758
STATE Grants	30,365	5,914	10,481	25,799
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	<u>1,577,282</u>	<u>2,174,915</u>	<u>749,044</u>	<u>3,003,153</u>
GENERAL FUND	8,152,570	4,850,635	5,845,225	7,157,981
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	<u>9,729,852</u>	<u>7,025,550</u>	<u>6,594,268</u>	<u>10,161,134</u>

STATE OF THE VILLAGE
JULY 31, 2026

	2026	2025
Total Current Balance - All Funds	10,162,134	10,418,860
Cash and Investments:	7/31/2026	7/31/2025
Cash:		
ANCORA	8,677,540	8,814,018
CHASE DDA	144,414	151,211
STAR OHIO -LAND CONS	474,352	372,667
CHASE VIOLATIONS BUREAU	25,502	61,524
Star Ohio	<u>856,927</u>	<u>1,047,841</u>
Total Cash	10,178,736	10,447,261
(OUTSTANDING CHECKS)	<u>(16,602)</u>	<u>(28,401)</u>
Total Cash and Investments	10,162,134	10,418,860

** From Wastewater Fund

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY	BUDGET	JULY	2026 YEAR TO DATE	2025 YEAR TO DATE
Real Estate Taxes	2,652,850	127,000	1,549,636	1,642,285
Municipal Income Tax	2,415,000	198,800	1,696,873	1,541,532
Share of Sales and State Taxes	-	-	148	4,587
Other Sources	2,782,064	198,302	1,603,979	1,654,235
Assessments	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	7,849,914	524,101	4,850,635	4,842,639
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administration Department	984,680	45,262	634,281	587,444
Police Department	2,923,150	261,235	1,667,205	1,563,125
Fire Department	1,103,300	131,396	518,810	500,513
Service Department	2,392,590	124,277	1,323,929	1,222,393
Transfers excluding Inheritance Taxes	2,262,000	31,500	1,701,000	1,241,500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	9,665,720	593,670	5,845,225	5,114,975
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(1,815,806)	(69,568)	(994,590)	(272,336)

Project	July 31, 2026	BUDGET	JULY	YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES		COURTNEY	OTHER	SCMR/STHWY
	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT							
	2026 Road Program	1,118,000	13,371	92,114		90,965	1,148	
	Culverts-Old Mill Storm Sewer	156,500	1,957	1,957		1,957		
	Sidewalk Project	78,125	5,848	9,977		9,977		
	Storm Water Regulations & Issues (Kenwyn)	25,000	12,758	36,254		36,254		
	Salt Bin Engineering	80,000		9,909			9,909	
	Guardrail Replacement	64,500		12,344		11,116	1,228	
	Broadband	705,000	49,034	206,618		206,618		
	Sink Hole Repairs Brigham/Old Mill 2025			23,094		21,966	1,128	
TOTAL	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	2,227,125	82,967	392,266		378,853	13,413	-
	\$250,000 from SCMR for Road Program							

Village of Gates Mills

Division of Police
1470 Chagrin River Road
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August 2026 Council Meeting (July Report)

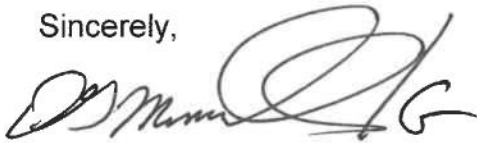
- 1) On 7/5, Officers assisted Pepper Pike with a hit-skip accident that ended on West Hill Drive with an OVI arrest.
- 2) On 7/13, a County Line resident (north of Mayfield) reported an attempted burglary at her home. Report filed and investigation ongoing.
- 3) On 7/28, A FedEx driver was bitten by a dog at a Battles Road residence while delivering a package.

Quarterly traffic camera enforcement report enclosed (Apr-Jun).

Monthly Totals:

- 56 Traffic Citations.
- 35 Warnings.
- 11 Incident/Accident reports
- 1,698 House Checks
- 7,418 Patrol Miles.

Sincerely,



Gregg Minichello
Chief of Police
Gates Mills Police Department
gminichello@gatesmillsvillage.com
440.423.4405 x 112

Village of Gates Mills · Speed Camera Citation Report

Report ending month: 06/26 ← Follows the ending month set on the Report tab

Quarterly Activity Summary

Quarter	Events							Events Review (Sensys)			Violations Review (GMPD)			Citations	
	Total Passes	Avg Speed (Total)	Passes @ 58 mph	Passes @ 59 mph	Passes @ 60+ mph	Eligible Speeders	Avg Speed (Speeders)	Events	Rejected	Rejected %	Violations	Rejected	Rejected %	Citations Issued	Citation Rate (% Eligible)
Q3 2025 (Jul-Sep)	1,438,865	45.09	1,920	1,421	3,461	6,802	60.55	6,802	1,205	17.7%	5,597	957	17.1%	4,640	68.2%
Q4 2025 (Oct-Dec)	1,262,171	44.62	1,604	1,046	2,770	5,420	60.50	5,420	1,381	25.5%	4,039	338	8.4%	3,701	68.3%
Q1 2026 (Jan-Mar)	1,081,190	44.46	1,128	807	1,826	3,761	60.39	3,761	739	19.6%	3,022	204	6.8%	2,818	74.9%
Q2 2026 (Apr-Jun)	1,234,047	44.92	1,334	903	2,394	4,631	60.62	4,631	811	17.5%	3,820	246	6.4%	3,574	77.2%
TOTAL	5,016,273	44.79	5,986	4,177	10,451	20,614	60.52	20,614	4,136	20.1%	16,478	1,745	10.6%	14,733	71.5%

Violation Rejection Reasons - Camera Company (Sensys Gatso)

Rejection Reason	12 Month	Q2 2026	Description
Camera Image	1,145	116	Image quality from camera was insufficient for positive identification or processing.
Erroneous Lane Trigger	279	80	Camera triggered by a non-citation event; the capture is not a valid speeding event.
Emergency Vehicle	267	71	Exempt by law; emergency vehicles in official capacity are not cited.
Plate Not Readable - Blocked/Missing	1,177	225	License plate is obstructed or absent; vehicle owner cannot be identified.
Plate Not Readable - Make/Model Unclear	371	87	Vehicle cannot be positively identified from the camera image.
Plate Not Readable - State Unclear	87	20	State of registration cannot be determined; DMV lookup cannot proceed.
DMV - Dealer Plate	57	7	Vehicle is on dealer plates; a registered owner for citation cannot be determined.
DMV - Out of Country Plate	27	6	Foreign-registered vehicle; Ohio DMV lookup is not available.
DMV - Vehicle Mismatch	165	38	The plate on the vehicle does not match the vehicle on file with the DMV.
DMV - Owner/Address Info Missing	21	5	DMV records lack complete owner contact information.
DMV - Vehicle Information Missing	77	22	DMV records do not contain vehicle details required for the citation.
DMV - Returned Invalid	395	92	DMV query returned an invalid or unprocessable result.
Concurrent Event	11	2	Multiple simultaneous captures created a processing conflict; event cannot be validated.
Funeral/Procession Line	0	0	Vehicle is part of a funeral procession and is exempt from citation.
Government Vehicles/Diplomatic Tags	5	1	Government or diplomatically plated vehicle; exempt from citation.
Police Action	0	0	Vehicle is involved in an active police operation at the time of capture.
Bicycle	0	0	Non-motorized vehicle; bicycles are not subject to speed camera citations.
Weather	11	0	Weather conditions compromised image quality or capture validity.
Test Event	0	0	Camera system test image; not a real speeding event.
Other	41	39	Reason for rejection does not fall within the defined categories.
Police Discretion	0	0	At the direction of or upon request from law enforcement, Sensys Gatso removes this event prior to GMPD review.
TOTAL	4,136	811	

Citation Rejection Reasons - Police Department (GMPD)			
Rejection Reason	12 Month	Q2 2026	Description
Police Discretion	1,745	246	The reviewing GMPD officer, exercising professional law enforcement judgment, determined the citation should not be issued. This may include contextual factors not visible in the camera image. This is the primary rejection reason available at the GMPD review stage.

Gates Mills Fire Department

July 2026 Council Report

DATE	NFIRS NUMBER	Address/Location	Description of Incident
07-02-26	2026-136	7640 Old Mill Road	Fire Alarm.
07-03-26	2026-137	34001 Cedar Road	Natural Gas Leak.
07-03-26	2026-138	7576 Saddleback Lane	Power Line Down.
07-03-26	2026-139	Chagrin River and Riverview Roads	Power Line Down.
07-04-26	2026-140	Chagrin River & Beverly Roads	Assist Police.
07-04-26	2026-141	590 Battles Road	Power Line Down.
07-04-26	2026-142	7142 Old Mill Road	Medical Assist.
07-04-26	2026-143	1743 Chagrin River Road	Power Line Down.
07-05-26	2026-144	7281 Cedar Crest Trail	Mutual Aid -Structure Fire.
07-05-26	2026-145	1015 West Hill Drive	Medical Assist.
07-06-26	2026-146	7660 Deerfield Lane	Power Line Down.
07-07-26	2026-147	34449 Dorchester Road	Water Problem-Hydrant.
07-07-26	2026-148	6985 Norvale Circle West	Fire Alarm.
07-07-26	2026-149	1337 Chagrin River Road	Fire Alarm.
07-08-26	2026-150	7185 Settlers Ridge Road	CO Alarm.
07-08-26	2026-151	7185 Settlers Ridge Road	CO Alarm-Loaner Given.
07-09-26	2026-152	1651 Epping Road	Public Service.
07-12-26	2026-153	470 Timberidge Road	Power Line Down.
07-16-26	2026-154	7730 Old Mill Road	Fire Alarm.
07-16-26	2026-155	1771 Chartley Road	Fire Alarm.
07-17-26	2026-156	875 Andrews Lane	Fire Alarm.
07-21-26	2026-157	12465 County Line Road	Mutual Aid-Chester Township-Fire Alarm.
07-21-26	2025-158	Chagrin River & Deerfield Roads	Natural Gas Leak.
07-22-26	2026-159	7670 Old Mills Road	MVC/ with Injuries.
07-22-26	2026-160	1199 Hillcreek Lane	Fire Alarm.
07-22-26	2026-161	1659 Berkshire Road	Fire Alarm.
07-22-26	2025-162	1804 Epping Road	Fire Alarm.
07-24-26	2026-163	7420 Main Street	Natural Gas Leak.
07-24-26	2026-164	7430 Foxboro Road	Natural gas leak
07-24-26	2026-165	Chagrin River & Brigham Roads	Power Line Down.
07-26-26	2026-166	7565 Old Mill Road	Fire alarm.
07-27-26	2026-167	6745 Gates Mills Blvd.	Fire Alarm.
07-27-26	2026-168	457 Hillside Lane	Tree Down Blocking Roadway.
07-27-26	2026-169	Chagrin River & Riverview (south)	Power Line Down-Close Roadway.
07-27-27	2026-170	7640 Old Mill Road	Fire Alarm.
07-31-26	2026-171	6850 Mayfield Road	Fire Alarm.
07-31-26	2026-172	1540 Chagrin River Road	Fire Alarm.

CURRENT MONTH TOTAL		2026 YEAR TO DATE	2025 YEAR TO DATE
G.M. FIRE	37	172	114
M.V. EMS	11	86	136
Cancelled & Releases	1	7	10

The July training topics were:

- July 4, 2026. Parade Duty, Unified Command Post Operations, Drivers Training..
- July 14, 2026. Day Crew: Master Stream and LDH test on E1412. Review new 5" Stortz fittings on replaced hydrants. Attack lines deploy on 1411 and test. Night Crew: Review ventilation saws and practices. Review Extrication equipment and procedures. Review forcible entry procedures. Preplan review for downtown area including Knox boxes.
- July 28, 2026. Review new hydrant wrenches w/Stortz Spanners. Natural Gas monitoring, use of natural gas clamp and fireguard procedures at natural gas incidents. Wildland Fire Equipment: McCleod Tool, Brush Rake, Leaf Blower, Pulaski Axe, Indian Tank, hose filler from booster tank. Forestry PPE practices and forestry firefighting procedures.

July employee anniversaries:
Lieutenant Dan Dickson – 24 years.
Lieutenant Mike Feig – 20 years.
Engineer Lee Klein – 20 years.

Thomas Majeski

August 5, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. 2026- 31

BY COUNCILMEMBER TURNER

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS TO RENEW FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS THE EXISTING ONE MILL TAX LEVY FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE OF CONSERVING, RETAINING, PROTECTING AND PRESERVING LAND, WATER, FOREST, OPEN, NATURAL OR WETLAND AREAS IN THIS MUNICIPALITY PREDOMINANTLY IN THEIR NATURAL, SCENIC, OPEN OR WOODED CONDITION OR AS SUITABLE HABITAT FOR FISH, PLANTS OR WILDLIFE, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY OR INTERESTS THEREIN AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THAT PURPOSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 1 of the Charter of this Village, at the November 2, 2021 general election, the electors of this Village approved an amendment to the Charter of this Village authorizing, among other things, the renewal of a one mill property tax levy for the public purpose of conserving, retaining, protecting and preserving land, water, forest, open or wetland areas in this Municipality predominantly in their natural, scenic, open or wooded condition or as suitable habitat for fish, plants or wildlife, including the acquisition of such real property or interests therein as may be necessary to carry out that purpose; and

WHEREAS, calendar year 2026 is the final year for collection of the proceeds of that tax levy and Council hereby determines that in order to continue to provide funding for that land conservation and open space program it is necessary to continue to receive the proceeds of that tax levy without interruption and for this purpose and pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 1 of the Charter of the Village of Gates Mills, further determines to authorize and direct the submission to the electors of this Village of the proposed Charter amendment herein set forth at the election to be held on November 3, 2026, which election is not less than 60 nor more than 120 days from the date of passage of this Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Cuyahoga County, State of Ohio, not less than two-thirds of all the member thereto concurring, that:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Ohio Constitution and Article XII, Section 1 of the Charter of the Village of Gates Mills, this Council hereby authorizes and directs the submission to the electors of the Village of Gates Mills at an election to be held at the usual places of voting in said Village on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, of the following proposal to amend the Charter of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio:

That existing Section 5 of Article VIII of the Charter be amended to read as follows:

"SECTION 5. LEVY FOR LAND CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE FUND.

Commencing with the tax list and duplicate for the year ~~2021~~ **2026**, the Council may levy in each year for a period of five years, without a vote of the people, a tax in an amount not to exceed in each such year one mill per dollar of assessed valuation upon all property in the Municipality assessed and listed for taxation according to value for the public purpose of conserving, retaining, protecting and preserving land, water, forest, open, natural or wetland areas in this Municipality predominantly in their natural, scenic, open or wooded condition or as suitable habitat for fish, plants or wildlife, including the acquisition of such real property or interests therein as may be necessary to carry out that purpose. The amount of taxes in each year so levied pursuant to this Section shall not be subject to the limitations on the rate of taxation provided in this Charter and shall be in addition to any taxes levied by Council pursuant to any provision of this Charter or the general laws of the State of Ohio. There is hereby established a special fund of the Municipality, to be known as the "Land Conservation and Open Space Fund", into which the proceeds of the tax levied pursuant to this Section shall be deposited. Moneys credited to that fund shall be invested in such investments as permitted by law provided, however, that all investment earnings (including interest earnings) thereon shall be credited to that fund. The Council of the Municipality may enter into such agreements from time to time as it may determine to be necessary with nonprofit organizations which are organized for the aforesaid purpose, including the Gates Mills Land Conservancy, all in furtherance of carrying out the aforesaid public purpose, including the appropriation and payment of any moneys as may be necessary from the Land Conservation and Open Space Fund to such nonprofit organization pursuant to any such agreement."

SECTION 2. If the foregoing amendment receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors voting thereon, it shall become effective from and after the time of its approval by the electors.

SECTION 3. It is the desire of this Council that the ballots for said question shall be in substantially the following form:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT
RENEWING A ONE MILL LEVY FOR LAND CONSERVATION
AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES
VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

Shall Section 5 of Article VIII of the Charter be amended to renew an existing tax levy for the public purpose of conserving, retaining, protecting and preserving land, water, forest, open, natural or wetland areas in this Municipality predominantly in their natural, scenic, open or wooded condition or as suitable habitat for fish, plants or wildlife, including the acquisition of such real property or interests therein as may be necessary to carry out that purpose, at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$0.10 for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027?

	YES
	NO

SECTION 4. The Clerk is authorized and directed to forward a certified copy of this ordinance to the Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County before September 4, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

SECTION 5. The Board of Elections of Cuyahoga County is hereby requested to cause an appropriate notice to be duly given of the election to be held on November 3, 2026, on the foregoing amendment to the Charter of the Village and otherwise to provide for such election in the manner provided by the general laws of the State of Ohio.

SECTION 6. The Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause the full text of such proposed Charter amendment to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the Village of Gates Mills, with the first publication to be made at least fifteen days prior to the election to be held on November 3, 2026, as provided in Article XVIII, Section 9 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio and in Section 731.211 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 7. There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund a sufficient sum of money to pay the costs of carrying out the authorizations and directions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law.

SECTION 9. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety in that it is necessary that it become effective immediately in order to permit necessary arrangements and filings to be made in sufficient time for the aforesaid election; wherefore, this Ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed the ____ day of _____, 2026.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-25

BY: COUNCILMEMBER GRECO

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 155.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS TO ELIMINATE THE TREASURY INVESTMENT BOARD.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Village's municipal home rule power set forth in Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution, this Council desires to pre-empt state law and exercise its powers of local self-government with respect to its financial decisions to enact an amendment to its investment policy as set forth in Section 155.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills to eliminate the Treasury Investment Board provided for therein;

WHEREAS, by this amendment the Village shall eliminate the Treasury Investment Board, and the Village Treasurer shall continue to authorize investment decisions by the Village's Investment Advisor and report to the Council those investment decisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio, that:

Section 1: Section 155.04, Investment Policy, of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills is hereby amended to hereinafter provide as follows (and remaining subsections shall be re-lettered accordingly):

"155.04 INVESTMENT POLICY.

(a) Definitions.

(1) "Eligible Investment" means any investment described in subsection (i) hereof.

(2) "Investment Advisor" means a person or entity which the Council has determined has the experience, and training, to provide advice and recommendations in regard to overall portfolio investment strategy as well as individual investments of Village funds with whom the Village has contracted in writing to provide such advice and such recommendations.

(3) "Public Moneys" means all moneys in the treasury of the Village or moneys coming lawfully into possession of the Treasurer.

(4) "Qualified Securities Dealer" means a securities dealer who is a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc.

(5) "Uniform Depository Act" means Chapter 135 of the Ohio Revised Code ("ORC"), and all amendments thereto.

~~(b) Treasury Investment Board. There is hereby established a Treasury Investment Board, consisting of the Treasurer and not less than two members of Council who shall be appointed by Council and shall be, ex officio, members of the Finance Committee of Council.~~

(eb) Scope. All public moneys of the Village on deposit with an Eligible Depository (any institution described in ORC 135.03) may be invested by the Treasurer or such official's designee, or by the Village's Investment Advisor, upon approval of the Treasurer or such official's designee

in the Eligible Investments described below. The Treasurer is authorized to pool cash balances of the several funds of the Village for investment.

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Section 2: Section 155.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills as it existed prior to the effective date of this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed this ____ day of _____, 2026.

President of Council

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Clerk

Mayor

RESOLUTION NO.: 2026-38

BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH SITEWORX UNLIMITED, LLC FOR THE CHAGRIN RIVER HEADWALL REPAIRS AND THE CARPENTER CULVERT REPAIRS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Village has received a quote from Siteworx Unlimited, LLC to perform much needed emergency repairs to the Chagrin River headwall repairs and a storm water culvert on Carpenter Road (the "Work") to conserve land areas affected by storm water runoff and for a total cost of \$35,000, as set forth in the quote dated August 14, 2026, attached hereto as Exhibit A;

WHEREAS, the Village Engineer has recommended that the Village enter into a contract with Siteworx Unlimited, LLC to perform the Work on the basis of the quote attached as Exhibit A for a total amount not to exceed \$35,000;

WHEREAS, the Village of Gates Mills desires to enter into a contract with Siteworx Unlimited, LLC for the Work on the basis of the recommendation of the Village Engineer in the amount of \$35,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it Resolved by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Council of the Village of Gates Mills authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract with Siteworx Unlimited, LLC for the Work set forth in the quote attached hereto as Exhibit A for a total amount not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000).

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and related to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate protection of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is necessary in order to complete the Chagrin River headwall repairs and the Carpenter Road culvert repairs at the earliest possible time for the health and safety of the public and within this construction season; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of Council elected or appointed thereto, it shall take effect immediately upon its passage and execution by the Mayor; otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed the _____ day of _____, 2026.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor

EXHIBIT A



SITWORX
Unlimited, LLC

SiteWorx Unlimited, LLC.

4200 GP Easterly Road
West Farmington Ohio 44491

Contact: Mia Davis
Phone: 216-970-9208
Email: mia@siteworxunlimited.com

Quote To: Village of Gates Mills

Contact: Chris Courtney
Phone: 440-449-4005
Email: ccourtney@ccwcourtney.com

Job Name: Headwall/Culvert Repair
Date of Bid: 08/14/26
Estimate No.: 26-1083
Revision Date:
Submitted By: Mia Davis
Phone: 216-970-9208

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
10	CHAGRIN RIVER HEADWALL REPAIRS	1.00	LS	25,000.00	25,000.00
20	CARPENTER CULVERT REPAIRS	1.00	LS	10,000.00	10,000.00
GRAND TOTAL					\$35,000.00

NOTES:

SCOPE OF WORK:

- Chagrin River Road Culvert - complete emergency repairs for a price not to exceed \$25,000.00
- Carpenter Road - complete emergency repairs to two culverts for a price not to exceed \$10,000.00

EXCLUSIONS

- Sales Tax
- SWPPP Reports or Inspections
- Bonds
- Undercutting of unsuitable subgrade
- Compaction testing
- Permit
- Hauling off other trades spoils
- Rock Excavation Dewatering
- Fees of any kind
- Rubber Seal: around storm structures
- Contaminated soil removal
- Inspection costs
- Street Opening Permit; or ROW permit
- Asphalt or concrete work
- Seeding, Topsoil Respread, and Landscaping
- Site electrical and gas line work

NOTES

- We reserve the right to test dig before entering into a contract.
- General Contractor to lay out all utilities.

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-39

BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL BY SALE OF A VEHICLE THAT IS UNFIT, OBSOLETE AND UNNEEDED FOR VILLAGE PURPOSES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Chief of Police are recommending the disposal by sale of a Village police vehicle no longer used by the Police Department, which is unneeded, obsolete and unfit for continued municipal police purposes – i.e., a 2017 model year Ford Interceptor (VIN - 1FM5K8AR3HGD92370) (the “Vehicle”);

WHEREAS, Section 721.15 of the Ohio Revised Code provides for the discarding of such municipal personal property by authorization of the Village Council;

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has received quotes for the sale of the Vehicle and received an offer from CarMax to purchase the Vehicle for \$3,000, which offer is time sensitive;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule authority under Article XVIII, Section 3, of the Ohio Constitution, and notwithstanding the procedural requirements for such vehicle sales under R.C. 721.15, this Council determines that it is in the best interests of the Village and in furtherance of the general welfare of the public to sell the Vehicle to CarMax for \$3,000 as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1: The Chief of Police is authorized to dispose of the Vehicle described in the recitals of this Ordinance by its sale for the price of \$3,000 for the reason that the Vehicle is unneeded, obsolete and unfit for Village purposes.

Section 2: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure as an exercise of local self-government pursuant to Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Ohio Constitution and necessary for the immediate preservation of the general welfare of the public and the Village, and for the further reason that the offer to purchase the aforesaid Vehicle is time sensitive and the opportunity for this sale will be lost without immediate consummation thereof; therefore, provided it receives two-thirds of the vote of all members of Council elected thereto, this Ordinance shall be in full

force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed the ____ day of _____, 2026.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 - 40

BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN SUMS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That, by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, State of Ohio, the following sums be transferred between funds. The Finance Administrator is hereby authorized to make such transfer, as follows:

From the:	GENERAL FUND
To the:	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND
Amount:	\$1,000,000.00

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall go into immediate effect.

PASSED: _____, 2026

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mayor

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 41
BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
NO. 2025-51 TO INCREASE CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS AND
OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS, OHIO FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.**

SECTION 1. Be it ordained by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio that the following amendment be made to the annual Appropriation Ordinance 2025-51 as passed by Council on December 16, 2025.

SECTION 2. That the appropriation from the Cemetery Fund Expenses be increased by \$8,000.

SECTION 3. That the appropriation from the Land Conservation Fund be increased by \$35,000.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, convenience and welfare for reasons apparent from the contents of said ordinance and therefore this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed the _____ day of _____, 2026.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-42
BY COUNCILMEMBER TURNER**

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AS
PUBLIC DEPOSITORY FOR THE FUNDS OF THE VILLAGE OF GATES
MILLS**

WHEREAS, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. is qualified under applicable law and regulations to be a depository for the funds of the Village of Gates Mills and Council wishes to designate these banks as depositories; and

WHEREAS, Council further wishes to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. designating the bank as depository.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. is hereby designated depository of the funds of the Village for a period of five years commencing August 23, 2026 and ending August 22, 2031, and the Treasurer of the Village and other Village officials be, and they are hereby, authorized and instructed to enter into such contracts and to do all things necessary and proper to carry out the terms and provisions of the Uniform Depository Act and of this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. This Council finds and determines that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in open meetings of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council that resulted in those formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period provided by law.

Passed the ____ day of _____, 2026.

President of Council

ATTEST:

Clerk

APPROVED:

Mayor