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VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
COUNCIL AGENDA
JULY 21, 2026
5:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY HOUSE, 1460 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 June 16, 2026. Clerk.
3. Oath of Office to Firefighter Noah Scanlon. Mayor.
4. Pay Ordinance # 1311 \$627,706.42. Clerk.
5. Mayor's Report. Mayor.
6. Financial Report. Mayor.
7. Clerk's Report. Clerk.
8. Treasurer's Report. Spear.
9. Police Department Report. Minichello.
10. Service Department Report. Biggert.
11. Fire Department Report. Majeski.
12. Report of the Ad Hoc Levy Committee. Young.
13. **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.
14. **Ordinance No. 2026-31** (Second 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.

15. **Ordinance No. 2026-35**

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.

(Park line item in Service Dept. Other Expenses for Arboretum stair replacement.)

16. **Resolution No. 2026-36**

Mayor.

Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2026.

17. Executive Session.

18. Council Discussion.

19. Business from the Audience.

20. 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
June 16, 2026

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held at the Community House on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Siemborski presiding. The meeting was live-streamed to the internet.

1. Roll Call starts at 4:10

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

Other Village officials present were Treasurer Spear, Service Director Biggert, Police Chief Minichello, Fire Chief Majeski, Fire Captain Feig, Village Engineer Courtney, and Lisa Mack of Roetzel & Andress (Acting Law Director).

2. Motion for Charles Spear to be Acting Clerk for the meeting starts at 4:24

Councilmember Greco made a motion to appoint Treasurer Spear as Acting Clerk. Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of May 19, 2026 starts at 4:50

Councilmember Turner moved to approve the May 19, 2026 minutes, and Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

4. Pay Ordinance # 1310 \$546,827.57 starts at 5:46

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve Pay Ordinance #1310, and Councilmember Greco seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

5. Mayor's Report starts at 6:47

- 4th of July Celebration

The parade is going to be bigger, better, longer and noisier than in the past with two Scottish Kiltie bands, the Mayfield School ensemble, 200th anniversary merchandise, and an early morning balloon launch. Nominations for someone who has risen to the occasion are being gathered, and the winners will be given the opportunity to ride in a balloon.

- School Pedestrian Bridge - starts at 10:08

The bridge has been constructed, and Council will be asked to approve later on the agenda about \$75,000 for the abutment work.

- Conservation Levy - starts at 11:19

Gates Mills Land Conservancy President Jamie Carracher is in the audience to answer questions if need be. The ad hoc committee, made up of Councilmembers Young and Turner and the Mayor, and the Land Conservancy all recognize that there is continuing need in the Village for a fund and for a focus on land conservation, open spaces, and clean waters. We have been blessed, as stewards of this village the last 35 years, to have the resources to do that. We also recognize that each of us has strengths. There are particular things that the Land Conservancy can do and has been doing well, and there are things that the Village can do as a municipality that a nonprofit maybe can't do. Likewise, there are things that a nonprofit can make themselves available for, including some funding, that a municipality can't. To have two organizations that are complimentary to each other and not at odds is the way to go. We've identified some of the village needs and have allocated those needs into what is best done by the Land Conservancy and what might be best done by the village. We will propose that the funding of the levy be allocated along those lines. We have a target percentage of what we think the Village and the Land Conservancy should split on a going forward basis. We will start working on an agreement between the Village and the Land Conservancy but wanted to have a first reading tonight to get the levy language squared up and ready for sharing with the County in early September.

- Wastewater - starts at 13:33

We continue to work on the documents between the Village and the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club as well as on the voluminous funding documents.

We were not selected by the State of Ohio for any of the state capital improvement project money that is in their 2027 and 2028 budgets. We had submitted two projects, and we will work forward without any help from the state in the next two years on those projects.

- 2024 and 2025 Audit - starts at 15:02

Draft results of the state mandated biannual audit through December 31, 2025 have been received and reviewed by the Finance Administrator and the Mayor. It will be shared with Council once it's approved by the Auditor of State. We received an unqualified audit opinion on a statutory basis, which is the high standard that one aspires to. There were two management letter comments - observations on control and procedural matters. None of those would rise to a material weakness or anything of

that severity. It's good governance to respond to those in writing, and we'll attach a letter that acknowledges the comments and gives our view on their suggestions.

- Town Hall & Village Center - starts at 15:55

This week windows were installed to replace single pane windows from 1935 in the police locker room at Town Hall. Rearranging the walls will improve the squad room and locker room.

Councilmember Onysko walked around the Village Center area today with architect Dick Kawalek and found places we could enjoy more, places that should be green but they are not, and a hidden pristine view of the river. He stated he views his job as to look at the area, propose ideas, and get community engagement to figure out if those ideas are something we want to do or not.

Mayor Siemborski thanked Service Director Biggert and the Service Dept for making the Village look really nice for the Fourth of July.

6. Financial Report attached and on the website starts at 18:44

Treasurer Spear previously advised the Mayor that he found a typo in the first paragraph under "General Fund" in the Financial Report. "Municipal income taxes were \$80,104 higher this year compared to last year-to-date" should be \$180,104.

Mayor Siemborski reported we are spending more money at a higher pace than we would like. We are finding that expenses for things like construction projects are higher and contractor availability is less than we had planned. We may need to slow down a project or two if we want to stay within our budget, or recognize as we move into the third quarter that it is just going to cost us more money.

Councilmember Turner asked for details on the Misc category of Other Sources of Revenue (2026 budget of \$316,750/current month of \$6,000/year to date \$13,587/year to date last year \$261,235). Mayor Siemborski responded the 2026 budget amount includes an estimated \$250,000 for proceeds from the sale of Dan Kish's property - it's actually \$265,000. The year-to-date last year was road reimbursements received for prior year disbursements. Also, August 6 storm damage refund. Finance Administrator Mulh previously recapped the items in this category at the bottom of the page and should do that going forward.

7. Clerk's Report - None

8. Treasurer's Report - starts at 22:37

Treasurer Spear has scheduled the next quarterly review meeting with Ancora for the 8th of July at 10 a.m. in the Village Town Hall Council Chambers. All are invited to attend. Materials will be ready by the 5th or 6th and available upon request.

When Mr. Spear became Treasurer in January, he evaluated each of the more than 40 positions in the Village's Ancora portfolio to make certain Ancora was complying with Council's directives in the investment policy. Since that initial evaluation, he has reviewed each of the portfolio transactions that have taken place and

he has found no compliance issues. In 2026, we had six issues that matured and one that has been called, and those issues were yielding 1.67% on average. We deployed the money in new investments and the average on those investments is 4.575%. We have an additional \$1,350,000 that will mature next year, and it has an average yield of 1.3%. We should be able to roll that.

That being said, we're down more than \$1,000,000 in the general fund. We are up a couple hundred thousand in the other funds, but the money we have to invest is going to be smaller than budgeted. We're on the numbers now and he thinks we can stay there, but don't expect any pop off the budgeted numbers.

Councilmember Greco asked what our investment policy says. Those are minimal returns. Are we that conservative? The Treasurer replied it is a quite conservative investment policy. A summary was put together when Council passed the investment policy in 2024. Councilmember Greco asked when is the next time we can look at possibly changing the policy, and Treasurer Spear replied at any time.

The Treasurer reported there are two bills - one in the House, one in the Senate, identical language - expected to pass. These two bills say a municipality that does not have speed cameras now and wants them will need voter approval. If a municipality has speed cameras, like Gates Mills, and needs to renegotiate or make changes to a contract, it will require voter approval. The Mayor believes we're two years away from our contract ending.

9. Police Department Report attached and on the website starts at 29:16

Regarding the speed cameras installation on Mayfield Road near St. Francis, neither Police Chief Minichello nor Village Prosecutor Cicero find it necessary to provide a warning period upon activation. The Mayor did receive a call from a resident asking that we send out a notice to villagers to alert them to the date the additional cameras go live. Once operational, the cameras will be on all the time to enforce the normal speed during non-school hours and to enforce the school zone speed during school hours.

Councilmember Onysko explained the Google sheet titled "Speed Camera Citation Report" is now updated in real time - as soon as we get the information filtered in, all the calculations are done automatically. This sheet is dated April - not May, because May isn't complete. This report can be brought to monthly Council meetings or to quarterly Council meetings or available online all the time from anywhere as a public link. Councilmember Steinbrink prefers quarterly meetings to eliminate some of the monthly noise and hand ringing when the data isn't complete. Chances are data is more consistent and reliable when looking at a prior quarter. Councilmember Turner finds the detail helpful in understanding the rejections. The Police Chief pointed out the Mayfield Road traffic volume has dropped off significantly during the Chester Township construction project that is expected to last for two months.

Councilmember Perez asked if there was an update on the collections agreement. The Police Chief received an email today that Lyndhurst Court's vendor and Sensys Gatso have worked out all the bugs. They are testing and sending out final judgements right now. Councilmember Perez asked if the revenue from the collections can be incorporated into the Google sheet too. Police Chief Minichello answered the

collection revenue is a different dynamic because Lyndhurst Court will not collect the funds - after the notices go out, the collection agency will receive the money and then send it on to us.

10. Service Department Report attached and on the website starts at 38:03

The road repair on Chagrin River Road currently leaving a portion of the lane closed is due to a water main break that went into the road. If nothing develops tomorrow, the Service Director will convey the lane needs to be opened.

11. Fire Department Report attached and on the website starts at 40:07

The Fire Chief reported Cleveland Water is expediting hydrant repairs and hydrant replacements - with updated hydrants that have the new Storz connection on the front so all regional mutual aid companies can hook up to anybody's hydrant. The hydrants installed by Cleveland Water have a silver top and an orange body. We have painted them green in the past to blend in more with the historic area. Councilmember Turner does not see any problem with the hydrants being orange. Her observation is about safety and finding hydrants during an emergency.

Fire Chief Majeski described the storm damage at 1960 Woodstock when a very large tree hit part of the house Sunday night.

Councilmember Broome asked what the source of the haz mat spill in the ravine on Hillcreek in May was. The Fire Chief responded that it's the 8 foot diameter pipe that drains into that creek from Mayfield Heights. The State EPA thinks it was a transient event where somebody dumped something down the sewer, and it collected in the ravine. By the next morning when we did another scan of the area, it had abated.

Councilmember Turner did not receive the summary sent out after last month's discussion about EMS transport and non-transport calls. The Fire Chief stated the summary indicated a very low percentage of no transports. Treat and release patients, invalid assists, motor vehicle crashes where we respond and get billed for the call but the person refuses service, or we get to the scene and the person signs off against medical advice are all categories pooled in that small percentage.

12. **Ordinance No. 2026-25 (Third Second Reading)** starts at 46:47

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

Law Director Hunt had suggested he take responsibility for laying out the roles and responsibilities of a member on the Treasury Investment Board for presentation at next month's meeting. The Board never had its duties articulated when it was created. The Mayor has checked with Councilmember Greco, sponsor of this ordinance, and she is satisfied with that.

Ordinance No. 2026-25 remains on second reading.

13. **Resolution No. 2026-30 (First Reading)** starts at 48:13

“A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Tax Budget for the Village of Gates Mills for Fiscal Year 2027; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Mayor Siemborski. Finance Administrator Mulh prepared a budget, and a Councilmember was good enough to examine it in detail, to be submitted to the County by July 20th as evidence of our need for the millage from all our levies to operate sufficiently.

Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-30 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 Resolution No. 2026-30 and Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

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

14. **Ordinance No. 2026-31 (First Reading)** starts at 50:06

“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.

This will be the eighth time that this tax levy has appeared on the ballot since 1991. It successfully passed each time. The levy is expected to raise \$1,300,000 over the next five-year period for conservation and preservation tasks. This year, after discussion between the Village and the Land Conservancy, the Mayor and the Vice President and the President of the Land Conservancy agreed to an 80/20 split of the monies based on the responsibilities that each entity has for these tasks - with 80% going to the Land Conservancy and 20% to the Village. The Land Conservancy Board met on June 9th and agreed to this split in concept, and they will be voting after reviewing the terms submitted by the Village. We received a letter from the Land Conservancy saying that the Board met and discussed the levy and our proposed terms for the Village’s agreement with the Land Conservancy, and the Board will enthusiastically support the levy and related agreement between the Village and the Land Conservancy.

The Mayor added this ordinance is on first reading today to begin the process of presenting the levy to the County Board of Elections to put on the November ballot. We’ve always planned on three readings and a town hall meeting so that others in the Village are informed. This is a once in a five-year review and discussion. The next steps are for the Village to work with the Land Conservancy and put together the update

to the agreement that exists. The agreement does not need to be presented to the voters at the ballot box, but voters find it compelling to understand if they're taxed, how the money will be used. We as a village have done those processes concurrently, so that by the time the levy goes to the ballot, it's been agreed to what the next five years will look like.

Questions and comments starts at 53:36 -

Greco - Wasn't the allocation, in recent history, a 50/50 split? And that changed just recently?

Turner - Yes and yes. In the first six times that this came before the villagers, the distribution was 95% to the Land Conservancy and 5% to the Village. Five years ago, the seventh time, there was discussion in the community along with the Land Conservancy saying that the need for acquisition was not as great as it had been and the focus was more on maintenance along with key acquisition, and the split became 50/50. What happened this year in the discussion was that the Village proposed tasks that were deemed to be necessary for preservation and conservation along with some monies for the acquisition of properties and the purchase of conservation easements. And in turn the village outlined some tasks that it needs money for. The breakdown ended up being 80/20.

Greco - Do we get to comment on that, or has it already been decided that it's 80/20?

Siemborski - It's been recommended to Council, and it's Council's ultimate decision. The 50/50 was never supported by any calculation. It was an amount that was agreed to because they couldn't agree to anything else five years ago. We started the current process by identifying what the needs are - invasives, acquisition of land, easement and deed restriction documentation, etc. - and identifying what entity, Land Conservancy or village, is best suited to do that work. It became 80% of the work fell under the expertise and knowledge that the Land Conservancy and their Board have been demonstrating for years. The other 20% of the work is for the village to do - things that the Land Conservancy may not want to do, but it does need to get done.

Greco - Prior to this, the Land Conservancy would have to come to the village and ask for money from the Villages's 50% kept?

Siemborski - The agreement always had the amount allocated at the beginning of the period. They would only need to come to the village if there was something they needed that was beyond their current ability.

Greco - She would like to discuss this more.

Perez - It would be helpful to see the task identification to support the 80/20 split. Knowing we can't advocate for a levy, how will we communicate the split and the tasks with the residents, so they have an understanding of the mission?

Turner - Communicating to the villagers was going to be the next step, if there was some understanding of what the distribution would be. We will have to wait for that discussion. We have three months. It needs to be passed by the August meeting, so we

can get it to the Board of Elections by September 3rd. That leaves September and October to communicate with villagers.

Onysko - Why does it say emergency?

Turner - It shouldn't be an emergency. (Clerk's Note: It needs to be declared an emergency, because an August approval would have to go into effect immediately, instead of waiting 30 days, to meet the September 3rd Board of Elections deadline.

Two often confused terms - When you are "suspending the rules", you are suspending the three readings. When you are "declaring an emergency", you are making it go into effect immediately, instead of after 30 days.)

Greco - Concerning the language of the levy that's going to be presented on the ballot, it says "...at a rate not exceeding 1 mill for each dollar of valuation...". She believes it should say "1 mill for each dollar of assessed valuation of all property in the village". That's what it really is. It's the assessed property value combined, instead of saying one mill for each dollar of valuation.

Steinbrink - He does not know that we can change the language, because it's been grandfathered in under the roll back with the State of Ohio. If we make any changes, then we lose the roll back.

Siemborski - We will confer with the Law Director and the Finance Administrator, and we'll be able to respond back to Council at the next meeting or in advance on if we can change the language.

Steinbrink - From a timing standpoint, it's now June first reading, July second reading, August third reading. We will still have to declare an emergency so it goes into effect immediately after the third reading, and we don't have the agreement. Will the agreement be at the July meeting for Council to approve?

Siemborski - We're going to take the current agreement, mark it up, and send it back to the Land Conservancy, as well as the Law Director and the ad hoc committee. We should be able to get that done by the July meeting.

Broome - Councilmember Steinbrink's point was if it's going into effect immediately in August, we still have to suspend right?

Steinbrink - In August, at least for the agreement.

Ordinance No. 2026-31 remains on first reading.

15. Resolution No. 2026-32 (First Reading) starts at 1:02:32

"A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Siteworx Unlimited, LLC for the Old Mill Storm Sewer Replacement Project and Declaring an Emergency" was read by the Mayor.

The Mayor and the Village Engineer described at the bottom of Old Mill and River Roads, there has been a drainage problem for a number of years. Close to 300 feet of piping needs to be extracted, curbs taken out and reconfigured, and put back in.

On the other side of the driveway, as the water dumps into the river, there's another 100 feet of very steeply sloped piping, and we have to put in a couple drop structures. This was identified to Council in March and April as a \$125,000 item, and it was explained that the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District was able to fund this with contributions that they give us every year from the community cost share program - some of which we had not used and some that they would lend us going forward. After this was bid, no bids came in at the \$125,000 level. We reexamined the requirement and upped our estimate to \$160,000, rebid the project, and received one bid for \$173,000. Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District is willing to amend the financing to include the entire amount.

Councilmember Broome asked what's the downside if we don't fix it. The Village Engineer explained if you look at that area right now, there's a hole next to the driveway. During heavy rain the water comes down the storm sewer right up to the driveway. The storm sewer is broken downstream from the driveway. A big mess of a whirlpool is created in that void, and it blows all the stone up out of there and into the road and then it washes down across the bridge. It poses a safety issue with motorcyclists and bicyclists; especially is they're coming down the hill or trying to cross the bridge. It creates a cleanup problem for the Service Dept.

Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-32 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Greco seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-32 and Councilmember Greco seconded the motion.

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

At 1:07:42 Mayor Siemborski stated the next two resolutions on the agenda cover other work that Siteworx has won the bidding for. Resolution No. 2026-33 is for the Arboretum and Resolution No. 2026-34 is the bridge abutment work for the prefabricated sidewalk bridge. Apologies for getting the paperwork to Council in just the last couple hours as one bid was finalized on Friday and the other one today.

Moved to Agenda Item No. 17. **Resolution No. 2026-34 (First Reading)**

"A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Siteworx Unlimited, LLC for the Downtown Sidewalk-Bridge Abutments and Sidewalk Completion Work and Declaring an Emergency" was read by the Mayor.

Village Engineer Courtney explained this is a continuation of the downtown sidewalk project started last year. We completed the work last year on the sidewalk portion and left for this year the three components of the bridge (foundations, sidewalk connections, and the bridge itself, which is complete). Now the excavation on each

bank above the ordinary high-water mark will be completed and new concrete foundations will be formed and poured along with the necessary mechanical equipment to attach the bridge. This will have to be cured for about 30 days. Then the bridge will be delivered and set onto the foundations with a crane, followed by completing the two little pieces of sidewalk on each side. Pictures and plans were emailed out to Council and are here tonight at the end of the table. The proposal from Siteworx received earlier today is for \$74,880 - in line with our estimate.

We've been working on this since early May. For both this and the next project, we requested proposals from 14 or 15 different contractors. Both of these projects are unique and niche. Some of the contractors were uncomfortable with that, and others may have been capable but did not have time in their schedule. We were able to get proposals from Siteworx, already working downtown, that worked within our budgetary constraints.

Councilmember Steinbrink recalled this was all discussed late last year during the sidewalk project talks and this was the one piece that we budgeted for, but we didn't approve. The Village Engineer agreed and the Mayor added the only item that should be left is any landscaping the neighbors may feel needs to be looked at. Councilmember Perez asked if road striping would be another cost, and the Village Engineer answered striping will occur this week and the cost is part of the 2026 roadway maintenance contract. Keep in mind we're going to be rebuilding Colvin and resurfacing Glenwood at the end of July, so there will be some additional crosswalk painting in conjunction with those jobs. Councilmember Perez and others are appreciative of the sidewalk during camp season. The Village Engineer wants to get the bridge in before school's opening. Suspending the rules tonight will allow us to set the bridge by the end of July.

Councilmember Steinbrink moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-34 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Perez seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-34 and Councilmember Perez seconded the motion.

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

16. Resolution No. 2026-33 (First Reading) starts at 1:14:19

"A resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Siteworx Unlimited, LLC for the Arboretum Stairs Work and Declaring an Emergency" was read by Mayor Siemborski. The stairs at the Arboretum are timber stairs, several are rotted, most are wet. In cold or icy conditions, they're extremely dangerous. As part of our project with the Garden Club to rebuild the Arboretum and the wildflower preserve, the steps were identified as something that was needed. We could keep the cost to the \$35,000

by having the Service Dept do the rails and the lighting. We need the expertise of the cement contractors to pour the stairs.

Village Engineer Courtney detailed the stairs. At the entrance to the Arboretum, there's a piece of sidewalk, that's adjacent to the main walk, that is pitched down towards the top of the stairs. We're going to take that off and make that a flat landing at the top, adjacent to the sidewalk. Then there will be a series of three landings and three sets of three or four steps. Once you get beyond the bottom set of stairs, the sidewalk will be ramped slightly and will flare out at the end, making a rather dramatic entrance into the Arboretum. With the black metal railings and the lighting, it'll be quite nice. There is a minimum amount of clearing - one 6" tree and a couple saplings. The work will be removal of the tree and saplings, removal of the existing rotted timber stairs and the gravel that's infilled in them, grading out for the new stairs, getting all formed up and poured, along with the sidewalk that would be done at the end.

Councilmember Broome asked about item 90 in the quote, "Concrete Steps", being measured in cubic feet. The Village Engineer replied the volume of concrete that's going into the stairs is calculated based on the number of cubic feet, as opposed to a sidewalk that would be priced out by the square foot. Stairs are typically going to be far more expensive than a sidewalk given the intricacy of the form work and the change in elevation, etc.

Councilmember Steinbrink asked if this area is prone to flooding. The Service Director does not recall flooding in the Arboretum, only down in the park toward the end of the Arboretum. The Village Engineer believes the area will be predominantly dry.

The Mayor stated if Council approves this, it would be a good candidate for the Village to submit a request to the Purcell Fund for possible funding.

Councilmember Broome asked if we advertised in the paper and Village Engineer Courtney explained the bid limit is \$75,000. With both the abutment and the Arboretum stairs, our estimate was that each project should be under \$75,000. Therefore, we're allowed to just request quotes from contractors, and we don't have to go through the public bidding process. Each one of these projects was seen by at least 14-15 contractors.

Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-33 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Greco seconded the motion.

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

Nays: Young

Motion carried.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-33 and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion.

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

Nays: Young

Motion carried.

18. Council Discussion - starts at 1:21:24

Councilmember Broome thanked Henry, who thinks 200 years is as old as donuts, very much for the wonderful 200th Gates Mills birthday card. Councilmembers Steinbrink, Turner, and Perez enjoyed their cards. Clerk DeCapite would have given a shout out to David, who thinks 200 years is as old as dinosaurs, had she been in attendance.

At 1:22:18 Councilmember Onysko, now part of the Aging Well Committee, has heard many hours of discussion from multiple people that there is very limited signage and the letters are missing from the antiquated sign that we do have in front of the Community House. You can only display one sign at a time. He researched and found it's \$8000 for a unit you can program to rotate through and depending on what you build around it, might approach \$25,000. His intention is to give the village the ability to do it, and he wants to know how to do that.

Discussion starts at 1:25:00 -

Siemborski - You're looking to have us evaluate whether we could get an electronic sign in front of this building versus the old sign?

Onysko - I wanted to give you the ability to actually do it.

Siemborski - We have a sign ordinance that needs to be looked at and complied with.

Biggert - The exterior lighting piece is part of the sign ordinance.

Siemborski - We would need to look at that ordinance and see whether the different elements in there comply. If they don't comply, we would have to seek a variance or a change to the ordinance. Since we're in the historic district and it's an architectural monument, we would need both the Architectural Board and the Historical Review Board to look at it. So we have three facets to deliberate. Eventually Council needs to have a discussion because this is not something in our current budget.

Onysko - As soon as you said we have no digital signs, that takes that.

Siemborski - We spent a lot of time in the last election year with residents, with signs, with sizes, and unfortunately a few of them we had to take to court. So we're pretty straight up with the sign ordinance to make sure it's followed. If it needs to be looked at and an element changed, it can be done by Council.

Biggert - Something like this comes around every couple of years. Who do we want Gates Mills to be? He always thought we wanted to be the quaint New England kind of place, not the flashy fire coming across the signs. That's why the sign ordinance was created to control things like this.

Steinbrink - If Council wants to refer digital signage to Planning and Zoning, he is more than happy to do that. He will tell you when these things have come up in the past, residents typically show up in force. Aesthetics is all in the eye of the beholder.

Siemborski - Is there a sense from the majority of Council to refer this to P & Z to take a look at? (Two hands raised)

Perez - She is okay with the discussion happening and would want to hear what the pros and cons are, and then give residents the opportunity to weigh in.

Broome - He would expect significant community engagement on this. A lot of it has to do with what technology enables. The first thing he thinks when he hears this is an LED sign.

Turner - The thought of improving things so Fire Captain Feig doesn't have to struggle with the current sign is appealing. The digital electronic look of it is not appealing. She would support going to P & Z, but somebody would have to give P & Z information about what the options are. Has P & Z discussed this before?

Steinbrink - Yes. Two years ago, Mayfield School District wanted to put a lighted sign on the elementary school. We did not end up doing that because of feedback from residents.

Turner - Remind me about the St. Francis sign. How did that get resolved?

Steinbrink - He would have to go back and look. His guess is because that's in a heavily commercial area along a four-lane road that it was viewed differently than being in the historic district. He is sensing that a P & Z discussion is a lukewarm yes.

Siemborski - We would want to have it focused because this could open up the whole sign ordinance. We want to look specifically at the chapter/section/sentence that deals with illumination. That would be the scope of what we'd ask P & Z to do.

Broome - More than anything, it's got to be educational because the technology might be there to make it look the same way it looks now.

Onysko - That makes me wonder if there's something that's gets around this by being a mechanical device that changes all the letters as it goes down. That would probably solve it. Versus having it lit. You could still have the words there, but then you wouldn't have any pictures at all.

Steinbrink - It is now on the P & Z agenda for July.

19. Business from the Audience - starts at 1:34:48

Resident Ed Baker asked if the Village could do something to require that residents and their plow operators keep snow on their property and not push it across the road. Service Director Biggert agrees the practice is a hazard and causes frustration but does not know enough about the law to answer that. Acting Law Director Mack commented that she thinks we could regulate obstructions in the public right of way. Fire Captain Feig commented that other cities nearby have ordinances that prevent snow from being pushed across the right of way and into the median, so it probably is worth checking into. The Mayor asked Fire Captain Feig to get the names of those villages to the Acting Law Director and she will do the research.

20. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

Steven L. Siemborski, Mayor

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98-2026	06/10/2026	06/11/2026	NEG ADJ	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	-\$3,890.65	C
	Purpose:	REIMBURSED WITH PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF KISH PROPERTY				
257-2026	05/05/2026	05/05/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$326.68 *	C
	Purpose:	MILLS BUILDING				
257-2026	06/17/2026	06/17/2026	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$69.89	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S				
265-2026	05/06/2026	05/07/2026	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$396.00 *	C
	Purpose:	MILLS BLDG				
265-2026	06/02/2026	06/03/2026	NEG ADJ	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	-\$396.00	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S CAE				
270-2026	05/11/2026	05/12/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$477.56 *	C
	Purpose:	MILLS BUILDING				
270-2026	06/02/2026	06/03/2026	NEG ADJ	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	-\$477.56	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S CAE				
285-2026	05/20/2026	05/20/2026	CH	CIGNA HEALTHCARE	\$60,941.82 *	C
	Purpose:	HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION PREM				
285-2026	06/11/2026	06/11/2026	NEG ADJ	CIGNA HEALTHCARE	-\$878.01	C
	Purpose:	ISOLVED COBRA PAYMENT ZALEWSKI				
312-2026	06/02/2026	06/03/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$341.98	C
	Purpose:	MILLS BLDG COMMON				
312-2026	06/17/2026	06/17/2026	NEG ADJ	DIVISION OF WATER	-\$341.98	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S				
313-2026	06/02/2026	06/03/2026	CH	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$63.22	C
	Purpose:	CABLE				
314-2026	06/03/2026	06/03/2026	CH	THE HARTFORD	\$198.99	C
	Purpose:	LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUM				
315-2026	06/03/2026	06/03/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$396.21	C
	Purpose:	TRAFFIC LIGHTS				
316-2026	06/03/2026	06/03/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$472.68	C
	Purpose:	STREET LIGHTING				

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318-2026	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	CH	CHASE BANK	\$2.50	C
	Purpose:	ACH FEE				
319-2026	06/05/2026	06/05/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$337.76	C
	Purpose:	WASTEWATER PLANT				
320-2026	06/08/2026	06/05/2026	CH	OPERS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES	\$21,375.16	C
321-2026	06/08/2026	06/05/2026	CH	OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION	\$28,708.34	C
322-2026	06/08/2026	06/08/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$62.88	C
	Purpose:	CHAGRIN RIVER BRIDGE				
323-2026	06/08/2026	06/08/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$76.33	C
	Purpose:	BURTON COURT				
324-2026	06/08/2026	06/08/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$103.06	C
	Purpose:	SERVICE GARAGE				
325-2026	06/08/2026	06/08/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$509.81	C
	Purpose:	MILLS BUILDING				
325-2026	06/17/2026	06/17/2026	NEG ADJ	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	-\$509.81	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S				
326-2026	06/09/2026	06/09/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$29.98	C
	Purpose:	CHAGRIN RIVER @ MAYFIELD				
327-2026	06/09/2026	06/09/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$67.23	C
	Purpose:	CARPENTER RD				
328-2026	06/09/2026	06/09/2026	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$93.34	C
	Purpose:	TOWN HALL				
329-2026	06/09/2026	06/09/2026	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$173.02	C
	Purpose:	MILLS BLDG				
329-2026	06/17/2026	06/17/2026	NEG ADJ	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	-\$173.02	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S				
330-2026	06/09/2026	06/09/2026	CH	PRIME PAY	\$77,886.51	C
	Purpose:	DIRECT DEPOSIT AND TAXES PAYROLL 2026-12				
331-2026	06/10/2026	06/10/2026	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,776.00	C
	Purpose:	DEFERRED COMP				

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333-2026	06/10/2026	06/10/2026	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$7,847.00	C
	Purpose:	DEFERRED COMP				
334-2026	06/10/2026	06/10/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$70.25	C
	Purpose:	FOX HILL & MAYFIELD				
335-2026	06/10/2026	06/10/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$71.55	C
	Purpose:	MAYFIELD & CARPENTER				
336-2026	06/10/2026	06/10/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$602.16	C
	Purpose:	COMMUNITY HOUSE				
337-2026	06/10/2026	06/10/2026	CH	PRIME PAY	\$618.24	C
	Purpose:	PAYROLL PROCESSING				
338-2026	06/10/2026	06/10/2026	CH	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$674.73	C
	Purpose:	CELL SERVICES				
339-2026	06/15/2026	06/17/2026	CH	ENBRIDGE GAS OHIO	\$211.62	C
	Purpose:	COMMUNITY HOUSE				
340-2026	06/16/2026	06/17/2026	CH	HOME DEPOT CRC	\$446.91	C
	Purpose:	ROTARY HAMMER, 36 INCH UNIV WAND, QUIKRETE				
341-2026	06/17/2026	06/17/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$63.94	C
	Purpose:	OLD MILL XMAS				
342-2026	06/17/2026	06/17/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$63.07	C
	Purpose:	OBT BUILDING				
343-2026	06/17/2026	06/17/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$781.50	C
	Purpose:	TOWN HALL				
344-2026	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$32,920.00	C
	Purpose:	MAY 2026 CASES				
345-2026	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	CH	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	\$1,107.04	C
	Purpose:	UNIFORM CLEANING - SERVICE				
346-2026	06/22/2026	06/23/2026	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$485.00	C
	Purpose:	TOWN HALL				
347-2026	06/23/2026	06/23/2026	CH	SAM'S CLUB	\$78.75	C
	Purpose:	KITCHEN SUPPLIES				

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	Purpose:	HEALTH, DENTAL, VISION PREM				
349-2026	06/23/2026	06/23/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$70.69	C
	Purpose:	FIRELINE - MILLS BLDG				
350-2026	06/23/2026	06/23/2026	CH	PRIME PAY	\$81,947.97	C
	Purpose:	DIRECT DEPOSIT AND TAXES PR 2026-13				
351-2026	06/23/2026	06/23/2026	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,776.00	C
	Purpose:	DEFERRED COMP				
352-2026	06/23/2026	06/23/2026	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$7,847.00	C
	Purpose:	DEFERRED COMP				
353-2026	06/23/2026	06/23/2026	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$2,145.00	C
	Purpose:	ROTH CONTRIBUTIONS				
354-2026	06/25/2026	06/25/2026	CH	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$2,085.57	C
	Purpose:	MONTHLY INTERNET/PHONE SYSTEM				
355-2026	06/29/2026	06/29/2026	CH	CHASE CARD SERVICE	\$3,969.19	C
	Purpose:	SQUAD ROOM SUPPLIES, TASER EQUIPMENT, GARAGE DOOR OPENER HYDRANT WRENCHES, DECON SUPPLIES FOR FIRE ENGINES, STUMP GRINDER RENTAL, DOLLY, AGING WELL SIGNS, LUNCHEON AND MAILING, ZOOM, CONCRETE FOR GENERATOR PAD, COMM HOUSE SUPPLIES				
356-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	1481 CHAGRIN - PARK				
357-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	1471 CHAGRIN - PARK				
358-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	596 CHAGRIN - BRIDGE				
359-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	FLOWER BOXES 7629 OLD MILL BRIDGE				
360-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$9.90	C
	Purpose:	OBT BUILDING				
361-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$14.40	C
	Purpose:	WASTE WATER PLANT				
362-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$14.40	C
	Purpose:	WASH HOUSE				
363-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$18.90	C

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Purpose: SERVICE GARAGE						
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 *	O
Purpose: REIMBURSED BY MINICHELLO						
366-2026	06/30/2026	06/30/2026	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$204.33	C
Purpose: TOWN HALL						
367-2026	06/30/2026	07/01/2026	CH	STATE TREASURER OF OHIO	\$525.00	C
368-2026	06/30/2026	07/01/2026	CH	REDSS	\$70.00	C
369-2026	06/30/2026	07/01/2026	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$21.00	C
9094	02/06/2026	02/06/2026	AW	RUMPKE	\$2,237.38 *	C
Purpose: KISH PROPERTY DEMO						
9094	06/10/2026	06/11/2026	NEG ADJ	RUMPKE	-\$2,237.38	C
Purpose: REIMBURSED WITH PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF KISH PROPERTY						
9187	03/17/2026	03/17/2026	AW	RUMPKE	\$14,230.78 *	C
Purpose: TRASH REMOVAL AND ROLL OFF CONTAINERS FOR DEMO AT KISH PROP						
9187	06/10/2026	06/11/2026	NEG ADJ	RUMPKE	-\$14,141.96	C
Purpose: REIMBURSED WITH PROCEEDS FROM SALE OF KISH PROPERTY						
9210	04/06/2026	04/06/2026	AW	ADVANCE OHIO	\$1,228.08 *	C
9210	06/23/2026	06/23/2026	NEG ADJ	ADVANCE OHIO	-\$1,228.08	C
Purpose: REFUNDED BY ADVANCE OHIO						
9211	04/06/2026	04/06/2026	AW	AMERICAN SECURITY & AV SYSTEMS	\$3,039.40 *	C
Purpose: ALARM COMMUNICATORS						
9211	06/17/2026	06/17/2026	NEG ADJ	AMERICAN SECURITY & AV SYSTEMS	-\$779.40	C
Purpose: REIMB BY SARA'S						
9333	05/18/2026	05/18/2026	AW	BARCO PRODUCTS, LLC	\$1,798.00 *	C
Purpose: WASTE RECEPTACLES						
9333	06/02/2026	06/03/2026	NEG ADJ	BARCO PRODUCTS, LLC	-\$85.18	C
Purpose: REFUND FROM BARCO						
9343	05/18/2026	05/18/2026	AW	KEN'S WINDOW CLEANING	\$930.00 *	C
Purpose: WINDOW CLEANING - MILLS						

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	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S CAE				
9350	05/18/2026	05/18/2026	AW	RUGG'S PEST MANAGEMENT	\$264.00 *	C
	Purpose:	PEST CONTROL				
9350	06/02/2026	06/03/2026	NEG ADJ	RUGG'S PEST MANAGEMENT	-\$264.00	C
	Purpose:	REIMB BY SARA'S CAE				
9378	06/03/2026	06/03/2026	AW	RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF OHIO	\$118,900.00	C
	Purpose:	2027 INTL TRUCK CHASSIS				
9379	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	APWA OHIO CHAPTER	\$995.00	C
	Purpose:	PATA - OHIO PUBLIC SERVICE INSTITUTE				
9380	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	CHAGRIN VALLEY DISPATCH	\$12,086.17	C
	Purpose:	MONTHLY DISPATCH SERVICES				
9381	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	MICHAEL E. CICERO	\$1,250.00	O
	Purpose:	JUNE RETAINER				
9382	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	THOMAS J COOK	\$700.00	C
	Purpose:	INSPECTIONS FOR MAY 2026				
9383	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	HANLEY PRINT & PROMOTIONS	\$368.14	C
	Purpose:	CHECK STOCK				
9384	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	TECHSPERT DATA SERVICES LLC	\$3,242.20	C
	Purpose:	MONTHLY TOTAL CARE				
9385	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	CHAGRIN VALLEY NURSERIES, INC.	\$195.00	C
	Purpose:	TOP SOIL - CEMETERY AND DRAINAGE WORK				
9386	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	COUNTRYSIDE TRUCK SERVICE, INC	\$329.64	C
	Purpose:	RH WINDO REGULATOR, WINDOW CHANNEL 1412 ENGINE				
9387	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	CUYAHOGA LANDMARK	\$998.35	C
	Purpose:	5W30 55 GAL DRUM OIL				
9388	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	GENUINE PARTS COMPANY	\$555.81	C
	Purpose:	OIL FILTER, 2001 F450 PARTS, ROTARY PUMP, RAINX 2017 F150 IGNITION COIL				
9389	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	JASON PHILLIPS	\$1,228.07	C
	Purpose:	SNAP-ON TOOLS - MECHANIC				
9390	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	KEN'S AUTO SERVICE	\$7,340.22	C
	Purpose:	CRUISER REPAIR FROM DEER INCIDENT				

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	Purpose:	4 FIRESTONE TIRES - PD				
9392	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	MARS ELECTRIC COMPANY	\$170.00	C
	Purpose:	LIGHTING PART - BOLLARD 8W 30K				
9393	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	OHIO CAT	\$1,315.00	C
	Purpose:	POST OFFICE GENERATOR MAINT.				
9394	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	O'REILLY AUTO PARTS	\$201.01	C
	Purpose:	OIL FILTERS, BRAKES, ROTORS				
9395	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY	\$419.00	C
	Purpose:	SIGNAL REPAIR				
9396	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	SPEAR'S	\$103.80	C
	Purpose:	BLADE				
9397	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	THE FLAG STORE, LLC	\$140.00	C
	Purpose:	4-3X5 NYLON FLAGS				
9398	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	TRIAD TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	\$174.79	C
	Purpose:	MAINTENANCE PARTS				
9399	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	TURNEY HOME & AUTO	\$72.76	C
	Purpose:	SEALANT, PLIERS, GARDEN SPRAYER, DRAWSTRING BAGS				
9400	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	VILLAGE OUTDOORS LTD	\$1,455.50	C
	Purpose:	HYDROSEEDING, SEED, STRAW				
9401	06/04/2026	06/04/2026	AW	VANCUREN SERVICES, INC	\$7,796.25	C
	Purpose:	NORTH CEMETERY				
9402	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	ADVANCE SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS	\$11,300.00	O
	Purpose:	MASONRY WORK - GENERATOR				
9403	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	OHIO CAT	\$35,749.00	C
	Purpose:	NEW GENERATOR				
9404	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	VERDIN	\$6,692.50	C
	Purpose:	DEPOSIT FOR NEW CARILLON SYSTEM				
9405	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	AKE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.	\$1,639.00	O
	Purpose:	REMOVAL OF WASTE FROM TRASH TRAP				
9406	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	MT CONTRACTING	\$590.00	C
	Purpose:	BACK FLOW TESTS				

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9407	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	C.W. COURTNEY COMPANY	\$31,048.64	C
9408	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	SENSYS GATSO USA, INC.	\$18,126.00	C
	Purpose:	MAY 2026 DSN				
9409	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	A & A SAFETY, INC.	\$1,010.50	C
	Purpose:	TRAFFIC CONES				
9410	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	ABATE LANDSCAPING FLORIST	\$362.66	C
	Purpose:	ANNUALS, SOIL, PEAT MOSS				
9411	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	ATLANTIC EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS	\$1,349.89	C
	Purpose:	FIRE GLOVES (8), BOOTS				
9412	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	BLUE TECHNOLOGIES	\$244.72	C
	Purpose:	NEW COPIER MONTHLY CONTRACT (2 MONTHS)				
9413	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	CARMEUSE LIME & STONE	\$840.20	C
	Purpose:	WASHED GRAVEL				
9414	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	CHAGRIN VALLEY NURSERIES, INC.	\$162.50	C
	Purpose:	TOP SOIL - CEMETERY				
9415	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	DISTILLATA COMPANY	\$127.15	C
	Purpose:	WATER COOLERS				
9416	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	DUSTBUSTER	\$575.00	C
	Purpose:	MAY CLEANING				
9417	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	GASTRIONICS, INC.	\$360.00	C
	Purpose:	CALIBRATION AND BENCH TEST				
9418	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	KIMBALL MIDWEST	\$519.67	C
	Purpose:	EAR PLUGS, GLASSES, GLOVES, DRILL BIT				
9419	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	NICK MAYER'S MARSHALL FORD	\$354.30	C
	Purpose:	ROTORS/BRAKES				
9420	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	OACP	\$245.00	C
	Purpose:	MINICHELO DUES				
9421	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	THE ORIGINAL FARINACCI LANDSCAPE DESIGN	\$513.00	C
	Purpose:	CRAB GRASS/WEED PREVENTION				
9422	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	PRESTON FORD	\$166.44	C
	Purpose:	CAR 5 FOUR WHEEL ALIGNMENT				
9423	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	RUGG'S PEST MANAGEMENT	\$235.00	C
	Purpose:	QUARTERLY SERVICE				

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9424	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	RUMPKE	\$88.82	C
	Purpose:	TRASH REMOVAL				
9425	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	SHUTTLE'S UNIFORM INC.	\$1,040.00	C
	Purpose:	BOOTS-KLEIN, UNIFORMS MCMANAMON, RICHARDS, KIMBREW				
9426	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO INC	\$759.06	C
	Purpose:	MIRROR ASSY, CUTTING EDGE, PLOW BOLTS, NUTS, FUEL FILTERS				
9427	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	STAPLES BUSINESS ADVANTAGE	\$302.10	O
	Purpose:	PENS, CARD STOCK, PAPER				
9428	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	UNIQUE PAVING MATERIALS CORP.	\$197.70	C
	Purpose:	5 GAL ASPHALT CLEANER				
9429	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	WINZER	\$181.13	C
	Purpose:	HARDWARE, ZIP TIES, PINS				
9430	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	WICHERT INSURANCE SERVICES	\$1,150.00	C
	Purpose:	ADD NEW 2027 INTL HV507				
9431	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	ZOOM CAR WASH	\$192.00	C
	Purpose:	PD CAR WASHES				
9432	06/19/2026	06/19/2026	AW	CHARLES E. HARRIS & ASSOCIATES	\$3,200.00	C
	Purpose:	FINAL INVOICE - AUDIT				
9433	06/23/2026	06/23/2026	AW	AKE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.	\$3,093.70	C
	Purpose:	ROUTINE PLANT MAINT, MONTHLY REPORTING/INSP/ANALYSIS, EMERG CALL OUT, CLEAN/REINSTALL UV UNITS				
9434	06/23/2026	06/23/2026	AW	C.W. COURTNEY COMPANY	\$34,986.03	C
	Purpose:	ARBORETUM STAIRS AND FIBER OPTIC PROJECT				
Total Payments:					\$627,706.42	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$627,706.42	

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

Payment Listing

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1311

ORDINANCE FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

PASSED JULY 21, 2026

TOTAL \$627,706.42

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

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

MONTHLY RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

The financial statements were provided to the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Council prior to the July 21, 2026, Regular Council meeting.

GENERAL FUND

Revenue for the month was \$747,121. Year-to-date revenues of \$4,326,534 were \$147,298 more than this time last year. Real estate taxes were \$11,351 more than this time last year. Municipal income taxes were \$157,827 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 \$17,441 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 this month in miscellaneous income.

The traffic camera enforcement program gross receipts in June were \$74,285. Year-to-date receipts are \$126,401 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 June totaled \$51,046 for a net collection of \$23,239 for the month. Year-to-date, net collections total \$273,967.

Other sources of revenue, excluding the traffic camera program, were \$358,489 for the month. Year-to-date, the Village has received \$858,568 compared to \$749,608 last year.

Expenditures for 2026, excluding transfers to other funds from the General Fund, were \$3,582,056 compared to \$3,249,554 in 2025. Village expenses are budgeted and controlled by its four departments (Administration, Police, Fire and Service).

The Administration Department incurred expenses of \$45,084 in June. Year-to-date expenses were \$55,807 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 \$207,766 in June. Year-to-date expenses were \$66,107 higher this year over last year. The traffic camera program costs, year-to-date, were \$273,142 this year compared to \$344,764 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 \$23,072 in June. Year-to-date, expenses were \$31,960 higher than last year. EMS costs are lower this year than last year by \$32,320. Personnel costs are higher than last year by \$30,333 due to the increased station duty hours.

The Service Department incurred \$269,586 in expenses in June. Year-to-date expenses are \$178,629 higher this year over last year. Overtime wages of \$49,361 exceeded last year's amount by \$10,301 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 budgeted, new fuel pump was installed in April.

In summary, for the six months, the Village operated with a General Fund shortfall of \$925,022. Last year, the Village had a shortfall of \$311,818. For 2026, excluding transfers of \$1,669,500 to other funds from the General Fund, the surplus was \$744,478. For 2025, excluding transfers of \$1,241,500 to other funds from the General Fund, the surplus was \$929,682.

The General Fund cash balance on June 30, 2026 was \$7,227,548 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 \$3,021,710 on June 30, 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 \$407,500 to the Safety Fund.

Janet M. Mulh, MPA
Finance Administrator

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 2026

	2026 BUDGET	Current Month	2026 Year to Date	2025 Year to Date
General Fund (GF) Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Real Estate Taxes	2,652,850	-	1,422,636	1,411,285
Municipal Income Taxes	2,415,000	314,347	1,498,073	1,340,246
Share of Sales and State Taxes	-	-	148	4,587
Total Tax Revenue	5,067,850	314,347	2,920,857	2,756,118
Other Sources:				
Fines and Costs	60,000	5,128	21,435	26,449
Traffic Camera Gross Receipts	1,520,000	74,285	547,109	673,510
Building/Liquor Permits & Licenses	51,840	14,589	52,843	24,025
Interest Income	299,500	16,890	143,526	136,295
Rental Income	209,800	13,783	156,980	147,857
Mills Building Rental Income	144,994	15,952	89,226	65,801
Ambulance Income	80,000	-	47,496	39,221
SRO Reimbursement	99,180	8,266	49,594	47,225
Misc	316,750	283,882	297,469	262,735
Total Other Sources Revenue	2,782,064	432,774	1,405,677	1,423,118
Assessments:				
School Board/Property Assessment	-	-	-	-
Total General Fund Revenues	7,849,914	747,121	4,326,534	4,179,236
Add Year Beginning General Fund Balance		7,057,434	8,152,570	7,879,102
Less Expenses:				
Administration Costs	(see Page 2)	(45,084)	(589,021)	(533,214)
Administration - Transfers		(31,500)	(1,669,500)	(1,241,500)
Police Department Costs	(see Page 3)	(207,766)	(1,405,970)	(1,339,863)
Fire Department Costs	(see Page 3)	(23,072)	(190,759)	(126,030)
Fire Department Ambulance	(see Page 3)	-	(196,655)	(229,424)
Service Department Costs	(see Page 4)	(269,586)	(1,199,652)	(1,021,023)
Total General Fund Expenses		(577,007)	(5,251,556)	(4,491,054)
Current General Fund Balance		7,227,548	7,227,548	7,567,284
Plus:				
Other Fund Current Balances		3,021,710	3,021,710	2,842,973
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MISC	2026
JUNE	KISH PROP \$273,985.73

MISC	\$63,212 OH Emerg Mgmt
as of 6/30/25	\$42,098 NEORSD REIMB
	\$20,000 Cleveland Water
	\$100,000 County fro Old Mill

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VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 2026

	2026 BUDGET	2026 Month Expenses	2026 To Date Expenses	2025 To Date Expenses
ADMINISTRATION:				
Salaries and Wages	175,500	13,248	86,133	84,203
Health Insurance	52,910	4,215	25,210	22,611
Worker's Comp/Medicare	6,000	233	1,994	1,739
Employee Retirement (OPERS)	29,870	2,283	14,788	14,324
PERSONNEL COSTS	264,280	19,979	128,126	122,877
Legal - Law Director	78,000	-	18,381	37,422
Legal - Prosecutor	60,000	1,250	23,600	23,580
Legal - Other	2,000	-	18	1,389
Engineering	50,000	-	34,511	23,533
Other Professional Services	188,400	9,255	139,984	85,327
LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL	378,400	10,505	216,494	171,251
General Insurance	136,500	1,150	136,558	123,668
Income Tax Expense	100,000	9,417	44,023	74,882
County Auditor Expenses	75,000	3,059	47,121	30,466
Office Expenses	24,500	973	13,542	6,665
Miscellaneous Expenses	6,000	-	3,156	3,405
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	342,000	14,600	244,401	239,086
ADMINISTRATION OPERATING COSTS	984,680	45,084	589,021	533,214
Transfers to Other Funds	2,262,000	31,500	1,669,500	1,241,500
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS	3,246,680	76,584	2,258,521	1,774,714

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 2026

	2026 BUDGET	2026 Month Expenses	2026 To Date Expenses	2025 To Date Expenses
POLICE DEPARTMENT:				
Salaries and Wages	1,345,750	100,811	678,957	606,342
Overtime	55,000	3,321	17,130	30,959
Health, OPERS, MEDI, Worker Comp	353,900	29,868	189,464	134,274
PERSONNEL COSTS	1,754,650	134,000	885,550	771,575
Gasoline	25,000	-	8,911	12,486
Repairs and Maintenance	17,000	8,671	14,920	6,878
Uniforms	17,000	895	4,254	2,859
Training/Conferences	12,000	-	7,788	4,199
Dispatch Operating Fee	144,500	12,086	72,716	68,516
Alarm System Fee	17,000	-	8,014	8,365
Maintenance Agreements/Radio Expenses	47,000	-	36,631	15,159
Traffic Camera Program LMC	336,000	32,920	121,900	160,240
Traffic Camera Program Gatso	405,000	18,126	151,242	184,524
Other Expenses	16,000	1,068	6,802	8,493
V.E.G.	13,000	-	13,000	12,000
OTHER POLICE DEPART COSTS	1,049,500	73,766	446,179	483,719
Vehicle Purchases	80,000	-	43,320	71,870
Equipment Purchases	39,000	-	30,921	12,699
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	119,000	-	74,241	84,569
TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT COSTS	2,923,150	207,766	1,405,970	1,339,863

FIRE DEPARTMENT:				
Salaries and Wages	314,000	18,863	117,475	93,747
PERS, MEDI, SOC SEC, Worker Comp	41,800	1,542	16,093	9,488
PERSONNEL COSTS	355,800	20,405	133,568	103,235
Vehicle Maintenance	11,000	470	2,106	185
Ambulance/EMS <i>see below</i>	539,000	-	196,655	229,424
Training/Conferences	14,500	-	10,054	315
Contracts & Annual Fees	28,000	644	17,676	11,913
Other Expenses	17,000	204	3,606	6,628
OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS	609,500	1,317	230,096	248,465
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	138,000	1,350	23,749	3,754
TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS	1,103,300	23,072	387,414	355,454
<i>Ambulance Income on Cover Page</i>	<i>80,000</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>47,496</i>	<i>39,221</i>

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 2026

	2026 BUDGET	2026 Month Expenses	2026 To Date Expenses	2025 To Date Expenses
SERVICE DEPARTMENT:				
Salaries and Wages	833,360	63,003	408,416	421,197
Overtime	45,000	2,073	49,361	39,060
Health, OPERS, MEDI, Worker Comp	388,000	25,713	196,895	175,291
PERSONNEL COSTS	1,266,360	90,789	654,671	635,548
Salt/Aggregate (snow removal)	143,000	-	81,996	73,711
Building Inspection	14,000	3,651	11,529	4,843
Equipment Maintenance	45,000	2,577	27,510	21,826
Gasoline Expense	40,000	43	29,421	23,379
Supplies/Uniforms	37,000	5,794	22,188	19,621
OPERATING COSTS	279,000	12,065	172,644	143,380
BUILDING OPERATION & MTC				
Village Hall	324,400	60,819	131,613	42,124
Village Houses	1,500	57	57	165
Community Building	50,700	921	9,531	26,977
Post Office	5,300	1,334	3,878	3,827
OBT Building	1,850	73	520	652
Wash House	5,700	14	39	106
Burton Court	4,500	76	3,391	3,185
Mills Building	80,270	(1,754)	49,393	47,341
BUILDING OPERATION & MTC	474,220	61,540	198,422	124,377
Street Repair	5,000	198	1,514	1,044
Ditch, Drain, Sewers	28,500	2,173	19,760	16,230
Tree Grinding (Contractors)	14,000	-	-	6,181
Street Lighting	16,000	1,460	15,366	6,892
Parks	31,000	(17,621)	15,514	8,779
Guardrails, Signs, Bridges	6,700	83	2,146	2,463
STREETS AND ROADS	101,200	(13,708)	54,299	41,589
Vehicles	262,810	118,900	118,900	59,319
Other Equipment	9,000		715	16,810
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	271,810	118,900	119,615	76,129
TOTAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT COSTS	2,392,590	269,586	1,199,652	1,021,023

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
JUNE 30, 2026

	Beginning Year Balance	Year-to-date Actual Receipts	Year-to-date Actual Expenses	Unexpended Balance
Street Const Maint Repair	180,538	104,998	-	285,536
State Highway	24,467	8,289	25,000	7,755
Bond Retirement (KeyBank Loans)	2,730	-	-	2,730
	<u>207,735</u>	<u>113,287</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>296,021</u>
Capital Improvement	185,805	1,003,519	309,298	880,025
Water	293,183	33,000	26,747	299,436
Wastewater Plant	28,587	70,596	23,764	75,419
Park Recreation	18,908	16,767	11,801	23,873
Cemetery	92,675	9,500	13,406	88,769
Mayor's Court-Violations Bureau	380	6,179	5,387	1,172
Mayor's Discretionary	505	2,000	282	2,223
Purcell Trust	21,964	-	-	21,964
Land Conservation	407,341	155,410	86,441	476,310
Building Bond Deposit	181,755	14,447	2,924	193,278
Underground Storage Tank	11,000	-	-	11,000
Safety Fund	40,382	408,000	1,018	447,364
Police Relief & Pension	53,263	244,083	121,734	175,612
Law Enforcement	-	443	-	443
VEST Grant	-	-	-	-
OneOhio Fund (Opiod)	3,434	-	433	3,001
STATE Grants	30,365	5,914	10,481	25,799
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	<u>1,577,282</u>	<u>2,083,145</u>	<u>638,716</u>	<u>3,021,710</u>
GENERAL FUND	8,152,570	4,326,534	5,251,556	7,227,548
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	<u>9,729,852</u>	<u>6,409,678</u>	<u>5,890,272</u>	<u>10,249,258</u>

STATE OF THE VILLAGE
JUNE 30, 2026

	2026	2025
Total Current Balance - All Funds	10,249,258	10,410,257
Cash and Investments:	6/30/2026	6/30/2025
Cash:		
ANCORA	8,667,215	8,807,803
CHASE DDA	185,404	115,798
STAR OHIO -LAND CONS	459,832	359,283
CHASE VIOLATIONS BUREAU	22,410	57,810
Star Ohio	<u>928,942</u>	<u>1,093,693</u>
Total Cash	10,263,803	10,434,387
(OUTSTANDING CHECKS)	<u>(14,545)</u>	<u>(24,130)</u>
Total Cash and Investments	10,249,258	10,410,257

** From Wastewater Fund

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY	BUDGET	JUNE	2026 YEAR TO DATE	2025 YEAR TO DATE
Real Estate Taxes	2,652,850	-	1,422,636	1,411,285
Municipal Income Tax	2,415,000	314,347	1,498,073	1,340,246
Share of Sales and State Taxes	-	-	148	4,587
Other Sources	2,782,064	432,774	1,405,677	1,423,118
Assessments	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	7,849,914	747,121	4,326,534	4,179,236
 OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administration Department	984,680	45,084	589,021	533,214
Police Department	2,923,150	207,766	1,405,970	1,339,863
Fire Department	1,103,300	23,072	387,414	355,454
Service Department	2,392,590	269,586	1,199,652	1,021,023
Transfers excluding Inheritance Taxes	2,262,000	31,500	1,669,500	1,241,500
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	9,665,720	577,007	5,251,556	4,491,054
 SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(1,815,806)	170,114	(925,022)	(311,818)

Project	June 30, 2026	BUDGET	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	COURTNEY	OTHER	SCMR/STHWY
	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT						
	2026 Road Program	1,118,000	7,335	78,743	77,595	1,148	
	Culverts	156,500					
	Sidewalk Project	78,125		4,129	4,129		
	Storm Water Regulations & Issues (Kenwyn)	25,000	12,414	23,496	23,496		
	Salt Bin Engineering	80,000		9,909		9,909	
	Guardrail Replacement	64,500	(773)	12,344	11,116	1,228	
	Broadband	705,000	33,141	157,584	157,584		
	Sink Hole Repairs Brigham/Old Mill 2025		7,043	23,094	21,966	1,128	
TOTAL	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	2,227,125	59,159	309,298	295,885	13,413	-
	\$250,000 from SCMR for Road Program						

Village of Gates Mills

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July 2026 Council Meeting (June Report)

- 1) On 6/13, a Garfield Hts woman was arrested for OVI after crashing her vehicle into a ditch in the 500 block of Chagrin River Road.
- 2) On 6/18, Hunting Valley police attempted to stop a vehicle on Som Center that fled into Gates Mills. The vehicle subsequently was found abandoned near Feller Field. The vehicle was reported as stolen and towed from the scene by Hunting Valley. The driver was not located.
- 3) On 6/28, an officer on patrol discovered a car into a tree on County Line near Old Mill Road. The vehicle was unoccupied and several open bottles of tequila were found inside. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and stated her car was stolen earlier in the evening. Ongoing investigation.

Quarterly traffic camera report will be in the August council packet.

Monthly Totals:

- 62 Traffic Citations.
- 29 Warnings.
- 16 Incident/Accident reports
- 1,630 House Checks
- 7,495 Patrol Miles.

Sincerely,



Gregg Minichello
Chief of Police
Gates Mills Police Department
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Gates Mills Service Department

"Yours in service since 1920"

TO: Mayor
and Council Members

FROM: Dave Biggert, Service Director

RE: SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – JUNE 2026

1. In June, 10 building permits were issued for a total construction value of \$1,815,689.
2. In June of 2025, 6 building permits had been issued for a total construction value of \$780,221.
3. The June Planning and Zoning meeting was cancelled, no agenda items submitted for review.
4. The concrete footings and abutments for the new Chagrin River Road walking bridge have been completed. Last Thursday, the concrete cylinder samples were tested at a lab and showed the concrete abutments have reached approximately 85% of the concrete's compressive strength.

Chris has contacted the bridge manufacturer; the bridge is currently scheduled to be delivered on Friday the 24th and should be set in place the following week



North Abutment

South Abutment

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact me at (440) 423-1581.

Respectfully Submitted,

David L. Biggert, RBO, RBI, PI, MI, EMT-B
Service Director/Building Official

Gates Mills Fire Department

June 2026 Council Report

DATE	NFIRS NUMBER	Address/Location	Description of Incident
06-02-26	2026-118	2639 Colvin Road	Fire Alarm.
06-03-26	2026-119	7522 Saddleback Lane	Water Leak.
06-03-26	2026-120	880 West Hill Drive	Fire Alarm.
06-08-26	2026-121	37199 Cedar Road	Open Burning.
06-08-26	2026-122	590 Battles Road	Public Service..
06-08-26	2026-123	7475 Brigham Road	Water Problem.
06-13-26	2026-124	421 Timberidge Trail	Water Problem.
06-13-26	2026-125	1940 County Line Road	Fire Alarm-Smoke Detector.
06-14-26	2026-126	1960 Woodstock Road	House struck by Tree and Power Lines Down.
06-14-26	2026-127	6504 Gates Mills Blvd.	Mutual Aid-Fire Investigation Unit.
06-14-26	2026-128	7530 Old Mill Road	Power Line Down.
06-15-26	2026-129	544 Battles Road	Power Line Problem.
06-17-26	2026-130	7780 Blackberry Road	Fire Alarm.
06-22-26	2026-131	1659 Berkshire Road	Fire Alarm.
06-24-26	2026-132	2045 SOM Center Road	Motor Vehicle Crash.
06-28-26	2026-133	Old Mill & County Line Roads	Motor Vehicle Crash.
06-30-26	2026-134	527 Battles Road	Motor Vehicle Crash.
06-30-26	2026-135	35025 Shaker Blvd	Mutual Aid—Hunting Valley—Structure Fire

CURRENT MONTH TOTAL		2026YEAR TO DATE	2025 YEAR TO DATE
G.M. FIRE	18	135	85
M.V. EMS	13	75	112
Cancelled & Releases	2	6	8

The June training topics were:

June 9, 2026 Regional water supply drill from draft site in Chesterland. Water shuttle operations and Tender refilling procedures. Pump Test E1412. Departments participating: Willoughby Hills, Kirtland, Chesterland, and Gates Mills.

June 23 2026 LDH supply line deployment (150') and large caliber attack lines.

Test flow deck gun on E1413. LDH hose deploy and test E1412. Night Drill: NFPA 1410 drill Hydrant to truck, transition from booster tank and flow and test attack lines and nozzles.

Thomas Majeski, Fire Chief

June employee anniversaries:
Engineer John Pata – 26 years
Fire Fighter Nick Nemastil – 15 years

Why American ambulance rides are so expensive

The unfortunately botched economics of emergency care



DAVID OKS

JUL 09, 2026



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transport costs \$2,673 to provide; Medicare pays **only about \$329 of that**. A typical ambulance ride for a Medicare patient, in other words, loses the ambulance service thousands of dollars. With Medicaid it's even worse: state programs typically pay a fraction of what Medicare does, and the services lose even more per ride. Normally, when an insurer pays less than the provider charges, the provider bills the patient for the balance, a practice known as "balance billing"; but with Medicare and Medicaid, balance billing is illegal.

On most of their book, then—rides for Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries—EMS providers lose money on every run. And that's before accounting for the fixed costs that make up the large majority of their expenses.

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

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 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 – 35
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 General Fund to the Service Department Other Expenses be increased by \$37,500.

SECTION 3. 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







RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36
AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2026
BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI

WHEREAS, the Village of Gates Mills (hereinafter referred to as the "Political Subdivision") hereby submits this written agreement to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT) annual road salt bid in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 5513.01(B) and hereby agrees to all of the following terms and conditions in its participation of the ODOT road salt contract:

- a. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions established by ODOT in the road salt contract and acknowledges that upon award of the contract by the Director of ODOT it shall be bound by all such terms and conditions included in the contract; and
- b. The Political Subdivision hereby acknowledges that upon the Director of ODOT's signing of the road salt contract, it shall effectively form a contract between the awarded salt supplier and the Political Subdivision; and
- c. The Political Subdivision agrees to be solely responsible for resolving all claims or disputes arising out of its participation in the ODOT road salt contract and agrees that each party hereto shall be responsible for liability associated with that party's own errors, actions, and failures to act.
- d. The Political Subdivision's electronic order for Sodium Chloride (Road Salt) will be the amount the Political Subdivision agrees to purchase from its awarded salt supplier at the delivered bid price per ton awarded by the Director of ODOT; and
- e. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to purchase a minimum of 85% of its electronically submitted salt quantities from its awarded salt supplier during the contract's effective period; and
- f. The Political Subdivision hereby agrees to place orders with and directly pay the awarded salt supplier on a net 30 basis for all road salt it receives pursuant to ODOT salt contract; and
- g. The Political Subdivision acknowledges that should it wish to rescind this participation agreement it will do so by written request. The written, emailed request to rescind this participation agreement must be received by the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Section email: Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov. The Department, upon receipt, will respond that it has received the request and that it has effectively removed the Political Subdivision's participation request. Furthermore, it is the sole responsibility of the Political Subdivision to ensure ODOT has received this participation agreement as well as the receipt of any request to rescind this participation agreement. The Department shall not be held responsible or liable for failure to receive a Political Subdivision's participation agreement and/or a Political Subdivision's request to rescind its participation agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into this participation agreement for the ODOT road salt contract and by his signature below, this participation agreement for the ODOT winter road salt contract is hereby approved, funding has been authorized and the Political Subdivision agrees to the above terms and conditions regarding participation in the ODOT salt contract.

Section 2. This Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it is necessary to go into effect immediately; wherefore, provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed to Council, 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