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**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS**  
**COUNCIL AGENDA**  
**JULY 16, 2024**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**COMMUNITY HOUSE, 1460 CHAGRIN RIVER ROAD**

(Livestream available on YouTube – click on the link on  
[www.gatesmillsvillage.com](http://www.gatesmillsvillage.com) to watch)

1. Roll Call.
2. Minutes of Council meeting of June 18, 2024. Clerk.
3. Pay Ordinance #1287 \$867,748.57 Clerk.
4. Mayor's Report. Mayor.
  - a. Encore.
  - b. Mayfield City School District Town Hall meeting.
  - c. Continued Discussion of Zoning.
  - d. Village Committees.
5. Clerk's Report. Clerk.
6. Financial Report. Mayor.
7. Police Department Report. Minichello.
8. Service Department Report. Biggert.
9. Fire Department Report. Majeski.
10. Committee Reports.
  - a. Broadband. Deacon.
  - b. Treasury Investment Board. Morgan.
  - c. Finance/Budget. Mayor.
  - d. Safety. Mayor.
  - e. Tree Canopy. Atton.
11. Resolution No. 2024-27 (First Reading) Mayor.

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute and Deliver a Subdivision Participation and Release Form to Settle the Village's Claims and Participate in a Settlement Agreement Against Kroger Co. in the National Opiate Prescription Litigation and Declaring an Emergency.
12. Council Matters.
13. Business from the Audience.
14. Executive Session.
15. Adjourn.

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**Village of Gates Mills**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**June 18, 2024**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held at the Community House on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Siemborski presiding. The meeting was livestreamed to the internet.

1. Roll Call starts at 1:07

Councilmembers present: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Other Village officials present were Treasurer Morgan, Clerk DeCapite, Service Director Biggert, Police Chief Minichello, Fire Chief Majeski, Finance Administrator Mulh, Village Engineer Courtney, and Law Director Hunt.

2. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 21, 2024 starts at 1:30

Clerk DeCapite received from Councilmember Atton a suggested revision of page 4, item 13, second paragraph, line 6 - Councilmember Atton lamented our requirements are so specific that ~~we are forced to outsource to only one supplier~~ now we attracted only one bidder - doing it ourselves might not be out of the question.

Councilmember Steinbrink requested page 7, final paragraph be changed to reflect he did not see nor receive a copy of the draft resolution.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve the May 21, 2024 minutes as amended and Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3. Pay Ordinance # 1286 \$847,466.58 starts at 3:11

Included are \$450,000 to Chester Township for paving work to begin on County Line Road and \$17,700 to Weather Lock Roofing for Community House roof.

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve Pay Ordinance #1286. Councilmember Press seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

4. Mayor's Report starts at 4:37

- Tennis/Pickleball courts completed and in use
- Community House roof and gutters replaced
- Noise study of the River/Brigham Roads area completed and report expected back in one or two weeks
- Garden Club recognized National Garden Week with daily community events - including events for children in collaboration with the GM Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library and Encore Chamber Music Institute
- Community Club sponsored additional Encore quartets at Sara's Place
- Dan Kish Family Gallery and patio has opened at the Southwick Museum allowing the Historical Society to showcase items unique to the Village
- Encore camerata finale Sunday June 23 at 3 p.m. on the Village Green

a. Discussion of Proposed Charter Amendment for Voter Approval of Zoning Changes for Residential Density starts at 11:56

This topic was brought up by Councilmember Press last month. It's an open item that has been raised in several sections of the Comprehensive Plan. The Charter Review Commission Report completed last October referenced zoning changes and how they should be handled. In the 1990's a robust set of zoning laws were put in place by previous Councils, and those rules have done us quite well for the last 30 years. Steps are built in to make sure changes to the use of our land have been thought through, considered, and evaluated by 3-4 different bodies. What is the right check and balance between what the Council should be doing and what the electors should have a say in? The Mayor finds that to be the valid question and this Council is the appropriate body to wrestle with that.

At 17:00 Councilmember Press stated major zoning changes should be taken to the voters. They should not be decided at this table. Many of us around the table have said that at various times. It is very important to get it right - this is analogous to modifying the federal Constitution. He proposed a dual track approach - put the ordinance prepared by Law Director Hunt on first reading in order to preserve the ability to go to the ballot in November if we still want to do that at that time - meanwhile, while the ordinance is going through its three readings, we do Town Hall workshops, Council discussions, whatever is necessary to see if Council can reach a point of unanimity instead of a 5 to 2 vote.

At 20:00 Law Director Hunt explained that he prepared and distributed to Council proposed charter language using the three areas of concern contained in Councilmember Press' motion voted on last month - 1) minimum lot area of five acres, 2) Chapter 1160, and 3) multi-family residential housing. Definitions and required approvals were explained.

At 24:22 Councilmember Broome methodically explained the life cycle of any zoning ordinance. To summarize, fourteen people first look at the zoning ordinance - seven on P & Z and seven on Council. Then there's at least four public meetings with posting and notice requirements. There's always a chance to have a referendum by the residents if

they don't like what the Council has done. The myriads of requirements within the conservation development district ordinance (Chapter 1160-where the allowable amount of houses on a large parcel using a 5-acre minimum per home are grouped more tightly together in order to preserve a majority of the land in its natural state) have kept this type of development nonexistent. Current zoning regulations have worked well up until now. We need to be careful about changing zoning using a meat cleaver instead of a paring knife. Without changing the charter and without having to go to a general election, we could change the ordinance for the posting notification to require that any proposed legislation for any of the three areas of concern be posted on the Village website at least 15 days in advance of the meeting. Finally, if we were to take up an ordinance looking to amend the charter, there are some zoning anomalies that should be fixed before any kind of zoning change would go on the ballot.

At 47:25 Councilmember Press responded to Councilmember Broome. This is a matter of philosophy - do you believe the people at this table should make significant zoning changes, or do you believe those changes should go to the ballot, as he does? Prior Councils have been more activist than current Council about zoning changes and allowing for multi-family and cluster housing. We have a comprehensive plan document on our website containing objectionable suggestions about zoning changes that would be inappropriate. Bruce Rinker talked about the necessity of being very careful that you can defend the zoning you've got and he suggested we do a lot more than we have done when he addressed the Advisory Committee. Councilmember Broome replied whether we leave it as is and we increase the notice, or we pass a charter amendment requiring zoning changes on these issues to go to the voters, all those could still be challenged judicially the same. It doesn't withstand scrutiny any more because it went to a vote than it does now.

At 50:20 Councilmember Deacon asked what problem are we trying to solve? She is struggling with the philosophical disconnect here - it seems Councilmember Press is saying Council can't be trusted, so it goes to the voters, but the voters elected Council. In governance, do you have the appropriate check and balance? Councilmember Broome's comprehensive review reveals ours is a strong check and balance. If there is a falling apart at the Council level, then there's a 10% referendum right in the Ohio Revised Code. Councilmember Press responded if we don't act on the charter amendment, he thinks it's probably a likelihood that the residents will act on it themselves.

At 52:54 the Village Engineer, author of Chapter 1160, spoke to nomenclature being correct. We have no cluster zoning in the village. There is nothing in our Code that would allow for cluster zoning under Chapter 1160, a conservation development district. It allows a developer to come forward with a plan that would be typically allowed under our five-acre zoning and then put together a good case for why they would like to make the lot smaller in consideration of preserving environmental aspects of a particular property. Instead of having say 10 lots on 50 acres, they would have 10 slightly smaller lots that would have a lot of conserved area. None of them would be attached. None of them would be cluster. Upon challenge from Councilmember Press, Village Engineer Courtney stated there were two chapters that were written. Only one was adopted. There was a conservation cluster ordinance written that was never adopted because after the completion of an in-depth study it was determined to be economically infeasible. Chapter

1160 is a conservation development district. P & Z and Council always reserve the right to tell them to build a standard 5-acre development under that ordinance. They have to get permission to build a conservation development.

At 54:54 Councilmember Turner believes we are a representative democracy. She trusts the people to elect the right individuals to Council and Mayor. There are only so many years in a term giving people an opportunity to elect other representatives, and there is a provision in the charter where someone can be removed from Council. This is a philosophical issue. The Charter Review Commission looked at 1) the authority of Council to change zoning, 2) the authority of Council to alter the income tax credit, 3) enlarging the powers of the Council President Pro Tem, and 4) reducing the size of Council. In all of those cases there was a consensus among the members of the Commission (Lori Deacon, David Hooker, Bob Reitman, Shawn Riley, Michael Press). Michael Press disagreed with the conclusion of the Commission. David Atton circulated an email emphasizing that passing a motion to go before the voters to allow them to vote on zoning changes would reduce Council's powers to a level that's consistent with the clear opinions expressed by the 542 respondents to the Comprehensive Plan Resident Survey of 2022. Hunting Valley, Kirtland Hills, Waite Hill, Mayfield Village, and Chagrin Falls do not require a vote by the electorate to implement zoning changes. Moreland Hills and Mayfield Heights do - proposed zoning amendments are submitted to the electors and if a petition of 10% is signed, then the proposal goes to the voters. We are consistent with some of our closest neighbors.

At 59:20 Councilmember Atton stated his reading of 1160 is that cluster homes are allowed up to three attached residences. Our Village Engineer previously said that is not in the regulation. Law Director Hunt believes that the conservation district is a cluster chapter - that nomenclature was not used purposefully because people have a different mindset as to what cluster is. Those homes can be clustered. They're on smaller lots; they can be attached or detached. The Village Engineer is correct - it's the same density per acre. Councilmember Atton stated from the over 500 responses to the questionnaire in the Comprehensive Plan process, it was very clear the respondents 1) did not want any reduction in the minimum lot size and 2) did not want cluster homes or any other variety of homes that were questioned. One possible response was "I don't know but I need to understand more", and we've made no effort to get people to understand this more than they do. Councilmember Broome suggested we ought to have a public meeting explaining 1160 to the residents. Councilmember Atton asked what is the difference between multi-family residential housing (Item C) and attached single family dwellings. The Law Director answered multi-family is one building with different living units in one building. Attached are separate buildings that happen to be together. Item B allows three attached houses under 1160, and Item C handles multi-family apartments.

At 1:06:36 Councilmember Welsh believes Cuyahoga County requires five acres per septic tank further protecting our current ordinances. Why poke a sleeping, happy bear? What we've got seems to be working. Let's just leave it alone.

At 1:07:21 Councilmember Steinbrink stated the Charter Review Commission came to Council with findings and a recommendation. Up until this point, Council hasn't

taken any action on the recommendation. The Commission made one recommendation, and we're here talking about a draft ordinance that was drafted by a committee of one. Amending the charter is a complicated issue and should be thoughtful, deliberate, and painstakingly difficult to do. Concurring with Councilmember Press, it should be a 7 to 0 vote. There should be no voter confusion about what we did, why we did it, and why it's being recommended. From a governance standpoint, the Commission said there should be a voter petition initiative done in a certain way. Yet we're talking about doing something completely different. The motion was Council agrees that "they" shall proceed to design and implement. It's only today that Council, as the word "they", have begun designing anything. Yet we already have had two drafts of potential language for a charter amendment. Residents should have the ability for input at Town Halls. Concurring with Councilmember Broome, use the least intrusive approach/instrument/language to get us there. What we have before us could be just that, but we haven't looked at anything else. Regarding 1160, Gates Mills passed 1160 in 2007, Waite Hill passed theirs in 2012, Moreland Hills passed theirs in 2013, and Hunting Valley passed theirs last fall. None contain any language for voter approval. This is all fantastic discussion, what he hoped would happen, but he is not ready to vote to put anything on first reading or anywhere near for the voters in November. We spent almost eight months on the chicken ordinance! Now we're talking about amending the charter in two months' time.

At 1:11:11 Councilmember Press stated the motion we passed last month does not change 1160. In fact, it said you can't change it without going to the voters. Forget about the 1160 discussion - that's a separate matter. Secondly, he agrees with Councilmember Steinbrink on involving voters and residents using any method we can find to encourage voter input. Lastly this quote, "in my opinion any change in zoning regarding development should be put in front of the voters". Craig Steinbrink during Candidates Night September 2021.

At 1:12:32 Law Director Hunt responded to Councilmember Deacon. We do have referendum and initiative provisions in our Charter at Section 10-1, and that relies on the Ohio Constitution and the State Code which clearly sets out the process for referendum and initiative. Secondly, Bruce Rinker's opinion to the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, as recalled, was that there may be challenges to your existing zoning - which meant that maybe you should consider reducing density, maybe you should consider redoing specifically Chapter 1160 because all the requirements Scott Broome went through are too burdensome on developers. Law Director Hunt thinks it has served us well over the last 14 years and he or a good lawyer can defend 1160 if it is challenged. Similarly, he believes the five acre minimum lot size is defensible, mostly because we don't have central sewers. The case law bears that out. The last point is the need to put in our Code the public hearing requirement that's in State Code - where there's a 30-day period that the amendment is in front of the public before you have a public hearing and before you can pass an ordinance.

At 1:15:42 a member of the audience, Shawn Riley, Chairperson of the Charter Review Commission, stated quite a bit of time was spent looking at other communities' zoning rules and the ways to change zoning in those communities. We also were aware of Ohio law and the rights provided to voters regarding zoning changes. We made the

recommendation we did after considerable review and discussion of those things. He is troubled by the fact that, notwithstanding that recommendation from the Commission, one person drives this Council towards making major changes. He commented on Councilmember Turner's mention that it is the job of Council as elected representatives to make decisions for the community; not to be pollsters and chief and constantly run around and ask what do people want. It's your job to make decisions for the community, as stewards of the community, based on your belief as to what is the best interest of the community. He finds it presumptuous for a Council today to say never in the future can Council make decisions on zoning; we're going to take that away from Council. There may be circumstances in which the Council in the future has to make a zoning decision, maybe even reduce density for a particular piece of property for a very good reason. If the voters don't like it at that time, they have the right through referendum to try to change it. It's in the first instance the Council's responsibility and ultimate decision.

At 1:17:41 resident Jerry Bohinc is troubled by the reference in 1160 that if the underlying lot sizes are less than five acres that the ordinance is modified accordingly. He is not sure what that means. There ought to be some clarity added to 1160. If you put 1160 as is written today to a vote, it would fail because of its reference to cluster homes even though the major intention was plan development that concentrates houses together in return for getting land set aside.

At 1:20:39 the Mayor suggested we move on. He and others will put together some steps to go forward.

5. Clerk's Report - None

6. Financial Report attached and starts at 1:22:17

The Mayor announced that going forward Finance Administrator Mulh will write the financial report, and Treasurer Morgan will focus his attention primarily on the treasury investment policy statement, investment returns, and simplifying the policy statement. The financial report is on the website - we continue to look favorable meeting or exceeding our budget.

Treasurer Morgan stated he has met with Ancora and the Treasury Investment Board has met informally and we plan to meet formally with Ancora in July to review the first year. The portfolio is in good shape, the bond market is holding up, and we are all right.

7. Police Department Report attached and starts at 1:23:36

The Police Chief reported that recent issues at church festivals brought a higher level of awareness for the Police Dept. to take additional security steps during the St. Francis festival - checking backpacks, a no mask policy, p.m. closing, and additional support. Attendees felt comfortable, we had no major incidents, and the Chief was proud to report that. Councilmember Broome thanked the Mayfield Heights Police Dept., Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Dept., Cleveland Clinic Police, and our own Police Dept. The



Mayor added our Fire Dept. provided coverage and strategically placed a fire engine funneling all the people down the main driveway. A canine dog crew was present. Councilmember Welsh mentioned the SWAT vehicle was present and complimented the Chief for keeping us out of the news.

8. Service Department Report attached and starts at 1:26:26

Service Director Biggert reported an additional two responses to the Rumpke Tote vs. Bag Recycling Survey were received, both in favor of the tote system. 89% of the total respondents have requested to use the tote system. Councilmember Welsh asked what the cost would be if the Village were to pay for all trash collection under the new contract and the Mayor replied \$450,000.

9. Fire Department Report attached and starts at 1:27:58

Councilmember Broome congratulated Fire Chief Majeski on 29 years of service, Armando Farinacci 7 years, and Trevor Murfello 34 years.

10. **Resolution No. 2024-19 (Second Reading)** starts at 1:29:17

“A Resolution Accepting the Bid of Rumpke of Ohio, Inc. for Refuse Collection, Disposal and Recycling Services, Authorizing a Contract Therefor, and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Mayor Siemborski. Our bid specifications depict the manner in which refuse collection and recycling has been done for many years. We do not have the kinds of driveways that accommodate curbside collection. That has resulted in only one vendor that would bid for this work. Other vendors would consider talking to us only if we had given them an advance commitment allowing time to purchase the necessary vehicles/equipment. We talked to other municipalities and there is no interest in picking us up for outsourcing. After discussion with Rumpke executive management, we have learned we generate 1000 tons of rubbish and 200 tons of recyclables per year yielding a 17% recycling rate. That is a low recycling rate. Because we are not recycling enough, it ends up in the landfills, the landfills are going to cost Rumpke and us money. Recycling totes could help us improve our recycling rate. We also learned that our residents can choose between weekly or bi-weekly service. Changing to bi-weekly collection would keep the cost where it's at now. Weekly collection would bear a 33% increase. Councilmember Welsh moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-19 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Councilmember Press commented that given we only have one bidder and it is a 33% increase, he recommends we approve only the first year and buy ourselves some time to see if we can find a better, more efficient solution. The Mayor was not hopeful - at this point we have no leverage. If we can demonstrate a sizable increase in our recycling rate, then there could be shareable cost savings. Councilmember Broome asked if the resolution is for using the totes, or, the totes or the bags. The Mayor replied it is an open item for this group to decide - it's one or the other for the entire community. Bid prices were the same whether we picked totes or bags. Service Director Biggert clarified it's either all bagged

(garbage and recycling), or it's bagged garbage with tote recycling. The tote is only for recycling. Councilmember Broome asked if the tote pickup is on a different day than the bag pickup. The Service Director replied that both bagged garbage and recycling totes would be picked up the same day at your back door or wherever you're placing it now. Councilmember Turner stated she found she was recycling more using the tote during the trial. Councilmember Deacon asked if cardboard and paper would go in the tote. The Service Director replied yes and the biggest increase in recyclables during the trial was cardboard. Councilmember Steinbrink asked if time goes by and the feedback is the opposite of this, can we go back and change the contract or are we locked in for three years. Service Director Biggert thinks we could go back to what we are doing now but would want to verify that.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Welsh moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-19 using the tote system and Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Mayor Siemborski commented on the need for a communication plan to our residents about the cost and roll out of the tote system to enable readiness in January 2025.

## 11. Committee Reports

Friends of the Library (Councilmember Welsh) starts at 1:46:33

- August 10 event celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Gates Mills Library will include an ice cream truck, face painter, balloon artist, and more
- Service Director will assist Library Manager with location
- Library is looking for assistance with library logo development
- 7 pickleball paddles and balls are available at the library for use on the new courts and can be put in the return book slot if returned after library hours

Fiber Optic/Broadband Committee (Councilmember Deacon) starts at 1:49:35

- Two full responses to our RFP were received last Friday and Reid Consulting indicated these were the two we would want.
- Next step is to evaluate, in a small committee, the two responses using the scoring process provided by Reid Consulting (approx June 28-July 1). Reid will facilitate the scoring as part of our agreement with them, while the committee should do the actual scoring - a better process. After evaluation, determine if requests for additional information are required and if we want each respondent to do a presentation to the committee (approx July 15). From there we would try to reach

a final decision and negotiate, possibly negotiate in parallel (approx end of July/first of August). That would be followed by public information.

Mayor Siemborski stated that Councilmember Deacon and himself propose a five-person committee to evaluate the RFP responses: Councilmember Deacon, Chairperson, Rick Heimer, Mayor Siemborski, Village Engineer Courtney, and Councilmember Press, if interested or willing. Councilmember Press replied he would be happy to do that and suggested considering Dennis Leazott as a sixth committee member.

At 1:53:20 Councilmember Press asked why bother with the scoring when only two filled out the full RFP? Just go right to the next step. Councilmember Deacon stated the scoring is based on the technical aspects of the bid and we want to understand the differences, the pros and cons of each bid. Councilmember Press asked how much does the scoring cost and Councilmember Deacon answered it is part of the consulting cost we approved. It is a benefit we should take advantage of. The two bids are very different. Councilmember Press asked who the two vendors are. Councilmember Deacon replied we keep it confidential at this point for negotiating purposes.

Councilmember Welsh moved to approve the Broadband Committee members proposed by Mayor Siemborski and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. Councilmember Broome asked if Dennis Leazott was included. Mayor Siemborski replied he was okay with adding Dennis, and Councilmember Deacon concurred as long as Dennis could make himself available at the meetings.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Tree Canopy Subcommittee (Councilmember Turner) starts at 1:57:24

- Has met twice and will continue to meet once a month
- Will compare our tree related ordinances to ODNR and Tree Canopy Academy samples
- Educational materials to be shared with residents along the way

12. **Resolution No. 2024-21 (First Reading)** starts at 1:58:45

“A Resolution Submitting the Question of the Renewal of an Existing 3.5 Mill Tax Levy for the Purpose of Current Expenses and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Mayor Siemborski. Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-21 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-21 and Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

13. **Resolution No. 2024-22 (First Reading)** starts at 2:00:52

“A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Sixth One-Year Extension of an Agreement for the Provision of School Resource Officer Services with the Mayfield City School District and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember Steinbrink. In place since 2018, there are no changes to the language in the agreement and the 77/23 percent split remains unchanged. Councilmember Steinbrink moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2024-22 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve Resolution No. 2024-22 and Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

14. **Ordinance No. 2024-23 (First Reading)** starts at 2:03:30

“An Ordinance to Add New Firefighter Station Duty Hourly Rates and Declaring an Emergency” was read by the Mayor. Councilmember Welsh moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2024-23 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Press seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Welsh moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-23 and Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

15. **Ordinance No. 2024-24 (Revised 6/18/2024) (First Reading)** starts at 2:04:53

“An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 2023-49 to Increase Certain Appropriations and Other Expenditures of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024” was read by Mayor Siemborski. Three items require additional money beyond what was budgeted - 1) \$5000 for the Encore Finale staging and tent, 2) \$40,000 for renovating the women’s bathroom on the side of the Service Garage, and 3) \$25,000 for salaries and \$1000 for benefits to staff the Saturday Fire Station Duty. Councilmember Turner moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2024-24 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-24 and Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.

Nays: None

Motion carried.

16. **Ordinance No. 2024-25 (First Reading)** starts at 2:08:16

“An Ordinance Adopting a Moratorium on Applications for, and the Granting of, Zoning Approvals, Building Permits, and Certificates of Occupancy for Any Building, Structure, Use, or Change of Use that Would Enable the Cultivation, Processing, Distribution, or Sale of Adult Use Cannabis for a Period Not to Exceed Six Months in Order to Allow the Village to Review Applicable State and Local Laws; to Plan for Regulations Relating to Such Uses; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Councilmember Steinbrink. This ordinance is necessitated by the passage of Issue 2 last fall. In 2016 Council did something similar and put a six-month moratorium in place for medical cannabis use and that was referred to P & Z who developed an ordinance basically banning medical dispensaries and cultivation. We need time to do something similar for recreational use. Councilmember Steinbrink moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2024-25 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Deacon seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner.

Nays: Welsh

Motion carried.

Councilmember Welsh stated there’s a corporation that owns a farm here in the Village and this is entirely premature for them.

Councilmember Turner moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-25 and Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner.  
Nays: Welsh  
Motion carried.

17. **Ordinance No. 2024-26 (First Reading)** starts at 2:11:00

“An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal by Sale of Slag Gravel that is Surplus and Unneeded for Village Purposes; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by the Mayor. Cole Burton recently paved the Service Dept. areas and has a use for the gravel pile that we no longer use. This will generate approx. \$5000. Councilmember Steinbrink moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2024-26 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Broome seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Deacon moved to approve Ordinance No. 2024-26 and Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

Ayes: Atton, Broome, Deacon, Press, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh.  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

18. Council Matters - None

19. Business from the Audience - None

20. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

Steven L. Siemborski, Mayor

## VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY

7/1/2024 1:17:24 PM

**Payment Listing**

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June 2024

Payment Advice #	Post Date	Transaction Date	Type	Vendor / Payee	Amount	Status
83-2024	02/07/2024	02/07/2024	CH	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	\$19,982.18 *	C
83-2024	02/13/2024	02/13/2024	NEG ADJ	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	-\$525.04 *	C
83-2024	02/16/2024	02/16/2024	NEG ADJ	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	-\$3,124.57 *	C
83-2024	04/17/2024	04/17/2024	NEG ADJ	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	-\$148.65 *	C
83-2024	04/22/2024	04/22/2024	NEG ADJ	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	-\$5,556.26 *	C
83-2024	05/09/2024	05/09/2024	NEG ADJ	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	-\$638.31 *	C
83-2024	06/10/2024	06/10/2024	NEG ADJ	CUYAHOGA COUNTY TREASURER	-\$494.01	C
128-2024	02/29/2024	03/08/2024	CH	REFUND - MAYOR COURT OVERPAYMENT	\$5.00 *	V
128-2024	06/27/2024	06/27/2024	CH	REFUND - MAYOR COURT OVERPAYMENT	-\$5.00	V
284-2024	05/15/2024	05/15/2024	CH	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	\$2,032.41 *	C
284-2024	06/10/2024	06/10/2024	NEG ADJ	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	-\$181.18	C
315-2024	06/03/2024	06/04/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$100.08	C
316-2024	06/03/2024	06/04/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$123.35	C
317-2024	06/03/2024	06/04/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$134.41	C
318-2024	06/03/2024	06/04/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$460.30	C
318-2024	06/10/2024	06/10/2024	NEG ADJ	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	-\$460.30	C
319-2024	06/03/2024	06/04/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$537.49	C
320-2024	06/03/2024	06/04/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$546.53	C
321-2024	06/04/2024	06/04/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$104.19	C
322-2024	06/04/2024	06/04/2024	CH	AETNA HEALTH INC. (OHIO)	\$41,138.81	C
323-2024	06/05/2024	06/04/2024	CH	OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION	\$26,997.18	C
324-2024	06/05/2024	06/04/2024	CH	OPERS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES	\$19,955.69	C
325-2024	06/05/2024	06/05/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$102.52	C
326-2024	06/05/2024	06/05/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$104.58	C
327-2024	06/05/2024	06/05/2024	CH	THE HARTFORD	\$203.34	C
328-2024	06/05/2024	06/06/2024	CH	CHASE BANK	\$2.50	C
329-2024	06/05/2024	06/11/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$319.08	C
330-2024	06/07/2024	06/11/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$42.31	C
331-2024	06/10/2024	06/11/2024	CH	DELTA DENTAL	\$1,941.97	C
332-2024	06/10/2024	06/11/2024	CH	PRIME PAY	\$634.09	C
333-2024	06/11/2024	06/11/2024	CH	DOMINION EAST OHIO	\$212.00	C
334-2024	06/11/2024	06/11/2024	CH	TREASUER OF STATE	\$1,074.00	C

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335-2024	06/11/2024	06/11/2024	CH	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	\$1,336.06	C
336-2024	06/11/2024	06/11/2024	CH	PRIME PAY	\$72,955.52	C
337-2024	06/12/2024	06/12/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$100.08	C
338-2024	06/12/2024	06/12/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$103.28	C
339-2024	06/12/2024	06/12/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$795.95	C
340-2024	06/12/2024	06/12/2024	CH	FP MAILING SOLUTIONS	\$200.00	C
341-2024	06/12/2024	06/12/2024	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,488.00	C
342-2024	06/12/2024	06/12/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$6,972.54	C
343-2024	06/12/2024	06/12/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$1,035.00	C
344-2024	06/13/2024	06/14/2024	CH	DOMINION EAST OHIO	\$100.07	C
345-2024	06/17/2024	06/17/2024	CH	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	\$62.21	C
346-2024	06/17/2024	06/17/2024	CH	VERIZON WIRELESS	\$612.89	C
347-2024	06/17/2024	06/17/2024	CH	HOME DEPOT CRC	\$1,456.08	C
348-2024	06/20/2024	06/21/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$554.77	C
349-2024	06/21/2024	06/21/2024	CH	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$412.41	C
350-2024	06/24/2024	06/25/2024	CH	SAM'S CLUB	\$318.40	C
351-2024	06/25/2024	06/25/2024	CH	FIRST COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	\$2,792.00	C
352-2024	06/25/2024	06/25/2024	CH	PRIME PAY	\$73,660.56	C
353-2024	06/26/2024	06/27/2024	CH	DIVISION OF WATER	\$67.20	C
354-2024	06/26/2024	06/27/2024	CH	EQUIVEST	\$2,488.00	C
355-2024	06/26/2024	06/27/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$1,135.00	C
356-2024	06/26/2024	06/27/2024	CH	OHIO DEFERRED COMP	\$6,972.54	C
357-2024	06/27/2024	06/27/2024	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$27,560.00	C
358-2024	06/28/2024	07/01/2024	CH	STATE TREASURER OF OHIO	\$1,387.50	C
359-2024	06/28/2024	07/01/2024	CH	REDSS	\$190.00	C
360-2024	06/28/2024	07/01/2024	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$55.50	C
361-2024	06/28/2024	07/01/2024	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$285.00	C
362-2024	06/28/2024	07/01/2024	CH	LYNDHURST MUNI COURT	\$125.00	C
7562	04/26/2024	04/26/2024	AW	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	\$3,070.23 *	C
7562	06/25/2024	06/25/2024	NEG ADJ	CLEVELAND ILLUMINATING CO.	-\$1,535.00	C
7613	05/13/2024	05/13/2024	AW	CLEVELAND PLUMBING SUPPLY CO.	\$3,443.30 *	C
7613	06/11/2024	06/11/2024	NEG ADJ	CLEVELAND PLUMBING SUPPLY CO.	-\$2,307.00	C



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7620	05/28/2024	05/28/2024	AW	AMERICAN SECURITY & AV SYSTEMS	\$702.51 *	C
7620	06/10/2024	06/10/2024	NEG ADJ	AMERICAN SECURITY & AV SYSTEMS	-\$702.51	C
7634	06/06/2024	06/06/2024	AW	AKE ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.	\$560.00	C
7635	06/06/2024	06/06/2024	AW	ATWELL'S POLICE & FIRE EQMT	\$192.00	C
7636	06/06/2024	06/06/2024	AW	CHAGRIN VALLEY DISPATCH	\$14,062.93	C
7637	06/06/2024	06/06/2024	AW	MICHAEL E. CICERO	\$850.00	C
7638	06/06/2024	06/06/2024	AW	NICOLA, GUDBRANSON & COOPER	\$4,162.50	C
7639	06/06/2024	06/06/2024	AW	OAMCC	\$125.00	C
7640	06/06/2024	06/06/2024	AW	OHIO TREASURER OF STATE	\$885.00	C
7641	06/06/2024	06/06/2024	AW	REID CONSULTING GROUP	\$5,265.00	C
7642	06/06/2024	06/06/2024	AW	ROETZEL & ANDRESS	\$4,300.00	C
7643	06/06/2024	06/06/2024	AW	SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY	\$478.98	C
7644	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING CO., INC.	\$282,049.31	C
7645	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	C.W. COURTNEY COMPANY	\$48,933.42	C
7646	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	ABATE LANDSCAPING FLORIST	\$983.63	C
7647	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	AG-PRO COMPANIES	\$406.24	C
7648	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	AUBURN PIPE & PLUMBERS SUPPLY	\$2,012.32	C
7649	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	BAUER SUPPLY	\$46.43	C
7650	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	C.A. AGRESTA CONSTRUCTION CO.	\$36,660.00	C
7651	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	CARGILL, INCORPORATED	\$18,101.01	C
7652	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	CARMEUSE LIME & STONE	\$2,346.30	C
7653	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	CHAGRIN VALLEY NURSERIES, INC.	\$1,440.00	C
7654	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	CHARLES E. HARRIS & ASSOCIATES	\$3,080.00	C
7655	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	WILLIAM H. CHILDS, JR	\$100.00	C
7656	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	CINTAS CORPORATION #259	\$63.32	C
7657	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	COLE BURTON CONTRACTORS, LLC	\$85,426.88	C
7658	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	COMDOC, INC.	\$1,338.39	C
7659	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	CUYAHOGA LANDMARK	\$973.35	C
7660	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	DISTILLATA COMPANY	\$144.90	C
7661	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	DUSTBUSTER	\$510.00	C
7662	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	RICHARD KAWALEK ARCHITECT INC	\$100.00	O
7663	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	KEN'S WINDOW CLEANING	\$870.00	O

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7664	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	KOLSOM TIRES	\$610.00	C
7665	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	KURTZ BROS., INC.	\$1,275.65	C
7666	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	MARSHALL POWER EQUIPMENT	\$183.90	C
7667	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	MT CONTRACTING	\$682.00	C
7668	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	OSBOURN PLUMBING & HEATING	\$315.11	C
7669	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	RUGG'S PEST MANAGEMENT	\$274.00	C
7670	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	RUMPKE	\$88.82	C
7671	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	SHUTTLE'S UNIFORM INC.	\$480.97	C
7672	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY	\$68.41	C
7673	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	SPEAR'S	\$92.90	C
7674	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	TURNEY HOME & AUTO	\$544.18	C
7675	06/14/2024	06/14/2024	AW	WEATHER LOCK ROOFING	\$23,008.74	C
7676	06/27/2024	06/27/2024	AW	SENSYS GATSO USA, INC.	\$28,386.00	O
Total Payments:					\$867,748.57	
Total Conversion Vouchers:					\$0.00	
Total Less Conversion Vouchers:					\$867,748.57	

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.

TOTAL \$867,748.57

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Clerk

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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)

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Clerk

## **GATES MILLS VILLAGE 2024 VILLAGE COMMITTEES**

### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD**

**(3) YEARS – Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Month**

John Spirk, Chair (12/31/2025)

Judi Embrescia (12/31/2025)

Janet AuWerter (12/31/2026)

Jann Holzman (12/31/2024)

Sara Welsh, Historic Review Board Rep.

Sandra Turner, Council Rep. (12/31/24)

William Childs, Architect (12/31/26)

Richard Kawalek, Architect (12/31/26)

### **ARCHITECTURAL SUB-COMMITTEE – HISTORICAL REVIEW**

**Appointed Annually - Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
of Month**

Sara Welsh, Chair

Laurie Deacon, Council Rep.

Jane Lindmark

Greg Nosan

Chuck Spear

David Ellison, Architect

Joseph Giglio, Architect

William Childs, Alternate Architect

### **BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES**

Ed Welsh, Chair

David Biggert, Trustee

Katharine Goss

Peter Griesinger, Trustee

Kathy and Jim Pender, Trustees

Mary Reynolds

Janet Mulh, Archivist

### **BROADBAND**

Laurie Deacon, Chair

Steve Siemborski, Mayor

Chris Courtney

Richard Hymer

Dennis Leazott

Michael Press

### **HERITAGE HOME PROGRAM**

Sandra Turner

Chuck Spear

All meetings need to be posted a minimum of 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Chairs should let Janet Mulh know (via email or phone) the date, time, location, and purpose of a meeting.

### **CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERS –**

Sandra Turner, Representative

Chris Courtney, Alternate

### **HILLCREST COUNCIL OF COUNCILS**

All Council Members

### **FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Steve Siemborski, Mayor. Chair

David Atton, Council Rep

Jay (“Chip”) AuWerter

Charlie Baker

David Burke

Beth DeCapite

Michael Press

Mark Prusinski

Nancy Sogg

Ann Whitney

Janet Mulh, Finance Administrator

Dixon Morgan, Jr., Treasurer

### **SUB-COMMITTEE – LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING**

Steve Siemborski, Chair

Assigned as needed.

### **WAGE & BENEFITS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Steve Siemborski, Chair

Beth DeCapite

Bob Reitman

Sandra Turner, Council Rep

Ann Whitney

### **INSURANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

Ann Whitney, Chair

Beth DeCapite

Bob Reitman

Janet Mulh, Finance Admin.

**LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW  
(2) YEARS**

David Bercheck (12/31/2025)  
David Burke (12/31/2025)  
John K. Lane (12/31/2025)

**GATES MILLS LAND CONSERVANCY  
(4 YEARS)**

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Mitchell Bass (2027)  
Scott Broome (2025)  
Jamie Carracher (2026)  
John Kramer (2027)  
Sandra Turner ((2026)

**LEGAL COMMITTEE**

Shawn Riley, Chair  
Debbie Moss Batt  
David Hooker  
Robert S. Reitman  
Nancy Sogg

**MAYFIELD SCHOOL SYSTEM  
LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Meghan Perez, Co-Chair  
Sean O'Hagan, Co-Chair  
David Atton  
Angela Baker  
DeAnn Dominish  
Audrey Dvorak  
Larry Frankel  
Robin Polack  
Jim Stafford  
Vikram Swamy  
Laurel Ravida, Gates Mills Elem. Principal  
Chief Minichello  
SRO Kimbrew

**PARK COMMISSION, (5) YEARS**

Steve Siemborski, Mayor (12/31/2025)  
Al Cowger (12/31/2025)  
Cathy DiVincenzo (12/31/2025)  
Paul Nemastil (12/31/2025)  
Ed Welsh (12/31/2025)

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
(4) YEARS – 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month**

Craig Steinbrink, Council Rep. and Chair  
(12/31/24)"  
Scott Broome, Council Rep (12/31/24)  
Jay "Chip" AuWerter (12/31/24)  
Jim Deacon (12/31/24)  
Emily Hamilton (12/31/27)  
Chris Riley (12/31/26)  
Jeannine Voinovich (12/31/27)  
Dave Biggert, Secretary

**POSITIVELY GATES MILLS**

Sandra Turner, Chair  
Janet AuWerter  
Sally Burke  
Karen Eagle  
Nancy McGuinnis  
Molly Nook  
Gail Palmer  
Alison Phillips  
Steve Schneider  
Anne Steele

**RECORDS COMMISSION**

Janet Mulh, Finance Administrator  
Todd Hunt, Law Director  
Ed Welsh, Council Rep.  
Marcia Anselmo, Citizen, Pres. GM Hist. Soc.  
Gregg Minichello, Police Chief  
Tom Majeski, Fire Chief  
Dave Biggert, Service Director  
Steve Siemborski, Mayor

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Bob Andreano - Art Show  
Laurie Deacon - Summer Concert  
Village Staff – Easter Event  
Village Staff – Halloween Event  
Karen Galloway – Friends of the Library  
Shannon Seaber – Gates Mills Players  
Josh Hayes – The Nature Camp

**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Clark Langmack, Chair  
Juliana Carrus  
Lucy Lytle  
Jane Mitchell  
Jim Stafford

## **SAFETY/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mike Pinto and Larry Frankel, Co-Chairs

Charlie Baker

Scott Broome

Patrick Daugherty

Doug Horner

Hadley Kline

Dennis Leazott

Karen Long

Craig Steinbrink, Council Rep.

Ed Welsh, Council Rep.

Dave Biggert, Service Director

Tom Majeski, Fire Chief

Gregg Minichello, Police Chief

## **REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE**

### **3 Year Term**

Warren Morris, Chair (12/31/25)

Shawn Riley (12/31/26)

Craig Steinbrink, Council Rep. (12/31/24)

## **REAL ESTATE SUB-COMMITTEE**

Warren Morris, Chair

Shawn Riley

Craig Steinbrink, Council Rep.

Debbie Moss Batt

Eric Bell

Paul Cascio

Mark Prusinski

Tim Reynolds

Kevin Slesh

Nancy Sogg

## **SERVICE COMMITTEE**

Larry Frankel, Chair

Dave Biggert, Service Director

Trevor Murfello, Service Manager

Charlie Baker

Bob Bruml

David Burke

Steve Dominish

Darko Luketic

John Mueller

Trina Nemastil

Mark Saltzman

Nancy Sogg

## **PHASE II STORMWATER SUB-COMMITTEE of SERVICE COMMITTEE**

**Assigned as needed**

Dave Biggert, Service Director, Chair

## **VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS' DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD (2 COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES)**

David Atton

Ed Welsh

## **GATES MILLS GAS WELL SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**Assigned as needed**

Tom Majeski, Fire Chief, Chair

## **CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Shawn Riley, Chair

Laurie Deacon

David Hooker

Michael Press

Robert Reitman

## **TREASURY INVESTMENT BOARD**

Dixon Morgan, Jr., Treasurer

David Atton, Councilmember

Micheal Press, Councilmember

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE (7 Members)**

## **TREE CANOPY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Mitchell Bass, Chair

David Atton

Erick Carlson

Lucy Chamberlain

Holly Mathews

Nathaniel Smith

Sandra Turner

## **WATERWAYS SUBCOMMITTEE (5 Members)**

## **WILDLIFE SUBCOMMITTEE (5 Members)**

**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JUNE 30, 2024**

	2024 BUDGET	Current Month	2024 Year to Date	2023 Year to Date
<b>General Fund (GF) Revenues:</b>				
<b>Taxes:</b>				
Real Estate Taxes	2,488,500	-	1,417,005	1,349,765
Municipal Income Taxes	2,100,000	325,945	1,311,592	1,189,308
Share of Sales and State Taxes	28,000	6,185	31,501	34,914
<b>Total Tax Revenue</b>	<b>4,616,500</b>	<b>332,130</b>	<b>2,760,098</b>	<b>2,573,987</b>
<b>Other Sources:</b>				
Fines and Costs	75,100	4,304	33,974	43,806
Traffic Camera Gross Receipts	1,518,400	103,190	804,190	-
Building/Liquor Permits & Licenses	51,040	13,512	51,046	51,435
Interest Income	259,000	17,298	149,479	59,847
Rental Income	222,960	18,464	148,735	153,077
Mills Building Rental Income	142,631	9,649	53,285	64,537
Ambulance Income	36,000	-	35,386	17,952
SRO Reimbursement	94,450	7,871	47,225	45,429
Misc	47,750	45	23,774	16,443
<b>Total Other Sources Revenue</b>	<b>2,447,331</b>	<b>174,333</b>	<b>1,347,094</b>	<b>452,526</b>
<b>Assessments:</b>				
School Board/Property Assessment	-	-	-	-
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>7,063,831</b>	<b>506,463</b>	<b>4,107,192</b>	<b>3,026,513</b>
<b>Add Year Beginning General Fund Balance</b>		<b>7,747,489</b>	<b>7,580,424</b>	<b>7,811,278</b>
<b>Less Expenses:</b>				
Administration Costs	(see Page 2)	(56,498)	(447,768)	(468,317)
Administration - Transfers		-	(796,500)	(496,500)
Police Department Costs	(see Page 3)	(187,355)	(1,264,631)	(870,025)
Fire Department Costs	(see Page 3)	(16,089)	(95,631)	(99,300)
Fire Department Ambulance	(see Page 3)	-	(183,290)	(222,388)
Service Department Costs	(see Page 4)	(151,352)	(1,057,138)	(1,103,350)
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>		<b>(411,294)</b>	<b>(3,844,958)</b>	<b>(3,259,880)</b>
<b>Current General Fund Balance</b>		<b>7,842,658</b>	<b>7,842,658</b>	<b>7,577,911</b>
<b>Plus:</b>				
Other Fund Current Balances		1,788,473	1,788,473	1,872,390
<b>Total Current Balance - All Funds</b>		<b>9,631,132</b>	<b>9,631,132</b>	<b>9,450,301</b>

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JUNE 30, 2024

	2024 BUDGET	2024 Month Expenses	2024 To Date Expenses	2023 To Date Expenses
<b>ADMINISTRATION:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	165,000	12,488	81,117	78,019
Health Insurance	54,180	4,460	32,752	25,700
Worker's Comp/Medicare	8,000	212	1,917	1,768
Employee Retirement (OPERS)	27,900	2,081	13,466	13,064
PERSONNEL COSTS	255,080	19,241	129,252	118,551
Legal - Law Director	60,000	4,300	21,017	64,648
Legal - Prosecutor	48,000	5,013	18,450	17,776
Legal - Other	500	-	8	153
Engineering	33,900	8,006	21,444	16,172
Other Professional Services	114,500	8,721	60,322	69,319
LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL	256,900	26,040	121,241	168,068
General Insurance	120,000	-	116,741	103,887
Income Tax Expense	75,000	9,680	37,919	33,970
County Auditor Expenses	64,000	-	33,289	36,822
Office Expenses	9,500	1,538	6,383	3,375
Miscellaneous Expenses	5,000	-	2,943	3,644
OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	273,500	11,218	197,275	181,698
ADMINISTRATION OPERATING COSTS	785,480	56,498	447,768	468,317
Transfers to Other Funds	1,096,500	-	796,500	496,500
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION COSTS	1,881,980	56,498	1,244,268	964,817



VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JUNE 30, 2024

	2024 BUDGET	2024 Month Expenses	2024 To Date Expenses	2023 To Date Expenses
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	1,134,000	88,114	572,803	544,436
Overtime	50,000	5,806	20,158	14,729
Health, OPERS, MEDI, Worker Comp	274,700	21,046	143,564	125,480
PERSONNEL COSTS	1,458,700	114,967	736,525	684,645
Gasoline	25,000	973	7,003	11,247
Repairs and Maintenance	16,000	-	6,533	5,445
Uniforms	15,000	673	3,673	5,919
Training/Conferences	12,000	-	4,578	11,069
Dispatch Operating Fee	170,100	14,063	84,378	93,753
Alarm System Fee	18,000	-	8,662	9,607
Maintenance Agreements/Radio Expenses	29,000	360	20,983	23,655
Traffic Camera Program LMC	312,000	27,560	146,360	-
Traffic Camera Program Gatso	379,400	28,386	225,786	-
Other Expenses	16,000	373	5,109	7,283
V.E.G.	11,000	-	11,000	10,000
OTHER POLICE DEPART COSTS	1,003,500	72,388	524,066	177,978
Vehicle Purchases	60,000	-	-	-
Equipment Purchases	12,000	-	4,040	7,402
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	72,000	-	4,040	7,402
<b>TOTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT COSTS</b>	<b>2,534,200</b>	<b>187,355</b>	<b>1,264,631</b>	<b>870,025</b>
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<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	160,000	13,278	69,435	71,935
PERS, MEDI, SOC SEC, Worker Comp	31,150	1,034	7,283	7,365
PERSONNEL COSTS	191,150	14,313	76,718	79,300
Vehicle Maintenance	11,000	18	114	71
Ambulance/EMS <i>see below</i>	437,000	-	183,290	222,388
Training/Conferences	12,000	-	-	1,361
Contracts & Annual Fees	24,000	767	12,680	15,290
Other Expenses	10,000	991	2,319	683
OTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS	494,000	1,776	198,402	239,793
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	63,125	-	3,801	2,595
<b>TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT COSTS</b>	<b>748,275</b>	<b>16,089</b>	<b>278,921</b>	<b>321,688</b>
<i>Ambulance Income on Cover Page</i>	36,000	-	35,386	17,952

**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JUNE 30, 2024**

	2024 BUDGET	2024 Month Expenses	2024 To Date Expenses	2023 To Date Expenses
<b>SERVICE DEPARTMENT:</b>				
Salaries and Wages	776,600	63,201	377,588	361,989
Overtime	30,975	251	14,424	12,888
Health, OPERS, MEDI, Worker Comp	323,650	27,014	179,150	153,580
PERSONNEL COSTS	1,131,225	90,466	571,162	528,457
Salt/Aggregate (snow removal)	65,000	18,101	44,374	67,395
Building Inspection	12,000	-	4,066	5,283
Equipment Maintenance	46,000	1,294	33,814	32,343
Gasoline Expense	40,000	-	16,068	21,438
Supplies/Uniforms	34,000	1,435	17,021	19,326
OPERATING COSTS	197,000	20,831	115,343	145,785
<b>BUILDING OPERATION &amp; MTC</b>				
Village Hall	127,300	5,603	43,988	84,275
Village Houses	12,300	-	63	1,148
Community Building	65,200	24,292	52,618	8,891
Post Office	3,000	-	521	4,231
OBT Building	1,940	103	804	915
Wash House	3,700	-	27	40
Burton Court	3,100	363	3,959	13,007
Mills Building	34,010	972	38,533	60,312
BUILDING OPERATION & MTC	250,550	31,334	140,513	172,819
Street Repair	8,000	-	888	1,084
Ditch, Drain, Sewers	35,500	3,023	8,624	2,751
Tree Grinding (Contractors)	15,000	-	15,275	800
Street Lighting	17,100	1,814	9,633	9,541
Parks	21,000	3,662	6,568	12,340
Guardrails, Signs, Bridges	26,600	223	1,166	2,394
STREETS AND ROADS	123,200	8,722	42,153	28,910
Vehicles	181,400	-	174,689	208,512
Other Equipment	20,000	-	13,277	18,867
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	201,400	-	187,966	227,379
<b>TOTAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT COSTS</b>	<b>1,903,375</b>	<b>151,352</b>	<b>1,057,138</b>	<b>1,103,350</b>

**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JUNE 30, 2024**

	Beginning Year Balance	Year-to-date Actual Receipts	Year-to-date Actual Expenses	Unexpended Balance
Street Const Maint Repair	134,824	102,040	85,427	151,438
State Highway	27,243	8,389	17,344	18,288
Bond Retirement (KeyBank Loans)	2,730	-	-	2,730
	<u>164,797</u>	<u>110,429</u>	<u>102,771</u>	<u>172,455</u>
Capital Improvement	420,762	612,787	655,214	378,335
Water	284,003	16,500	21,240	279,263
Wastewater Plant	29,776	42,175	36,285	35,665
Park Recreation	53,947	27,759	22,786	58,920
Cemetery	54,799	8,500	579	62,720
Mayor's Court-Violations Bureau	1,220	14,267	14,369	1,118
Mayor's Discretionary	285	1,500	240	1,545
Purcell Trust	31,800	-	-	31,800
Land Conservation	210,318	127,699	65,523	272,494
Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (ARPA)	499,530	-	301,971	197,558
Building Bond Deposit	129,989	14,021	-	144,010
Underground Storage Tank	11,000	-	-	11,000
Safety Fund	26,714	450	14,398	12,766
Police Relief & Pension	23,104	198,294	106,741	114,657
Law Enforcement	265	-	265	-
VEST Grant	-	-	-	-
OneOhio Fund (Opiod)	1,769	139	149	1,759
STATE Grants	20,008	-	7,600	12,408
TOTAL OTHER FUNDS	<u>1,964,085</u>	<u>1,174,519</u>	<u>1,350,130</u>	<u>1,788,473</u>
GENERAL FUND	7,580,424	4,107,192	3,844,958	7,842,658
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	<u>9,544,509</u>	<u>5,281,711</u>	<u>5,195,088</u>	<u>9,631,132</u>

STATE OF THE VILLAGE  
JUNE 30, 2024

	2024	2023
Total Current Balance - All Funds	<b>9,631,132</b>	<b>9,450,305</b>
Cash and Investments:	6/30/2024	6/30/2023
Cash:		
ANCORA	8,584,294	8,404,785
CHASE DDA	131,899	134,718
CHASE SAV - LAND CONS	272,494	220,007
CHASE VIOLATIONS BUREAU	44,466	23,371
Star Ohio	<u>627,904</u>	<u>697,500</u>
Total Cash	9,661,057	9,480,381
(OUTSTANDING CHECKS)	<u>(29,925)</u>	<u>(30,076)</u>
Total Cash and Investments	<b>9,631,132</b>	<b>9,450,305</b>

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\*\* From Wastewater Fund

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY	BUDGET	JUNE	2024 YEAR TO DATE	2023 YEAR TO DATE
Real Estate Taxes	2,488,500	-	1,417,005	1,349,765
Municipal Income Tax	2,100,000	325,945	1,311,592	1,189,308
Share of Sales and State Taxes	28,000	6,185	31,501	34,914
Other Sources	2,447,331	174,333	1,347,094	452,526
Assessments	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>7,063,831</b>	<b>506,463</b>	<b>4,107,192</b>	<b>3,026,513</b>
 <b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
Administration Department	785,480	56,498	447,768	468,317
Police Department	2,534,200	187,355	1,264,631	870,025
Fire Department	748,275	16,089	278,921	321,688
Service Department	1,903,375	151,352	1,057,138	1,103,350
Transfers excluding Inheritance Taxes	1,096,500	-	796,500	496,500
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>7,067,830</b>	<b>411,294</b>	<b>3,844,958</b>	<b>3,259,880</b>
 <b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(3,999)</b>	<b>95,169</b>	<b>262,234</b>	<b>(233,367)</b>

Project	June 30, 2024	BUDGET	JUNE	YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES		COURTNEY	OTHER	SCMR/STHWY
	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT							
	2024 ROAD PROGRAM	900,000	61,401	625,830		139,830	486,000	
	SERVICE LOT PAVING	70,000		-				
	STORM WATER REGS AND ISSUES	20,000	4,182	6,197		6,197		
	RIVERVIEW DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS	73,000	85,427	85,427				85,427
	CONTINGENCIES	14,531	-	-				
	COMM HOUSE ODNR GRANT LOWER LEVEL	5,469		3,874			3,874	
	CHAGRIN RIVER @ MAYFIELD			19,314			19,314	
TOTAL	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT	1,083,000	151,010	740,642		146,027	509,188	85,427

**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**  
**July 9, 2024**

**MONTHLY RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION**

The financial statements were provided to the Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Council prior to the July 2024 Council meeting.

The Village is halfway through its fiscal year and at this point appears in good shape to achieve or slightly better its break-even 2024 budget. Real estate tax revenues are up slightly, RITA projects a higher level of municipal income, traffic camera receipts are steady and Village expenses are in line with budget. The Mayfield Road culvert replacement is complete with no complications that would require added Village funds.

**GENERAL FUND**

Year-to-date revenue was \$4,107,192 including \$804,190 in traffic camera receipts. Excluding those receipts, revenue would have been \$3,303,002 ahead of last year's amount of \$3,026,513 by \$276,489. Real estate tax collections were ahead of last year by \$67,240. Real estate tax collections are dependent on the county's billing and collection and taxpayer timing of payments. Municipal income tax receipts are up 10.3% at this point. In response to our request for an updated 2024 projection and based on current information, etc., RITA is of the view that our collections will be roughly \$2.3 to \$2.4 million. The Village budgeted \$2.1 million.

The traffic camera enforcement program in combination with Lyndhurst Municipal Court and the vendor started in mid-August 2023, so there were no gross collection receipts in the revenue category nor expenditures last year. Gross collections in 2024 were \$804,190. Expenses to Lyndhurst Municipal Court and to Sensys Gatso appear in the Police Department expenditure categories and were \$372,146 in 2024 for a margin of 54%. Lyndhurst Municipal Court increased its per citation fee by \$5 starting this spring. We do not see a need to increase the violation charge at this time.

Other sources of revenue were \$542,904, above 2023's year-to-date amount of \$452,526. We achieved higher receipts in ambulance income, interest, and SRO reimbursements, and lower receipts in the Mills Building rental income.

Expenditures for 2024 were \$3,844,958 compared to \$3,259,880 in 2023. Excluding transfers to other funds from the General Fund, Village expenditures year-to-date 2024 were \$3,048,458 compared to \$2,763,380 in 2023. Traffic camera expenses accounted for \$372,146 and the new sidearm mower and tractor with attachments were \$175,000. Village expenditures are budgeted and controlled via its four departments - (Administration, Police, Fire and Service) and Transfers from the General Fund to other specific funds such as the Capital Improvement Fund.

The Administration Department incurred \$447,768 in 2024, \$20,549 below the prior year due to legal and professional fees being \$51,954 lower and insurance being \$13,000 higher. Legal and professional fees were due to legal invoicing timing this year, using a broadband consulting firm and other annual services.

The Police Department incurred \$1,264,631 YTD of which, \$372,146 was associated with the traffic camera program. Excluding those costs to discuss comparability, actual expenditures in 2024 were \$892,485

compared to \$870,025 in 2023. The largest difference was in higher personnel costs of \$51,880 and \$9,375 lower dispatch operating costs, along with lower gasoline and training costs.

The Fire Department costs of \$278,921 were below the prior year of \$321,688. Quarterly ambulance and EMS costs are \$40,000 lower this year due to the lower volume of EMS calls. Year-to-date calls are 95 this year compared to 124 last year. Ambulance income was much higher as the data entry and billing backlog from the outside service provider from the third quarter was caught up and billings were collected and remitted to us. Fire Department runs were up this year from 96 to 122, but we have been able to stay close to budgeted dollars so far.

In the Service Department, and excluding capital expenditures, we have spent \$869,172, \$6,799 less than the prior year amount of \$875,971. We spent \$42,705 more on personnel costs, \$23,021 less on salt due to a milder winter and more at the Community House for the new roof and gutter project. We also took delivery and paid for the new sidearm mower and tractor with attachments at a cost of \$175,000.

In summary, for the first six months of the year, the Village operated with a General Fund surplus of \$262,234 compared to a shortfall of \$233,367 in 2023. 2023 included a \$250,000 road program overrun due to unforeseen subsurface conditions that was paid for in January of 2023. For 2024, the largest variance is traffic camera net receipts.

The General Fund cash balance as of June 30, 2024 was \$7,842,658 compared to the beginning of the year balance of \$7,580,424.

#### **OTHER FUNDS**

The Village is required to maintain other special purpose funds by statute or contract. Cash in these special purpose funds amounted to \$1,788,473 at June 30, 2024. The increase from the end of 2023 was due to transfers from the General Fund into certain of these funds. In the first six months, the Village remitted \$65,523 to the Gates Mills Land Conservancy as its share of levy dollars collected. Over the summer months, we expect to expend \$1,000,000 for the Mayfield Road culvert replacement, County Line Road repaving, and the Village road program. Those three projects have started earlier than prior year paving and road projects.

This report will be published on the Village website.

Janet M. Mulh  
Finance Administrator



# Village of Gates Mills

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## **July Council Report**

- 1) A 42-year-old man from Chesterland was arrested on multiple felony drug warrants out of Medina County. The male was arrested on Fox Hill Drive while he was looking for assistance with his disabled vehicle.
- 2) A suspect was officially charged through Cuyahoga County with two counts of Arson in connection with a February incident at St. Francis of Assisi Church.
- 3) An attempted stolen car was reported from a Hawthorne Farms driveway on 7/9 at occurring 3:20 a.m.

### **Monthly Totals:**

- 63 Traffic Citations.
- 21 Warnings.
- 15 Incident/Accident reports
- 7,329 Patrol Miles.
- 1849 House Checks
- Total Fines \$4304.00

Sincerely,



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Gates Mills, OH - Summary by time periods						
Time Period	Start Date	End Date	Passes	Passes 56-59	Passes 60+	Avg Speed
Warning Period	5/11/2023	8/16/2023	789,502	54,757	23,191	48.8
Part of August	8/17/2023	8/31/2023	162,410	3,841	1,295	46.3
September	9/1/2023	9/30/2023	443,354	10,333	3,596	46.3
October	10/1/2023	10/31/2023	428,664	8,923	3,134	46.2
November	11/1/2023	11/30/2023	400,350	6,868	2,330	45.8
December	12/1/2023	12/31/2023	402,921	6,528	2,267	45.7
January	1/1/2024	1/31/2024	373,317	4,617	1,460	45.2
February	2/1/2024	2/29/2024	382,252	4,872	1,574	45.6
March	3/1/2024	3/31/2024	397,284	4,945	1,637	45.5
April	4/1/2024	4/30/2024	421,368	4,812	1,554	45.5
May	5/1/2024	5/31/2024	435,632	5,051	1,693	45.5
June	6/1/2024	6/30/2024	425,375	5,580	1,812	45.7

# Gates Mills Service Department

*"Yours in service since 1920"*

TO: Mayor  
and Council Members

FROM: Dave Biggert, Service Director

**RE: SERVICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – JUNE 2024**

1. In June, 6 building permits were issued for a total construction value of \$4,945,000. This includes a new home permit on Sherman Road for \$1,500,000 and a remodeling permit for a home on Settlers Ridge Road.
2. In June 2023, 11 building permits were issued for a total construction value of \$993,195.
3. In June, we received a copy of the 2023 Residential Recycling Report from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. The Village's rate for 2023 was 11% with 129.40 tons of material recycled and 1,067.86 tons of solid waste deposited in the landfill. Last year's recycling rate is down from 16.53% in 2022. A copy of the report is attached for review.
4. A 2024 project update from Chris Courtney is attached for review.

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



# 2023 RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING REPORT

## Key

This chart shows the percentage of each community's waste stream that was recycled and composted in 2023. These add up to the total recycling rate for each community.

## % Recycled

The percentage of the community's total residential waste collected for recycling. Includes cans, cartons, glass, paper and boxes, plastic bottles and jugs, scrap metal, appliances, computers, household hazardous wastes and scrap tires, etc. collected from recycling.

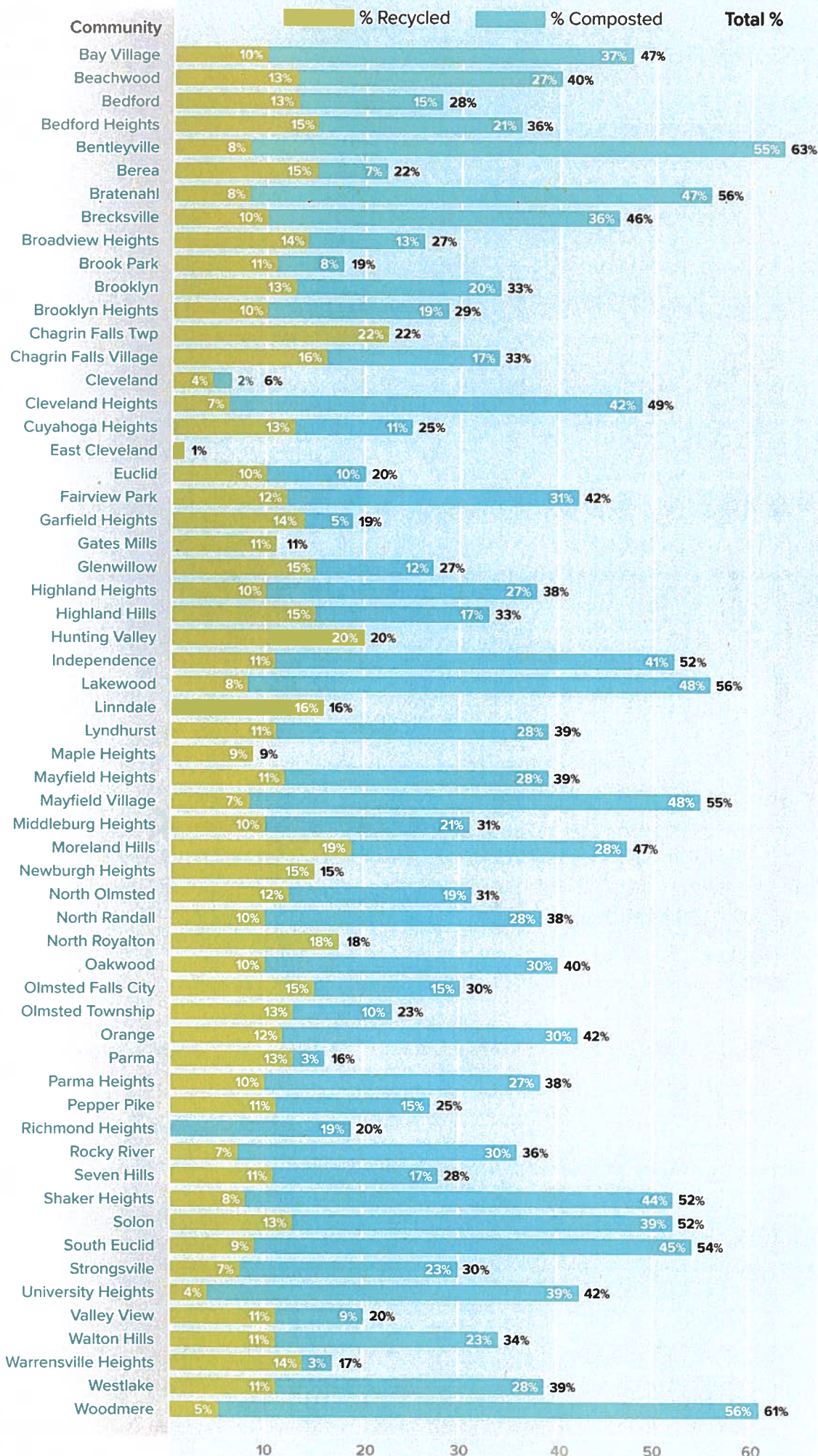


## % Composted

The percentage of a community's total residential waste that was collected for composting or mulching. Includes yard waste leaves, grass, brush and wood waste.



\* Percentages may not add up to the total due to rounding.







**Key** This data reflects materials collected through each community's residential waste collection, recycling and yard waste management programs. It excludes materials from commercial buildings, retail stores, restaurants and apartment complexes that are not served by the community's waste collection program.

### 2023 Tons Landfilled

**Solid Waste** = Consists of non-recycled trash that is taken to a landfill for disposal.

### 2023 Tons Recycled

**Recyclables** = Consists of cans, cartons, glass, paper and boxes, plastic bottles and jugs, scrap metal, appliances, computers, household hazardous waste and scrap tires, etc. collected for recycling.

### 2023 Tons Recycled

**Organics** = Consists of food waste, yard waste, leaves, grass, brush and wood collected for mulching and/or composting.

### 2023 Total Recycling Rate =

The percentage of residential waste diverted from landfills through the community's reuse, recycling and composting programs. The recycling rate is calculated by dividing the total tons recycled (organics + recyclables) by the total tons of waste generated (tons landfilled + tons recycled).

### 2022 Total Recycling Rate

Provided for comparison purposes.

### Our Staff

**Beth Biggins-Ramer** Executive Director  
**Jessica Fenos** Assistant Director  
**Carin Miller** Education Specialist  
**Maria Ortiz** Business Administrator  
**Doreen Schreiber** Business Recycling Specialist  
**Cristie Snyder** Communications Specialist  
**Matt Walters** Recycling Programs Coordinator

### Our Board of Directors

**Michael Dever**  
 Director, Cuyahoga County Public Works  
**Valerie Katz**  
 Deputy Director, Cuyahoga County Sustainability  
**Sunny Simon**  
 Council Member, Cuyahoga County Council

Community	2023 Landfilled Solid Waste	2023 Tons Recycled Recyclables	2023 Tons Recycled Organics	2023 Total Recycling Rate	2022 Total Recycling Rate
Bay Village	7,345.88	1,419.12	5,164.61	47.26%	56.04%
Beachwood	3,418.66	731.58	1,513.80	39.64%	48.21%
Bedford	4,222.32	786.66	859.56	28.05%	19.06%
Bedford Heights	2,431.96	584.78	782.41	35.99%	35.07%
Bentleyville	397.14	89.27	601.33	63.49%	44.11%
Berea	7,443.60	1,385.09	679.33	21.71%	24.62%
Bratenahl	475.64	90.72	509.44	55.79%	56.82%
Brecksville	5,395.99	1,049.25	3,606.75	46.32%	45.60%
Broadview Heights	7,077.42	1,319.22	1,274.06	26.82%	27.43%
Brook Park	9,127.07	1,195.41	939.98	18.96%	17.96%
Brooklyn	3,665.90	698.26	1,119.60	33.15%	36.00%
Brooklyn Heights	672.68	98.12	182.00	29.40%	29.57%
Chagrin Falls Township	51.48	14.87	0.00	22.41%	0.22%
Chagrin Falls Village	1,420.95	337.90	361.42	32.98%	62.41%
Cleveland	134,767.50	5,921.91	2,762.52	6.05%	3.76%
Cleveland Heights	15,098.92	2,025.13	12,528.00	49.08%	53.20%
Cuyahoga Heights	296.75	52.89	44.83	24.77%	27.48%
East Cleveland	4,454.65	48.93	1.67	1.12%	1.00%
Euclid	16,467.65	1,985.55	2,159.12	20.11%	20.09%
Fairview Park	6,590.41	1,325.86	3,530.12	42.42%	38.94%
Garfield Heights	10,142.23	1,729.67	592.63	18.63%	10.55%
Gates Mills	1,067.86	128.25	1.15	10.81%	16.53%
Glenwillow	732.36	152.53	121.50	27.23%	19.22%
Highland Heights	3,689.94	611.71	1,605.67	37.54%	38.26%
Highland Hills	162.47	37.29	41.02	32.52%	55.83%
Hunting Valley	344.52	84.93	1.33	20.02%	23.59%
Independence	3,335.77	764.98	2,819.54	51.80%	39.28%
Lakewood	17,818.48	3,427.21	19,703.33	56.49%	56.40%
Linndale	60.18	11.60	0.00	16.16%	13.32%
Lyndhurst	5,765.32	1,039.83	2,589.95	38.63%	38.47%
Maple Heights	8,705.90	837.92	3.00	8.81%	9.40%
Mayfield Heights	4,963.93	934.72	2,296.01	39.42%	50.78%
Mayfield Village	1,432.48	207.59	1,522.05	54.70%	40.03%
Middleburg Heights	4,244.97	612.57	1,312.67	31.20%	38.07%
Moreland Hills	1,222.78	432.05	640.01	46.72%	36.88%
Newburgh Heights	885.00	151.60	2.67	14.84%	14.26%
North Olmsted	12,605.46	2,171.48	3,573.00	31.31%	33.28%
North Randall	119.59	19.64	53.20	37.85%	28.04%
North Royalton	10,710.91	2,381.55	38.97	18.43%	19.40%
Oakwood	908.00	156.41	450.02	40.04%	47.75%
Olmsted Falls City	3,150.69	687.73	679.85	30.27%	30.25%
Olmsted Township	4,119.68	715.41	532.21	23.24%	24.86%
Orange	1,315.27	278.00	672.90	41.96%	42.18%
Parma	35,859.49	5,766.32	1,216.88	16.30%	16.53%
Parma Heights	4,771.25	796.15	2,105.52	37.82%	33.78%
Pepper Pike	2,830.26	398.23	552.23	25.14%	23.14%
Richmond Heights	3,766.81	23.18	901.16	19.70%	20.32%
Rocky River	8,686.00	891.63	4,065.33	36.33%	34.38%
Seven Hills	5,059.00	746.01	1,215.67	27.94%	31.44%
Shaker Heights	8,095.46	1,330.50	7,537.74	52.28%	53.52%
Solon	7,703.00	2,006.44	6,200.71	51.58%	45.75%
South Euclid	8,372.80	1,633.66	8,159.67	53.91%	52.69%
Strongsville	20,295.89	1,986.57	6,527.58	29.55%	31.70%
University Heights	4,522.39	282.29	3,054.33	42.46%	31.91%
Valley View	1,035.08	140.16	119.77	20.07%	22.75%
Walton Hills	942.46	163.18	327.60	34.24%	38.45%
Warrensville Heights	2,886.89	481.30	107.73	16.95%	18.72%
Westlake	12,208.03	2,249.60	5,632.39	39.23%	39.87%
Woodmere	161.19	22.51	232.10	61.23%	60.89%
Community Totals	455,522.36	57,652.90	125,829.64	28.71%	28.07%



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## **GATES MILLS JULY COUNCIL UPDATE**

All:

A quick update on a few things since I am unable to attend the July Council Meeting.

### **Mayfield Road Culvert Project**

The project is complete. Grass has established nicely (see pics below)

The project construction cost came in \$ \$9,617.25 UNDER the contract amount



### **County Line Culvert #20**

The project was completed on June 28, pursuant to the plan to be done before the County Line Repaving Project starts (scheduled to start on 7-18).

We are in the process of reviewing the contractor (Eclipse) payment application for the project.

Costs are expected to be a little bit over the bid amount, due to some unforeseen pipe extensions and headwall modification needed to fit the work into the existing conditions. Dollars saved on Mayfield Road and adjustments to the Road Program construction will offset any additional costs.

Once we settle on a final cost with the contractor, I will advise and make sure we hit overall capital budget.



### **442-443 Riverview Road Storm Sewer**

The Arborist has completed the root cutting along the storm sewer route and Nerone will be back Friday 7-12 to restart the storm sewer installation. They have 2-3 days of construction left to complete the project (essentially from the road to the outfall on the east side of Riverview. The work on the west side (less restoration) and rock outfall have been completed and look good.

### **County Line Resurfacing**

Preconstruction Meeting was held yesterday and Meeting Minutes were distributed to the Mayor, Dave, Gregg, Tom, and me. Let me know if you have any questions.

Karvo is scheduled to start MOT install on 7-18 and construction on 7-22.

We will be working closely with Geauga County Engineer and have an inspector present when Gates Mills side of the road is being worked on.

### **2024 Road Program**

Cole-Burton has completed work at the Service Department/Village Hall, Gates Mills Boulevard, Settlers Ridge, and Cardinal Lane.

They have also completed the Reclamite application on Blackberry Lane, Hawthorne Farms Drive, Chartley, Chestnut Run, Norvale East, Norvale West.

They are supposed to be back today (7-11) to complete mill/fill work on West Hill Drive. Settlers Ridge has some additional work, which will be completed tomorrow, as well.

We have scaled back some of the repair areas to help fund a couple extras on the County Line Culvert #20 project as noted above and discussed at the time the need was determined on Culvert #20.

After the completion of the paving portion of the work, we will have crack seal and striping work left to complete on a few streets.

### **2022 and 2023 County Road Maintenance Reimbursements (Material Only)**

All documents have now been submitted to and deemed acceptable by June Gauss at the County. They are verifying field conditions and will process payment to the village.

Reimbursement Amounts (based on actual installed quantities)

2022: \$82,515.20 (of \$115,000 Authorized)

2023: \$33,109.63 (of \$44,750 Authorized)

The reason for the shortfall of actual vs authorized is a function of Material/Labor Costs Bid by the Contractor. In both instances Contractor bid costs had lower material costs than anticipated in our estimate/request to the County. We performed the desired number of square yards of repairs, but material costs were lower based on lower bid material costs. Thus, reimbursement amounts are lower

Please let me know if you have any questions in advance of the Council Meeting on Tuesday 7-16.



# Gates Mills Fire Department

## June 2024 Council Report

DATE	NFIRS NUMBER	Address/Location	Description of Incident
06-02-24	2024-99	1779 Berkshire Road	Fire Alarm
06-04-24	2024-100	Brigham Road	Report of Heavy Smoke-False Call
06-03-24	2024-101	6674 Gates Mills Blvd.	Fire Alarm
06-04-24	2024-102	6999 Gates Road	Fire Alarm -Unintentional
06-04-24	2024-103	34001 Cedar Road	Fire Alarm
06-07-24	2024-104	7036 Hillcrest Lane	Fire Alarm-Unintentional
06-13-24	2024-105	2100 Woodstock Road	Fire Alarm-Unintentional
06-13-24	2024-106	7680 Deerfield Lane	Natural Gas Leak
06-14-24	2024-107	1944 Epping Road	Natural Gas Leak
06-16-24	2024-108	1259 Chagrin River Road	Fire Alarm
06-16-24	2024-109	950 Chestnut Run	Heat Detector Activation-Malfunction
06-17-24	2024-110	506 Battles Road	Animal Rescue—Over Embankment
06-17-24	2024-111	7639 Colvin Road	Fire Alarm
06-17-24	2024-112	15734 Hemlock Road	Automatic Aid-Russell Township-Structure Fire
06-18-24	2024-113	1599 Woodstock Road	Power Line Down
06-19-24	2024-114	6850 Mayfield Road	Fire Alarm-Water Flow
06-19-24	2024-115	1730 Chartley Road	Fire Alarm
06-21-24	2024-116	7875 Old Mill Road	Fire Alarm
06-23-24	2024-117	6745 Gates Mills Blvd.	Public Assist-Broken Water Pipe
06-26-24	2024-118	1804 Epping Road	Fire Alarm
06-27-24	2024-119	2100 Woodstock Road	Fire Alarm
06-29-24	2024-120	2045 SOM Center Road	Fire Alarm—HVAC Motor Overheat
06-30-24	2024-121	280 North Commons	Automatic Aid-Mayfield Village-Structure Fire
06-30-24	2024-122	27600 Chardon Road	Automatic Aid-Willoughby Hills-Reported High-Rise Fire

CURRENT MONTH TOTAL	2024 YEAR TO DATE	2023 YEAR TO DATE
<b>G.M. FIRE</b> 24	<b>122</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>M.V. EMS</b> 17	<b>95</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Cancelled</b> 0	<b>4</b>	

The June training topics were:

June 11, 2024    Vehicle checks on E-1413.

Attack line use and hydrant connections review. Transition from tank water to hydrant while supplying attack line. Use and flow test 70 psi. nozzles E1411, E1412, and E1413.

June 25, 2024    LDH supply and layout, flow test and hose test 1530' of Supply hose tested to 250 psi. on E1411.

Test flow deck gun on E1411. Test & reset intake relief valve on E1411 to 175 psi. Night Drill: layout and flow test 1550' of LDH supply line to 250 psi. from E 1413 and flow 2 1/2" nozzles.

### June employee anniversaries:

**Fire Fighter Ted Zalewski – 34 years**

**Fire Fighter John Pata – 24 years**

**Fire Fighter Jeff Mackie – 20 years**

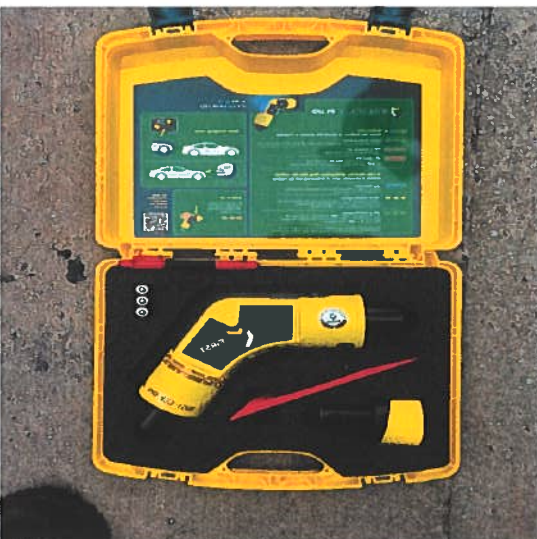
**Fire Fighter Nick Nemastil – 13 years**

*Thomas Majeski, Fire Chief*





## JULY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2024 TRAINING: ELECTRIC VEHICLE EMERGENCIES



**RESOLUTION NO: 2024-27**

**BY MAYOR SIEMBORSKI**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A SUBDIVISION PARTICIPATION AND RELEASE FORM TO SETTLE THE VILLAGE'S CLAIMS AND PARTICIPATE IN A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AGAINST KROGER CO. IN THE NATIONAL OPIATE PRESCRIPTION LITIGATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Gates Mills is a Non-Litigating Subdivision eligible to participate in the settlement of the litigation known as the National Opiate Prescription Litigation, MDL No. 2804, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio;

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of all Plaintiffs in the aforementioned litigation, the Plaintiffs' Executive Committee has reached a settlement agreement with Kroger Co. whereby it must pay the sum of \$1.2 billion to participating political subdivisions to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis over an eleven-year period;

**WHEREAS**, to participate in the aforementioned settlement, the Village must timely submit a Subdivision Participation and Release Form; and

**WHEREAS**, this Council finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interest of the Village to authorize the Mayor to execute and deliver the Subdivision Participation and Release Form to participate in the aforementioned settlement.

**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 execute and deliver a Subdivision Participation and Release Form to settle the Village's claims and participate in a settlement agreement against Kroger Co. in the National Opiate Prescription Litigation, MDL No. 2804, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio; and the Mayor, Law Director and the Clerk are hereby further authorized to take all actions and execute all documents necessary to effectuate said settlement.

**SECTION 2.** The actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings held in compliance with all legal requirements.

**SECTION 3.** This Resolution 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 meet the court-imposed deadline to submit the

Subdivision Participation and Release Form in order for the Village to participate in the settlement agreement and to obtain a payment thereunder; wherefore, this Resolution shall go into effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Adopted the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2024.

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President of Council

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk

APPROVED:

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Mayor