

VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS
FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING AUGUST 31, 2024
September 9, 2024

MONTHLY RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

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

GENERAL FUND

Year-to-date revenue was \$6,001,794 including \$1,065,970 in traffic camera receipts. Excluding those receipts, revenue would have been \$4,935,824, ahead of last year's amount of \$4,490,968 by \$444,856. Real estate tax collections were ahead of last year by \$53,872. Real estate tax collections are dependent on the county's billing and collection and taxpayer timing of payments. Municipal income tax receipts are up 11.6% at this point. 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 but expenditures last August were \$90,000 for the court to start the program. Gross collections in 2024 were \$1,065,970; however, Sensys Gatso was not paid in August due to delayed reporting by the court. Expenses to Lyndhurst Municipal Court and to Sensys Gatso appear in the Police Department expenditure categories and were \$492,387 in 2024 for a margin of 54%. Sensys Gatso will need to be paid \$42,106 for July along with the August amount in September. 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 \$801,349, above 2023's year-to-date amount of \$564,605. Miscellaneous income reflects the receipt of \$115,625. This amount was remitted by Cuyahoga County for the Village's preventative road maintenance program. The breakdown was \$82,515 for 2022 and \$33,1110 for 2023. We achieved higher receipts in ambulance income, interest, and lower receipts in the Mills Building rental income and fines.

Expenditures for 2024 were \$5,126,809 compared to \$4,600,441 in 2023. Excluding transfers to other funds from the General Fund, Village expenditures year-to-date 2024 were \$4,030,309 compared to \$3,667,941 in 2023. Traffic camera expenses accounted for \$492,387 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 \$586,590 in 2024, \$21,527 over the prior year due higher personnel costs, engineering and professional services, and general insurance.

The Police Department has incurred \$1,656,350 YTD of which, \$492,387 was associated with the traffic camera program. Excluding those costs to discuss comparability, actual expenditures in 2024 were \$1,163,963 compared to \$1,176,918 in 2023. The largest differences were in higher personnel costs of \$54,614, but lower gasoline, vehicle repairs, training, dispatch and new vehicle expenses.

The Fire Department costs of \$448,212 were below the prior year of \$489,739. Quarterly ambulance and EMS costs are \$44,559 lower this year due to the lower volume of EMS calls, 141 this year versus 151 last year. Year-to-date fire calls are 211 this year compared to 158 last year, but we have been able to stay close to budgeted dollars so far. Ambulance income was much higher as the data entry and billing backlog from the outside service provider from the third quarter 2023 was caught up and billings were collected and remitted to us in early 2024.

In the Service Department, and excluding capital expenditures, we have spent \$1,150,950, \$32,108 more than the prior year amount of \$1,118,842. We spent \$51,661 more on personnel costs, \$15,208 less on salt due to a milder winter and more at the Community House for the new roof and gutter project. We expended \$16,500 for tree removal on Chagrin River Road/Wilson Mills hills after the tornadic storm. 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 eight months of the year, the Village operated with a General Fund surplus of \$874,984 compared to a shortfall of \$109,473 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 August 31, 2024 was \$8,455,408 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 \$1,923,465 at August 31, 2024. The increase from the end of 2023 was due to transfers from the General Fund into certain of these funds. In the first eight months, the Village remitted \$65,523 to the Gates Mills Land Conservancy as its share of levy dollars collected. Over the summer months, we expended \$1,005,862 for County Line Road repaving, drainage projects and the Village's road program.

This report will be published on the Village website.

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