

**VILLAGE OF GATES MILLS**  
**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE TWO MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2024**  
**March 15, 2024**

**MONTHLY RESULTS AND FINANCIAL POSITION**

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

**GENERAL FUND**

Year-to-date revenue was \$1,482,000, including \$337,000 in traffic camera receipts. Excluding those receipts, revenue would have been \$1,145,000 behind last year of \$1,462,000 by \$417,000. The largest variance was real estate tax collections which were behind last year by \$290,000. Real estate tax collections are dependent on the county's billing and collection and taxpayer timing of payments. These amounts will be collected in the next two months. In fact, we received \$586,000 on March 15, bringing YTD receipts to \$1,271,000. Municipal income tax is down about 8% at this point.

The traffic camera enforcement program in combination with the Lyndhurst Court and the vendor started in mid-August. So, there were no gross collection receipts in the revenue category nor expenditures last year. Gross collections in 2024 were \$337,000. Expenses to Lyndhurst Court and to Gatso appear in the Police expenditure categories and were \$145,300 in 2024 for a margin of 55%. Other Revenue was \$153,000 equal to 2023 of \$151,000. We achieved higher receipts in ambulance income and interest and lower receipts in the Mills Building rental income due to the timing of payments last year.

Expenditures for 2024 are \$1,483,000 compared to \$1,434,000 in 2023. Excluding transfers to other funds from the General Fund, Village expenditures in January and February 2024 were \$1,286,000 compared to \$938,000 in February 2023. Traffic camera expenses accounted for \$145,000 of this \$348,000 overage and payment for the new side arm mower/tractor and attachments were \$175,000 for a total of \$320,000. 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 \$211,000 in 2024, \$29,000 over prior year due to legal and professional fees being \$6,000 higher and insurance being \$15,000 higher. Legal and professional fees were due to more timely invoicing occasioned by the switch in law firms, more legal matters, using a broadband consulting firm and other annual services.

The Police Department incurred \$449,000 YTD of which \$145,000 was associated with the traffic camera program. Excluding those costs to discuss comparability, actual expenditures in 2024 were \$304,000 compared to \$302,000 in 2023.

The Fire Department costs of \$134,000 were essentially equal to prior year of \$132,000. Quarterly ambulance and EMS costs were at the same level in each year, and due to the small increase in rates in 2024, volume was flat to down a bit. 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.

In the Service Department, excluding capital expenditures, we spent \$303,000, \$6,000 above the prior year amount of \$297,000. We spent \$30,000 less on salt due to a milder winter and \$31,000 more at the Mills Building for the two new HVAC units to replace units that failed during the winter storm. We also took delivery and paid for the new side arm mower/tractor and attachments at a cost of \$175,000.

In summary, for the first two months of the year, the Village operated with a General Fund shortfall of \$525 compared to a small surplus of \$28,000 in 2023.

The General Fund cash balance on January 1, 2024, was \$7,580,000 compared to the February 29, 2024 balance of \$7,580,000.

#### **OTHER FUNDS**

The Village is required to maintain other special purpose funds by statute or contract. Cash in these special purpose funds amounted to \$2,196,000 on February 29, 2024. The increase from the end of 2023 is due to transfers from the General Fund and other receipts into certain of these funds.

This report will be published on the Village's website.

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