

**Village of Gates Mills**  
**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**May 19, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held at the Village Town Hall Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Siemborski presiding. The meeting was live-streamed to the internet.

1. Roll Call starts at 4:04

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

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

Moved to Agenda Item No. 4. Executive Session starts at 4:28

Councilmember Broome moved to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice from our Law Director. Councilmember Greco seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Executive Session commenced at 5:31 p.m.

Mayor Siemborski reconvened the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

2. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of April 21, 2026 starts at 29:00

Councilmember Young moved to approve the April 21, 2026 minutes, and Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

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

Abstain: Steinbrink

Nays: None

Motion carried.

3. Pay Ordinance # 1309 \$800,797.31 starts at 29:37

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Pay Ordinance #1309, and Councilmember Young seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Added Agenda Item: Resolution No. 2026-29 (First Reading) starts at 30:45

“A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and the Treasurer to Enter Into a Real Estate Agreement for the Sale of Village Property Known as 7959 Battles Road in Gates Mills, Ohio (Permanent Tax Parcel No. 841-19-007); and Declaring an Emergency” was read by Mayor Siemborski.

Councilmember Perez made a motion to add Resolution No. 2026-29 to the agenda. Councilmember Greco seconded the motion.

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

Mayor Siemborski stated an offer to purchase the property donated by Dan Kish has been made and accepted by the Village for \$325,000 subject to Council’s approval and subject to a 30-day due diligence period. Council previously accepted the gift from Mr. Kish, approved retaining Seth Task to find a buyer, and approved work to improve the parcel for sale. Most of that work was done by our village staff at significant savings. The residence has been demolished, the swimming pool has been removed, and the septic system has been removed and acknowledged as properly abandoned by the County. Mr. Task believes this is a fair price. The Mayor and Treasurer Spear agree this is a fair price and have been working with Mr. Task to oversee this transaction. Law Director Hunt provided legal advice on the contract.

As there is a 30-day offer on the contract, Councilmember Greco moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-29 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Perez seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Greco moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-29 and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion.

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

5. Mayor’s Report starts at 35:27

The Mayor requested a moment of silence for our friend and colleague, David Burke, who passed away May 13. David was a member of Council and of many village Boards and Committees - P&Z, Service, Finance & Budget, Tax Review, Stormwater, Recreation, Safety, Wage & Benefits, Master Planning, Legal Advisory - for decades in many cases and always with a sense of wit. He was a Trustee of the Gates Mills Historical Society and a member of the Gates Mills Players.

a. May Day Baskets - starts at 37:04

We appreciate the efforts of the Garden Club for filling the baskets and of the Service Dept for hanging the baskets on every street sign in the village.

b. Art Show - starts at 37:39

- 450-500 attended the show this year - our 55th year
- 209 artists entered 331 pieces of art/150 were accepted into the show
- 31 pieces of art were sold
- 75 art show patron donations were made

Resident and past Co-Chair Bob Andreano reported that he has passed on the chairmanship to his former Co-Chair Bob Santoro's son and daughter, Brandon and Marni Santoro. Mr. Andreano mentioned his displeasure with Council because not one Councilmember attends the Patrons Party. Every year the Art Show makes money - \$6,000 is this year's preliminary number. Would Council use it to replace the archaic sign in front of the Community House with something more colorful and capable of listing multiple events? The Mayor replied bringing the subject up today is a good start. Councilmember Turner finds it to be a good observation and recommendation.

c. EMS Billing Practices - starts at 42:10

Finance Administrator Mulh and Fire Captain Mike Feig further researched our EMS billing practices discussed at the last Council meeting. A memo was prepared and included in Council's packet. Currently, Great Lakes Billing, the agency used by Mayfield Village, bills insurance companies for the cost per ambulance run. When the insurance company doesn't pay for all of the cost - typically the insurance payment is \$400 to \$500 - the individual is billed for the remainder (balance billed) if the individual is a non-resident. If the individual is a resident or employee, as is the case with the majority of our ambulance transports, the remainder of the cost is not balance billed and is paid for by the village. The Village's contracted rate is about \$2,300 per run. This practice of not balance billing our residents and employees costs the village roughly \$400,000 a year. If Council wants to rethink the practice, we can discuss that now or later this year as we do our budget.

Steinbrink - Do we have an idea of the number of non-emergency runs that occur in a given year?

Mulh - She believes the Fire Dept has the breakdown, but the Fire Chief just left on an emergency.

Steinbrink - Almost 10% of the village's budget is ambulance and EMS runs.

Broome - Do we consider the people that live in the two group homes to be residents?

Siemborski - Yes they're residents.

Turner - How about students at Gilmour or St. Francis who don't live in the Village?

Mulh - She believes they would be non-resident.

Siemborski - We've met with the owners of one of the group homes to talk to them about cost and asked them to make sure calls to 911 are double checked, so to speak.

Steinbrink - He doesn't want to discourage anyone from calling 911, but what if some of the calls are not true emergencies?

Onysko - The crux of a recent Chagrin Valley Times article was people were calling 911 to get medical services and not the transport to the hospital. In our situation, the Village would still be billed as though they were transported. Our discussion should start there. If an individual is transported to the hospital, the Village would cover the

cost. If the call is to get emergency medical service and there is no transport, then it's billed to the individual, if we're allowed to do that.

Turner - The dispatch center does a good job of triaging the calls and determining when only a police officer assist is appropriate.

Greco - Because it's such a big number, we should discuss it more at budget time.

Young - It's a very difficult situation without any easy answers. Our leverage with the service provider is low. The contract runs through 2028. It's not too early to start strategizing how we address this.

Perez - It would be good to know what other communities that are in our position and don't have their own EMS are doing.

Turner - Should this go to our Safety Committee to work on?

Young - We've got to come up with some alternative so we have some negotiation position with Mayfield Village as opposed to currently none. They know it would cost the village a lot more than \$450,000 to bring ambulance service in-house. There aren't any other municipalities nearby that are willing or offering.

Broome - There is insurance reimbursement only if there is a transport.

Siemborski - We'll get the transport/non-transport breakdown from the Fire Chief and Fire Captain and then continue discussion on it.

d. Two Memorial Trees - starts at 53:12

Councilmember Turner stood in for the Mayor at the dedication of two trees to longtime residents Tom Liederbach and Laurie Peterson during our first Arbor Day at Marston Park on May 9. Observing an annual village Arbor Day is one of four standards necessary to earn the Tree City USA designation, and we were recognized for achieving that status last Thursday at the Tree City USA program in Strongsville.

e. Hot Air Balloons - starts at 55:26

Bill Lavigna has 3 certified balloonists lined up at this time and willing to join in the 200th anniversary festivities on July 4th. The balloonists have insurance that will cover a passenger. The Village already has non-owned aircraft coverage at no additional premium. MVPs will be invited to go up in the balloons and will be identified via a contest as people that have made a difference. The Mayor is seeking agreement from Council for \$5,000 as an additional appropriation later in the meeting to cover the cost of propane or helium to get the balloons up. We have not received a sponsor for the \$5,000, but we haven't asked for that either yet. Council indicated agreement.

f. Encore in June - starts at 57:47

Encore is performing at four locations in the eastern suburbs in June - at The Grove, twice at Federated Church in Chagrin Falls, and at GM Community House. Come see young students who are mentored by internationally recognized masters perform. This is our third year of support of the Encore Chamber Music Institute.

g. Broadband Progress - starts at 58:30

Village Engineer Courtney reported two issues over the last month. One is CVG needed some reminders as they've been working on River Road to make sure they've got traffic flaggers out and equipment is off the road. Also on May 8th, CVG hit the

force main that runs from our pump station behind Town Hall to the wastewater treatment plant. We had to get the County out on an emergency basis to repair the force main. CVG will be paying for the damage of the force main and the repair.

At this point in time we've provided all the existing conditions drawings that CVG requested, so they have everything they need to do the design work planned in the near future. Over the next three weeks you'll see CVG on Chagrin River and Glenwood Roads, and then on Berkshire Road about 3 weeks out.

6. Financial Report attached and on the website starts at 1:00:15

Mayor Siemborski reported RITA confirmed our budgeted 2026 municipal income tax receipt number (\$2,415,000) is midway between their best estimate of \$2,395,000 and \$2,470,000. The County has certified our budgeted 2026 real estate tax receipts number at \$2,652,000 - it might be off by less than \$25,000.

The Mayor and Finance Administrator will meet this Thursday with Treasurer Spear and Councilmember Young, both bringing some fresh perspectives, to review ten years of financial information and develop a 3 - 5 year financial forecast.

Councilmember Young asked if it's too early to declare we're going to come in under the \$1,500,000 estimated traffic camera revenue - like a miss of \$500,000. The Mayor does not know if that's true for several reasons. Sensys Gatso had some security threats that required all their resources work against the cyber attack rather than processing tickets over a period of about three weeks. In addition, we will have the cameras at St. Francis school in place for the second half of the year. And we will start collection efforts on individuals who have not paid their ticket after their second notice. Those three things should improve the number - it might not get to \$1,520,000 but he does not think we will be off by \$500,000.

At 1:04:47 Councilmember Onysko, who has a brilliant tech background and who has analyzed our traffic camera data extensively and revamped our citation report, finds the published cyber attack accounts do not make sense. What does make sense is Sensys Gatso has taken on a lot of extra business, does not have enough manpower, and is struggling to timely process everything they have in house. This was not a problem last year - monthly citation reports were pretty current. Since December to now, Sensys Gatso has been strategically behind on everything and trying to catch up to their committed contract obligations. The take-away from this situation is the citation report presented to Council every month is only accurate about 60 days out. Right now, we don't have anything for April. He suggested detaching the citation report from the Council meeting and sending out the report immediately when the numbers are final, or, present the report only through the last fulfilled month at Council meetings.

Councilmember Young asked what then was the true trend. Councilmember Onysko replied there definitely is a financial downward slope, but not as much as you think it is. The trend is speed is going down, which is exactly what we want - consistent with the Police Chief's earlier assessment. Councilmember Young asked about missing the budget by \$500,000 and Councilmember Onysko answered he does not think so, because there is nothing in for April yet and also we have more traffic towards the end of the year.

Councilmember Steinbrink asked if it would make more sense to put this together on a quarterly basis as there is so much noise on a monthly basis. Councilmember Onysko, the Mayor, and the Police Chief will talk about how we go forward.

Councilmember Broome asked what was included in the 2026-to-date Other Professional Services expense on page 2 of the financial statement. The Finance Administrator advised IT equipment, IT agreement, new website design, aging well activities, and the biannual audit.

7. Clerk's Report - starts at 1:13:04

Neither the Clerk nor the Finance Administrator are able to attend the June meeting. Treasurer Spear has graciously agreed to take on the tasks as Acting Clerk.

8. Treasurer's Report - None

9. Police Department Report attached and on the website starts at 1:14:09

- We are going to look at making an internal promotion to fill the position open since January after Lieutenant Pollutro's retirement
- Our new police vehicle is in service, but we lost a car because of a deer collision on Mayfield Road until repairs are completed in a couple weeks

10. Service Department Report attached and on the website starts at 1:15:52

- Mayor Siemborski thanked the Service Dept staff for their assistance in demolishing the Kish house and saving the village \$20,000
- The location of the new house mentioned in the April report is on Chagrin River Road near Cedar
- The sign on Mayfield Road saying Rt. 322 is going to be closed June 1 refers to the stretch of Mayfield Road between Caves Road and Laser Blvd. in Chesterland where nine culverts will be replaced

11. Fire Department Report attached and on the website starts at 1:17:48

- The Fire Chief shared copies of a May 12 News Herald article covering the dept's participation in water drafting training

12. **Resolution No. 2026-24 (Second Reading)** starts at 1:18:26

"A Resolution Adopting a Cybersecurity Program in Accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 9.64(C); and Declaring this to be 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. 2026-24 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

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

Nays: None  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-24 and Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion.

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

13. **Ordinance No. 2026-25 (First Reading)** starts at 1:19:49

“An Ordinance Amending Section 155.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Gates Mills to Eliminate the Treasury Investment Board” was read by the Mayor. This action was recommended at the last Council meeting and we asked the Law Director to prepare the appropriate language.

Discussion:

Broome - We still have the Finance Committee. The Treasury Investment Board was an extra layer, right?

Siemborski - Yes, it's an extra layer started at a time before the Village hired a firm to provide the advice. So it's viewed as an unnecessary item.

Young - How often does the Treasurer and Ancora have to provide anything to the Finance Committee?

Spear - There's nothing in the ordinance that requires that. Any member of Council or of the Finance Committee is welcome to join his quarterly meetings with Ancora. The ordinance requires a review of the investment policy statement with Council once a year. He gets monthly statements from Ancora and reviews the positions to be certain that they are in conformity with Council's policy. He does not set policy. If he would see anything that was out of policy, he would bring it to Council immediately.

Young - Should you decide Ancora is not the advisor we wish to deal with in the future, what's the process there?

Spear - The investment policy says that the Treasurer can fire the investment manager. When that policy was passed in 2024, he objected, as it didn't seem proper that the Treasurer had to go to Council to get someone hired, but could unilaterally fire them, and he suggested it should be changed so that only Council can fire the investment manager. At this present time, that's not the way it works. He is not firing anybody without coming to Council.

Steinbrink - He was not here at the last meeting, and he comes at this differently because this is what he does for a living. Having sat on and presented to investment committees, he views this Treasury Investment Board as important governance and oversight. There would have to be a RFP process if Ancora were terminated, and that's a lot of work for one person to undertake. What if the Treasurer doesn't have investment expertise? The Board offers different viewpoints on the oversight and governance of the assets in the portfolio. He would not be opposed to putting a subcommittee under the Finance Committee if that makes things cleaner, but a committee to assist the Treasurer makes sense.

Spear - He recapped four options presented to Council at the last meeting - 1) Name two members of Council as set forth in the ordinance, 2) Amend the ordinance so it doesn't require two member of Council, but could be any two members at all, 3) get rid

of the Treasury Investment Board, or 4) do nothing. Options 1, 2, and 3 are all acceptable to him. Option 4 was the one he said “don’t do that to me” - don’t allow this committee that he needs to consult with to exist without staffing it.

The investment policy is very clear in its language. It says the Treasurer is responsible. The Treasurer shall work with Council on Council’s directive to enforce the policy that Council passes. If you would choose to continue the Treasury Investment Board, consider it an advisory board please. Or not - tell the Treasurer he is not empowered by this resolution anymore because he can be outvoted by two members. That’s his position - he doesn’t care what Council does, except do nothing.

Steinbrink - His position is that the ordinance is clear. The Treasurer is responsible, but the Treasurer should also be able to have people for help and assistance and to bounce ideas off of. They don’t have to be two members of Council.

Greco - There’s nothing that prevents the Treasurer from doing that though - from bouncing his ideas or if he has questions, talking to people - without having this board.

Steinbrink - Fair point.

Hunt - One of the problems with this ordinance is there are no duties or obligations of the Treasury Investment Board set forth here. It creates a board, but it does not say what it does. A board is required by Ohio Revised Code, but as a local community, you can opt to not have one.

Young - We are comfortable with Treasurer Spear. If we look further down the road, we might not have someone quite so competent.

Spear - The nice thing about the difference between an ordinance and the charter is that in the next meeting, you as Council have the power to change the ordinance. If it were in the charter, you’d have to go to the voters. None of this is in the charter.

Young - Given that Ancora is a GM resident, more than one person is part of that relationship.

Spear - It’s only Council that can hire the investment manager. The Treasurer can fire them, but he would not do that. You should fix that.

Onysko - The fact that he doesn’t know how to vote makes it a first reading.

Hearing agreement, Ordinance No. 2026-25 remains on first reading.

**14. Ordinance No. 2026-26 (First Reading) starts at 1:30:45**

“An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal by Sale of a Vehicle that is Unfit, Obsolete and Unneeded for Village Purposes; and Declaring an Emergency” was read by the Mayor. Police Chief Minichello said this car with about 120,000 miles on it was taken out of service when the new car arrived. Two bids for \$6,000 were received, and we went with CarMax based on a good relationship with them in the past.

Councilmember Onysko asked how many vehicles we have. Five patrol cars. The car that hit the deer is the second oldest, will be brought back into service, and is due to rotate out next year,

Being into the 7-day acceptance period, Councilmember Broome moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2026-26 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Greco seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Councilmember Broome moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-26 and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion.

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

15. **Ordinance No. 2026-27 (First Reading)** starts at 1:33:36

“An Ordinance to Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 2025-51 to Increase Certain Appropriations and Other Expenditures of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026” was read by the Mayor. The additional \$13,000 being requested is for 1) the high-end cost of \$2,500 - \$5,000 for the hot air balloons and 2) \$8,000 to complete the engineering and construction drawings for the steps at the Arboretum. We incurred a total cost of \$14,000 and have paid \$6,000.

Councilmember Young asked what was the expected cost for the stairs at the Arboretum, and the Village Engineer replied just under \$50,000. Does this include a ramp for ADA access? The Service Director said no, the ADA access will have signage along the other paths behind the Post Office. That would be the ADA access.

In order to pay the \$8,000 engineering bill now (appropriation ordinances go into effect immediately without declaring an emergency, but do require three readings unless we suspend), Councilmember Steinbrink moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2026-27 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Broome seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Steinbrink moved to approve Ordinance No. 2026-27 and Councilmember Greco seconded the motion.

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

16. **Resolution No. 2026-28 (First Reading)** starts at 1:38:44

“A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into an Eighth 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. Officer Arch Kimbrew has been doing a fantastic job as the School Resource Officer (SRO) at Gates Mills Elementary School and Gates Mills Environmental Education Center where he has spent roughly two-thirds of his time during the last 7 years. The village pays 100% of Officer Kimbrew’s salary and is reimbursed by the Mayfield City School District for 77%.

Councilmember Greco advised there is an Ohio Senate bill that has been approved and it's now going to the House for a vote. The bill would permit the same sort of contract with private parochial schools, like Gilmour and St. Francis, that we have here with the Mayfield School District. Right now Gilmour and St. Francis pay 100% of their SRO costs. She will monitor activity in the House and we'll have a discussion relating to the parochial schools in the Village once it gets passed.

Councilmember Greco moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2026-28 be placed on its final passage. Councilmember Perez seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Greco moved to approve Resolution No. 2026-28 and Councilmember Perez seconded the motion.

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

17. Council Discussion - starts at 1:45:33

Added Agenda Item: Grant

The Mayor shared good news. The Village was notified of a grant of \$250,000 by the Ohio Public Works Infrastructure Committee's Small Government Subcommittee. The grant was awarded in response to the Village's application to consolidate a private system operator into the Village's municipal wastewater system. In addition to the grant, the Village had been awarded an Ohio EPA loan for the design and construction costs. These two sources will provide \$600,000 for the project. Converting private operators to municipal operators is a State of Ohio priority.

Discussion between the Village and the Chagrin Valley Hunt Club can now advance. Wastewater Committee Chair Broome and the Mayor are meeting with the Hunt Club's counterparts later this week. An agreement requires approval by both the Council of Gates Mills and the Hunt Club's Board of Directors.

The application was supported by the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, the Cuyahoga County Executive Office, the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, the Cuyahoga County Dept of Public Works-Sanitation, and other organizations and individuals. The Village is pleased to have the opportunity to contribute to preserving the state Chagrin River as a scenic river, and we appreciate the support of the numerous organizations and officials.

The money becomes available July 1, 2026. The Mayor's goal is to have an agreement for Council's review and approval in June. There is a lot of work to do, and there is a lot that some of our new Councilmembers haven't had the benefit of 2-1/2 years of work behind the scenes to get this far. Perhaps a meeting is in order to make sure we're all on a level playing field of information. We will own this and operate the

system going forward. We need to be comfortable with it, as we have been, that Service Director Biggert and Village Engineer Courtney can design, operate, and manage the obligation we're taking on.

Village Engineer Courtney added more money will be provided next year for the Small Government Subcommittee to fund projects. They want more projects. He will put together a list of projects, including the walking bridge.

a. Composting Survey Results - starts at 1:53:22

The Mayor stated we don't have a lot of results right now. It wouldn't be fair to bring forward half statistics and make a decision based on that. The survey was published with a QR code in the Pink Sheet for a short period of time. Councilmember Turner advised a whole page will be in the June Pink Sheet, possibly Gates Mills Connect and posters with the QR code, with a deadline of June 30. Results will be available at the July meeting. The limited survey results in the first 12 days are 102 viewed the site, 62 started the survey, and 43 completed it with a slightly positive response.

b. Conservation Levy - starts at 1:56:11

The Mayor reported the Land Conservation Levy Committee, Councilmembers Turner and Young and himself, is overdue in meeting to finalize thoughts on amending the agreement between the Village and the Land Conservancy. That includes the Law Director drafting language for Council review. He hopes to do that over the next two weeks.

Councilmember Turner expressed urgency to step up the timeline as there are still a lot of steps to complete. Not only does the Committee need to meet, but the Committee needs to meet with the Land Conservancy and then bring related resolutions and ballot language to Council for approval to put the levy on the ballot and communicate with the villagers. The levy language has to be to the Board of Elections by the first Friday in September, so it has to be approved in August. We're already late for three readings.

c. Police Locker Room and Town Hall - starts at 1:58:07

Having discussed the locker room with the Village Engineer, the Service Director, and the Police Chief, as well as a conversation with Councilmember Onysko, Mayor Siemborski would like to focus on what we need in this space initially and to contact some firms to ask for a RFI, request for information, on a proposal, since we don't really know what we need yet. We start by asking for information on their qualifications, where have they worked, how would they approach the project, etc. The Mayor had conversations with two other municipalities - one is building a fire station and the other is Orange - regarding the processes they went through. This doesn't mean we're building or abandoning anything. It's just a process to start looking for some help.

18. Business from the Audience - starts at 2:00:20

Resident Bob Andreano pointed out last year someone bought a house on the east part of Battles Road and immediately ripped out 17 big, beautiful trees in their front yard. Do we not have some type of an ordinance on tree removal? The Service Director answered yes, it doesn't prohibit you from cutting trees; it's whether a permit is needed or not. Mr. Andreano thinks we should stipulate a certain number of trees, and the onus should be put on the tree removal company to run the process and get a permit.

Secondly, everybody in the Village pays for trash removal, but there are only a certain number of us that the Village pays for monitoring our alarm systems. We need to get rid of that. There's no reason the Village should be paying his alarm monitoring bill.

Mayor Siemborski explained when the dispatch system was dispatched years ago, the Village agreed to pay for alarm monitoring service for anyone in the Village that was hooked up and essentially that continues. As people move out of those homes, the service is not renewed. The Police Chief advised the current cost is about \$17,000 per year. It might be time to talk about it again.

19. Adjourn


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

Respectfully submitted,



Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:



Steven L. Siemborski, Mayor