

Village of Gates Mills
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
July 13, 2021

At 5:55 p.m. a public hearing was called to order to hear comments and questions regarding the 2022 Tax Budget. Hearing no comments, Mayor Schneider closed the public hearing.

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held at the Community House on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Schneider presiding. The meeting was livestreamed to the internet.

Councilmembers present: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.

Other Village officials present were Chief Minichello, Chief Robinson, Finance Administrator Mulh, Treasurer Reynolds, Village Engineer Courtney, and Law Director Hunt.

Councilmember Turner moved to have Janet Mulh be the Clerk Pro Tem for the Council meeting in the absence of Clerk DeCapite. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
 Nays: None.
 Motion carried.

Mayor Schneider administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Craig Steinbrink and then to Firefighters Julian Mangeluzzi and Jacob Conte. The mothers of the firefighters pinned their badges on for them.

Councilmember Frankel moved to nominate Councilmember Turner to be the Council President Pro Tem. Councilmember Welsh seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
 Nays: None.
 Motion carried.

Mayor Schneider administered the Oath of Office to Council President Pro Tem Turner.

Dean Hayne, Regional External Affairs Representative from First Energy provided an update to the audience. He had attended a meeting via zoom in January and wanted to follow up with the Village. He noted that trees in 6 of the 7 circuits in the Village have been trimmed. The 7th one will be trimmed in 2023. Trimming is done on a 4-year cycle. Due to the number of outages in the Village, more vegetation patrols and forestry patrols were completed. Three circuits and 40 additional trees were identified as needing attention. They also looked at fuses and protections on the lines and found more vegetation, controls and equipment that needed attention in February. Later this month, a thermal scan will be done at the Millgate Circuit to see if there are any hot spots with equipment issues. In early June, the Village experienced a quick spike where something hit the lines and caused two circuits to go out. First Energy is still looking into the cause of the blip and used drones to do some investigating along with foot

patrols. He asked everyone to call in when they see anything unusual with the power or the lines. All outages should be reported to First Energy. The more information they have, the better. If a resident experiences blips in their service on a recurring basis, please report it. Rita Petty, Dorchester Drive, asked if there have been comparison studies with other wooded communities and what those communities' best practices are. She asked if we are only seeing short-term fixes or is there a long-term fix. Mr. Hayne responded that the option of burying lines is quite expensive. When lines are buried, it takes longer to find the issue and repair the problem. There are no plans to bury lines at this time, but the trimming will continue every four years. If they trim too aggressively then the life of the tree is shortened. They do look at other communities, but they really are looking at the circuits in each community for comparison and ranking. Several communities are similar and all are treated the same. He noted there are too many variables per community. Mike Press, County Line Road, asked if they do benchmarking with other communities. Mr. Hayne responded that they use benchmarking, but it is hard to do as no two communities are exactly the same. Ms. Petty asked if there are any data points available. Mr. Hayne noted that his comments are in general but he is checking on getting more data. Mr. Press asked if comparisons can be done from the last 10 years to the previous 30 years of outages. Mr. Haynes can check on doing that. Cara Sulzer, Chartley Road, asked how often is considered "normal" for momentary outages. She experiences weekly outages of 10-90 seconds. Mr. Hayne stated some places have hourly and some have monthly blips. He will forward this information on to have it looked at more closely. Ms. Sulzer stated she participated in the January meeting and even though some residents have generators, the Village needs to reach out more with information for the community. Mayor Schneider noted an outage brochure went out to each resident with the State of the Village mailing in February. Ms. Sulzer recommended a letter be sent to all residents. Dorothy Shillman, Gates Mills Boulevard, stated she lost power for three days last week and paid someone to come in to trim trees. Her power goes out a lot during the winter, but goes out during the other seasons as well. She stated First Energy is not doing good service in our Village and when she was told she is not in a high density area, she pays her bills and demands good service. She also noted that she has noticed throughout the Village that our lines are way too low. Mr. Hayne gave her his card and wants to follow up with her. Ms. Petty asked what the follow up would be for the Village. Mr. Hayne noted he will continue to communicate with the Mayor. He added that comparisons will take a long time to pull together for a time period going back 30 years. He will see what data is available. He also explained that low lines may not be electric lines. Electric lines are usually the highest on the poles, while cable and phone are lower. Jerry Bohinc, Cairn Lain, asked if lines are the homeowner's responsibility or First Energy's? Mr. Hayne stated lines are mostly First Energy's responsibility. They own up to the connection point. Customers keep things clear of lines, like vegetation. Councilmember Welsh noted he had purchased coverage for his lines and was still charged. Mr. Hayne noted that they use a third party vendor for that service. Ms. Sulzer asked if we could add an FAQ to our website.

The minutes of the June 8, 2021 Council meeting were presented by the Clerk. Councilmember Welsh moved to approve the June 8, 2021 minutes. Councilmember Sogg seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Steinbrink.

Motion carried.

The minutes of the June 12, 2021 Special Council meeting were presented by the Clerk. Councilmember AuWerter moved to approve the June 12, 2021 minutes. Councilmember Sogg seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Abstain: Steinbrink.
Motion carried.

Pay Ordinance #1251 in the amount of \$405,744.77 was presented by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Welsh to approve Pay Ordinance #1251. Councilmember Whitney seconded the motion to approve Pay Ordinance #1251.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Treasurer Reynolds read his report for the month of June, which is attached. The Village had a deficit for the month of \$25,515. All operating departments are at or below budget for the year. Treasurer Reynolds stated this is his last report to Council as Treasurer. He is resigning tonight and is changing his permanent resident status to another state. He stated it has been a great pleasure to work with the Mayor and Council over the past 8 years. He noted they have built a collegial, respectful and problem-solving oriented culture that greatly benefits the Village, and he encourages them to continue to reinforce those values moving forward. Treasurer Reynolds stated it was a great pleasure to work with Chiefs Robinson and Minichello, Service Director Biggert, Finance Administrator Mulh and the rest of the Village professional staff. He stated their tireless efforts and dedication truly make Gates Mills the wonderful community it is today.

At this time, Councilmember Whitney moved to appoint Steven Siemborski to complete Treasurer Reynolds term ending 12/31/2021. Councilmember Frankel seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Mayor Schneider administered the Oath of Office to Treasurer Siemborski.

Mayor Schneider gave her report. She thanked everyone for participating in and helping with the wonderful Fourth of July Parade. She announced that the Summer Band Concert will be held this Sunday, July 18, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The Garden Club will also be having a show this upcoming Friday and Saturday.

There was not a Clerk's report.

Councilmember Whitney reported on the Fiber Optic survey that had been mailed to residents. We have received 342 responses to-date. Of the responses received, 82% would be interested in fiber optics and 17% would not. It is important to position ourselves as a Village as hybrid work policies are changing and we need to be at the forefront.

Councilmember Whitney announced that The Pink Sheet will have an article on Rust Belt Riders. This company offers a service to pick up a 5-gallon bucket of your food scraps every week and deliver free composting to you in the spring.

Councilmember Sogg updated Council on its July Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. The Peter property had landscape work done and a pickleball court constructed on a property line shared with the Gates Mills Land Conservancy. The contractor failed to get a permit for the construction and damaged some GMLC property. Mr. and Mrs. Peter appeared at the meeting and brought two options to mitigate the problem. They also had the property repaired. The options were to move a portion of the court or to use a smaller court and take two and one-half feet off of each side of the court for a smaller variance. The option to make the court smaller was chosen. The issue was resolved and a variance granted. The Commission asked Building Official Biggert to look into citing the contractor. The residents were on vacation when the work was completed and thought the contractor had pulled a permit.

Councilmember AuWerter is leading an Ad Hoc Committee that is evaluating the Village Engineer function. The first meeting was held about a week ago. Village Engineer Courtney presented material at the meeting. Two firms are coming in on Monday, July 26 at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. to present services to the committee. Village Engineer Courtney's firm will present last on Wednesday, July 28 at 7:30 a.m. Councilmember Whitney asked if minutes of the meeting would be available. Councilmember AuWerter stated they would be.

Councilmember AuWerter announced he has spoken with the consultant regarding the Master Plan process and they would like to begin in mid to late October.

Councilmember Welsh asked Mayor Schneider for a cemetery update. Mayor Schneider stated land is being donated to the South Cemetery, but no plots are available at this time.

Chief Minichello provided his report. He noted the Tesla was received very well in the July 4th parade. It is still being outfitted and will hopefully be on the road in the next month. Councilmember Sogg inquired about keeping the surplus vehicle to park in traffic areas. Chief Minichello responded that the graphics have already been removed from the surplus vehicle and he hopes to have offers for its purchase at next month's meeting. Councilmember Turner asked the Chief to update everyone about what has been done to respond to the complaint about traffic noise at the corner of Brigham and River Road. The Chief responded that we receive complaints about speeding vehicles, but cannot be everywhere with our limited resources. We have radar signs that we move around, and we deploy a marked vehicle to park in areas as a deterrent. We also bring in extra people for traffic details when we can. The Department does what it can and recognizes speeding is a concern. Councilmember Frankel noted that noise complaints have been received and we are looking at how to differentiate between noise generated by vehicles, construction and parties. Ordinances address them differently. Chief Minichello announced an

officer is leaving our force for a busier community and he is looking to fill the position. Councilmember AuWerter pointed out that speeding tickets are up from last year at this time. Councilmember Sogg asked if we are citing for improper registrations and the Chief stated we are.

Service Director Biggert provided his report. Councilmember Frankel thanked the Department for a great job of setting up and clean-up after the Fourth of July parade. He asked if Rumpke could provide recycling trash bins next year in the area where the Community Club sells refreshments. He also asked if we can get an updated list of what is recyclable. Service Director Biggert stated we can get the information from the Solid Waste District or from Rumpke. Service Director Biggert will work on a recycling seminar for a council meeting with the date to be announced. Councilmember Frankel asked if the cardboard and paper recycle bins are still at Town Hall. Service Director Biggert stated they are. The company was going to start charging for the service and remove the bins and then changed their direction. They ended up not charging and leaving the bins. Councilmember Turner noted our community is low on the recycling list for the county. Councilmember AuWerter asked for an update of the road program, which Village Engineer Courtney provided. Riverview is fully recycled and is in its curing period. Fox Hill and Fox Hill East are being recycled now. Asphalt rejuvenation, crack filling and striping will follow. Chagrin River Road at Mayfield Road is looking good. They are waiting for the traffic poles for the new traffic signals. The project is on target for being done by the end of October.

Chief Robinson provided his report. There were a number of 'wires down' calls during the last month. When electric wires are down, we also get a number of alarm calls. Councilmember Frankel asked for the process that occurs for a low hanging wire. Chief Robinson responded that they look at the lines and determine who needs to be contacted. It is difficult sometimes, as companies go out of business and leave their lines on the poles. Power is the easiest one to determine. They also determine if there is a hazard to the public or not. They stay on the scene if needed and mark the area when they can. He also mentioned that many residents who have generators fail to call First Energy when there is an outage. He noted it is still important to call in. Councilmember Turner added that the more that call, the better. Chief Robinson stated First Energy looks at getting the most people up the quickest. Councilmember Whitney noted there were five firefighters with anniversaries. Firefighter Conte started with the Village as a cadet in 2018. In April of 2020, Firefighters Mangeluzzi and Conte were sworn in by Chief Robinson, but he wanted them to have the opportunity to be sworn in at a Council meeting as well.

Ordinance No. 2021-18 "An Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Gates Mills A Proposed Amendment to the Charter of the Village of Gates Mills to Renew for a Period of Five Years the Existing One Mill Tax Levy for the Public Purpose of Conserving, Retaining, Protecting and Preserving Land, Water, Forest, Open, Natural or Wetland Areas in this Municipality Predominantly in Their Natural, Scenic, Open or Wooded Condition or as Suitable Habitat for Fish, Plants or Wildlife, Including the Acquisition of Such Real Property or Interests Therein as may be Necessary to Carry Out that Purpose; and Declaring an Emergency" was read for the second time by Councilmember Turner. Mayor Schneider noted they will also discuss Resolution No. 2021-27 at this time.

Councilmember Turner noted Ordinance No. 2021-18 authorizes the Village to place a one-mill levy on the ballot for five years, which is the same as is currently on the books. Nothing in this Ordinance allocates money to another organization, but it says the Village can enter into agreements to do so. By continuing the levy as is, we continue to receive the 12.5% rollback from the State, which saves the taxpayers money. Councilmember Welsh asked if we should pass the Ordinance tonight. Councilmember Turner stated that since there will be a change in the agreement, Council would like to review it before voting on this Ordinance. We can vote on the Ordinance at the August Council meeting and get it to the County Board of Elections by the September 3 deadline. Councilmember Sogg added that by waiting, we allow more input from residents. Ms. Petty asked a question about changing the percentage for the Gates Mills Land Conservancy (GMLC). Councilmember Turner responded that the tax dollars always comes to the Village and then the Village distributes to the GMLC.

Resolution No. 2021-27, "A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to Enter into an Agreement with the Gates Mills Land Conservancy to Provide Funds to the Conservancy from the One (1)-Mill Charter Land Conservation Fund," was put on first reading and read by Councilmember AuWerter. This Resolution is for the agreement with the GMLC.

Councilmember AuWerter stated in prior cycles, when the levy was approved by voters, the following February an agreement was completed with GMLC. Ninety-five percent of the funds were distributed to the GMLC. The new agreement proposes to change that and it would be concurrent with the approval of the levy. In prior agreements, there was language that indicated the Village Council had some control over the GMLC, but it is just a relationship between the Village and the GMLC. The Mayor can appoint one-third of the board and it has been that way since the GMLC formed in 1988. The funds are a levy taxed to the residents, so Council should have some input. Treasurer Siemborski stated he was the Village's Treasurer in 1988 and the Village wanted a say in the running of the GMLC and its use of the funds.

Councilmember AuWerter said there are two key elements in the agreement. It is the goal of the GMLC, in the next five years, to be in a position to go forward in a stewardship mode and not need another levy. They would have a fund balance that would allow them to be in a stewardship role by maintaining properties and making sure easements are adhered to. GMLC indicated it would need \$700,000 set aside for its stewardship role at the end of this five-year cycle. The organization could continue in perpetuity, but not actively buying properties. Some have asked about turning over properties to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, but GMLC owns a lot of property that was funded by the taxpayers and we want to keep it here. Furthermore, WRLC would not take it for free and would want \$700,000 to do so. Another element of the agreement encourages the GMLC, if they want to acquire land but have insufficient funds, to request additional funds from the Village. The extent of needing more land is dwindling as noted by the GMLC. Now instead of 5% of the levy funds remaining with the Village, 50% would remain with the Village. The money still goes into the Land Conservation Fund and can only be used for the purposes stated in the charter language. The language in the levy does permit some projects that have been funded out of the General Fund in the past. The GMLC Board voted 9-0 in support of this agreement. The Village worked with the GMLC to draft the agreement and this keeps the one-mill levy as it is with the rollback and meets the needs

of both the GMLC and the Village. At this time Mayor Schneider had Clerk Pro Tem Mulh read questions submitted by residents and responses that were provided. These emails are attached.

Councilmember Steinbrink stated that residents are encouraged to go to the Village's YouTube channel and view GMLC's presentation from the special council meeting held on May 27, 2021. The video presentation is very important and shows the changes coming from the GMLC. Mayor Schneider noted the Village and the GMLC are working together to make things work. Celeste McClung, Chagrin River Road, asked who owns the GMLC land and referred to an article in the Chagrin Valley Times that mentioned development versus conservation. Councilmember AuWerter said that the Master Plan process is about land use and what the Village wants. The Master Plan is fundamentally a land use effort for development to be considered or to not develop as part of the extensive planning effort. Zoning changes could be made if the Master Plan process recommends changes. We want changes that the Villagers want. Rob Galloway, GMLC President, responded to Ms. McClung that the GMLC owns land fee simple. They are a separate and free standing land trust. The GMLC also has easements that landowners have given to them. Enforcement of the easements is through the GMLC, which conserves over 700 acres in the Village, and that will not change. The concept of creating a fund at the end of five years of \$700,000 will back the obligations and duties they have forever. Over time there are challenges that cannot be foreseen. The GMLC has to be able to defend a challenge of an easement in the future. The Village sees that as well. GMLC will never turn land over to anyone. Ms. McClung asked what would happen if the GMLC doesn't exist. Mr. Galloway stated under the law, the GMLC Board could only do one thing and that would be to give its land and easements to another nonprofit with the same mission. Ms. Petty asked what the operating costs are for the GMLC now. Mr. Galloway responded the current budget is \$30-35,000 per year. They will pare the budget down over the next five years. They do generate some money from memberships which totals about \$25,000 per year. The hope is that \$700,000 invested at 3% will generate \$21,000 per year, which would be fine. Ms. Petty asked why they are not acquiring more land, why we would want development of more natural land, and why can't someone raze a home and rebuild? Mr. Galloway stated the GMLC and the Village are not in cahoots to have more development. The GMLC has been in existence for 33 years and the strategic plan and the maps with ecologically sensitive areas that shouldn't be developed have been protected. GMLC has made tremendous progress in those years and there are not many parcels left out there to acquire. People have also donated land to the GMLC. Nat Smith, Boardmember, stated that the last three acquisitions were two donations and one deeply discounted purchase. Acquiring land with money is not why they exist. Mr. Galloway thinks it will shift more and more to donations of land. They want more engagement with the community and the Master Plan will include using conservancy land for education and engagement. Mr. Press stated infrastructure spending doesn't seem to be permitted in the levy language. Councilmember Turner noted projects such as the Sudbury bank restoration and other riverbank restorations would qualify. She added that this Council loves the richness of the land and its resources and wants a balance between conservation and development. Councilmember AuWerter noted it will help with the Village deficit as well. Projects that qualify under the levy language could be paid for with the land conservation fund instead of the general fund. David Atton, Chagrin River Road, stated the audience is hearing about this for the first time tonight. It is very complicated, conceptually. A Town Hall meeting is crucial before moving forward as there is a lot of confusion. Brent Stewart, River Oaks Trail, voiced frustration with the inability

to participate in the process. There is little villager involvement and could feel better if more were involved. Ms. Sulzer asked how residents will know when Master Plan meetings will be. Councilmember AuWerter said they are coordinating with the consultant and depending on the consultant to lead us. Questionnaires and focus groups will be a part of the process. Communication will be critical and that's one of the reasons we chose the firm we did. Councilmember Turner noted the focus right now is on the agreement. She asked for everyone to think about all the things Council deals with that they are elected to do. The agreement was what she was elected to do on behalf of residents. There is a balance as to when to go out to Villagers and when to do the job one is elected to do. Ms. McClung stated Villagers have supported the GMLC for 30 years and wanted to know why they didn't tell the Villagers about the changes. She continued by saying that instead, GMLC entered into an agreement with Council. Mr. Press added that the land conservancy and master plan are tied together. Mr. Galloway responded to Ms. McClung. He said he hears what she is saying. Education that is happening is that the GMLC is getting the money from the Village. It is not the GMLC giving half of the money to the Village. History is that Council works with the GMLC to put the levy on the ballot every five years. They weren't sure it would be on the ballot this year. GMLC had hoped to have 80% of the funding and would not go as low as 30%. The groups discussed ideas and came to an agreement. It was not a negotiation. He understands the concerns of the groups. He asked if there is enough land off the tax rolls and if it could be detrimental to the Village. Council could have decided to be done and not put the levy on the ballot. There is mutual respect and half of a loaf is better than no loaf. GMLC has been reflecting the last two years on their goals and changing mission. He told Mr. Atton that he's sorry, but it's not complicated. Councilmember Steinbrink asked if anyone else would like to speak. Donald Levenson, Gates Mills Boulevard, asked Mr. Galloway if the goal has changed with the amount of funds or is it consistent over time. Mr. Galloway stated the mission is the same. There are multiple ways to conserve land and it is all about conserving land. How they go about it changes and they are more limited in what they can accomplish. Mr. Levenson stated it sounds like the mission changes due to the availability of funds. Mr. Galloway stated the GMLC has purchased so many parcels over 33 years. Mr. Bohinc stated he had looked at some literature and GMLC has 700 acres protected at about \$6,000 per acre. The reason they can do it is that they gained the trust of the Village and is the most respected organization in the Village. If leadership can live with 50%, encourage Council to consider putting GMLC leadership at the table for the Master Plan process. It will lend credibility to the plan. Mayor Schneider stated she thinks all organizations should be involved with the Master Plan process. She thanked everyone for their input.

Resolution No. 2021-21 "A Resolution Approving and Adopting the Tax Budget for the Village of Gates Mills for Fiscal Year 2022; and Declaring an Emergency" was read by Councilmember Whitney.

Councilmember Whitney moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-21 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember AuWerter seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Whitney, seconded by Councilmember AuWerter, that Resolution No. 2021-21 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-22 "A Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Transfer of Certain Sums from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund" was read by Councilmember Whitney.

Councilmember Whitney moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-22 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember Sogg seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Whitney, seconded by Councilmember Frankel, that Resolution No. 2021-22 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-23 "A Resolution Authorizing a Change Order to a Contract for the Repair and Resurfacing of Various Public Roads in 2021; and Declaring an Emergency" was read by Councilmember AuWerter.

Councilmember AuWerter moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-23 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember Steinbrink seconded the motion to suspend the rules. Councilmember AuWerter noted we have 50% of the Chagrin River Road at Mayfield Road project money available this year and can repair Deerfield, Hillside and Overlook.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember AuWerter, seconded by Councilmember Sogg, that Resolution No. 2021-23 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.

Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-24 "A Resolution Approving a Lot Split and Consolidation Plat to Accommodate the Donation of a Portion of Private Property to be Consolidated with the Village Cemetery Property for the Parcels Known as Permanent Parcel Nos. 843-34-010 and 843-34-011" was read by Councilmember Sogg. This item came before the Planning and Zoning Commission and Mary Nook is donating land to the South Cemetery.

Councilmember Sogg moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-24 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember AuWerter seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Sogg, seconded by Councilmember Turner, that Resolution No. 2021-24 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-25 "A Resolution Accepting the Donation of a Portion of a Parcel of Private Property to the Village of Gates Mills for Consolidation with the Village Cemetery Property and Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Donation Agreement Therefor" was read by Councilmember Sogg.

Councilmember Sogg moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-25 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember AuWerter seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Sogg, seconded by Councilmember Turner, that Resolution No. 2021-25 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2021-26 "A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Third 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 Frankel.

Councilmember Frankel moved that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution No. 2021-26 be placed upon its final passage. Councilmember Sogg seconded the motion to suspend the rules.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was moved by Councilmember Frankel, seconded by Councilmember Steinbrink, that Resolution No. 2021-26 be approved. Councilmember Steinbrink added that his sons love Officer Kimbrew and stated he is an excellent role model.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Councilmember AuWerter moved to accept the addition of Dish Network to the Carpenter Road Cell Tower. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion.

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

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

Roll call: Ayes: AuWerter, Frankel, Sogg, Steinbrink, Turner, Welsh, Whitney.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet M. Mulh, Clerk Pro Tem

Approved:



Karen E. Schneider, Mayor

Village of Gates Mills

Treasurer's Report

Month Ended June 30, 2021

Revenues for the month totaled \$317,096. Expenses for the month totaled \$342,611, producing a deficit for the month of \$25,515. No transfers were made to other funds this month. All operating departments are at or below budget for the year.

Our All Funds Balance stands at \$8,611,266. As of June 30, our Ancora investment account totals \$7,611,020 including accrued interest.

This is my last report to Council as Treasurer. I am resigning, effective immediately so that the Mayor can swear in my replacement, Steve Siemborski, tonight. I am resigning because I will soon be changing my permanent resident status to another state and, as such, I will be unable to serve in an elected capacity in the State of Ohio.

It has been a great pleasure to work with the Mayor and Members of Council over the past 8 years. Together you have built a collegial, respectful and problem-solving oriented culture that greatly benefits the Village and I encourage you continue to reinforce those values as you move forward.

It has been a particular pleasure to work with Chiefs Robinson and Minichello, Service Director Biggert, Finance Administrator Muhl and the rest of the Village professional staff. Your tireless efforts and dedication truly make Gates Mills the wonderful community it is today.

I know that you will provide Steve with the same wonderful support that you have provide me over these years and I am also certain that Steve will serve ably and work hard with you to preserve, protect and provide for the welfare of our Village and our residents.