

Village of Gates Mills
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
January 11, 2011

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

Councilmembers present: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.

Councilmembers absent: None.

Mayor White presided.

It was moved by Councilmember Bletcher, seconded by Councilmember Riley, that Councilmember Karen Schneider be elected President of Council Pro Tem for the ensuing year.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

The oath of office was administered to President of Council Pro Tem Schneider by Law Director Charles Riehl.

Mayor White announced the following appointments to Administrative offices:

Robert S. Reitman, Income Tax Administrator.
Charles Riehl, Law Director.
Vincent Feudo, Asst. Prosecutor.
Jo Ann Lechman, Finance Administrator and Asst. Tax Administrator.
Jocelyne Linsalata, Assistant Treasurer.
Steven Szeredy, Police Chief.
Dave Biggert, Service Director and Building Inspector.
Tom Robinson, Fire Chief.
William Murfello, Assistant Service Director.

It was moved by Councilmember Reynolds, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, that the Mayor's appointments to Administrative offices be approved and confirmed.

Ordinance #2011-01 entitled "An Ordinance Amending Section 1313.04 Reducing The Number Of Authorized Members To The Architectural And Historic Board Of Review From Ten to Seven," was introduced by Councilmember Schneider and read by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Welsh, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2011-01 be placed upon its final passage.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.

Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that Ordinance #2011-01 be approved.

Councilmember Bletcher asked Law Director Riehl if he was comfortable with the Ordinance. The answer was yes. He then asked how many members would be considered a quorum. Law Director responded "four". He questioned whether the Board should have 8 to 10 members to give non-architect citizens strong control of the Board as they have under current law. Councilmember Reynolds replied that it is better to have an odd number of members on a board.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

The Mayor presented her appointments for the Architectural Review Board, Planning & Zoning Commission, and Historical Review Committee. It was moved by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Welsh, that the appointments be approved and confirmed.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

The minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2010 were presented by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Welsh, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that the minutes be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Pay Ordinance #1125 in the amount of \$500,806.07 was presented by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds, that Pay Ordinance #1125 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

The financial statement for the period ending December 31, 2010 was presented by the Clerk. Councilmember Barnes noted that year 2010 ended with a surplus instead of the budgeted deficit. He felt this was due to outstanding performance by the Department Heads, the deferment of some of the scheduled projects, and the increase in the estimated Inheritance tax. Councilmember Reynolds pointed out it was noteworthy that the Village's debt was reduced by over one million dollars.

Chief Szeredy presented a written report for the Police Department for the preceding period. He stated that 2010 was an active year for calls for service.

Service Director Biggert presented a written report for his department for the preceding period. Councilmember Riley reported that at the Safety Committee meeting which preceded the current meeting there was discussion about the detour for the Old Mill Road Bridge which will be closed for repairs during the paving season in 2011 and in 2012. Village Engineer Chris Courtney said there have been meetings at which detours were established. The other communities are being advised about them.

Chief Robinson presented a written report for the Fire Department for the preceding period. In 2010 there were 127 calls compared to 124 in 2009. Councilmember Bletcher asked if residents with alarm systems also have carbon monoxide detectors. Chief Robinson said everyone should have a monoxide detector near their sleeping areas but they should not be monitored by dispatch. When a detector goes off there is time to evacuate.

Resolution #2011-02 entitled "A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor And The Clerk To Enter Into An Agreement With The City Of Mayfield Heights For The Furnishing Of Mutual Fire Protection For Both Municipalities For The Year 2011 And Authorizing A Rate Of Payment For Rescue Squad/Ambulance Services From The City Of Mayfield Heights And Declaring An Emergency," was introduced by Councilmember Nemastil and read by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Nemastil, seconded by Councilmember Welsh, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution #2011-02 be placed upon its final passage.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilmember Nemastil, seconded by Councilmember Welsh, that Resolution #2011-02 be approved. There was discussion about the wording of the agreement and Mayfield Heights' Resolution. It was decided to approve the resolution in order to have immediate back-up coverage, but Law Director Riehl will review the Resolution and Agreement and report at the next council meeting.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Ordinance #2011-03 entitled "Annual Appropriation Ordinance Village Of Gates Mills. An Ordinance To Make Appropriations For Current Expenses And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Gates Mills, State Of Ohio, During The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011," was introduced by Councilmember Barnes and read by the Clerk. Councilmember Barnes explained that the budget reflects a 1% wage increase, an increase in EMS expense, and includes work on all three street lights in the Village, EPA mandated projects, and a \$250,000 Mayfield Road Storm Sewer System. The estimated deficit for 2011 is \$57,000. Councilmember Bletcher remarked that

Inheritance of \$350,000 was included in the budget but the Village normally receives about \$1,000,000. Councilmember Riley commented that there are discussions to eliminate Inheritance tax; he recommends looking for another source of income to pay for Capital Improvements. Councilmember Bletcher suggested that Council develop a policy stance incorporating our wishes regarding the Inheritance Tax and communicate our recommendations to the Governor and other State legislators.

Councilmember Bletcher pointed out the EPA required projects included in the Capital Improvement Fund were budgeted for about \$200,000. He questioned if there is a time-table. Village engineer Courtney said there is a 5 year cycle and it might be better to do some of the projects sooner than later. Service Director Biggert said it is important to show EPA that we are making progress. Councilmember Bletcher recommended the Service Committee meet to discuss this topic. Councilmember Bletcher also recommended and Councilmember Riley agreed that income and expenses for "Other Funds" be included in next year's budget versus the ending balance in the Funds. It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Welsh, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution #2011-03 be placed upon its final passage

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Welsh, that Ordinance #2011-03 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Business from the audience: Katherine Malmquist from the Gates Mills Library reported that the Library has many great programs scheduled. The Friends of the Library dinner will be held at Sara's this year. Sue Thorpe questioned when the Old Mill Road bridge will be closed and if it will affect the July 4th parade. She was told the bridge will be closed for July 4th in 2011 and 2012.

There being no further business, at 7:30 p.m. it was moved by Councilmember Reynolds, seconded by Councilmember Riley, and unanimously carried, that the council meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

Connie White, Mayor