

Village of Gates Mills  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
February 8, 2011

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.

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

Councilmembers absent: Nemastil, Welsh.

Mayor White presided.

It was moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds, that Councilmembers Nemastil and Welsh be excused from the meeting.

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

Mayor White announced the appointment of Angela Suchetka as full-time Third Class Patrolman.

It was moved by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds, that the Mayor's appointment be approved and confirmed.

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

The oath of office was administered to Patrolman Suchetka by Mayor White.

Mayor White announced the appointment of Lisa Davet as full-time Dispatcher.

It was moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds, that the Mayor's appointment be approved and confirmed.

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

The Mayor presented her appointments for the Recreation Board, Safety Committee, Service Committee, Stormwater II Sub-Committee, Grant Committee, Seniors, Historic Records Committee, and Gas Well Safety Committee. It was moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds, that the appointments be approved and confirmed.

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

The minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2011 were presented by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Bletcher, that the minutes be approved.

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

Pay Ordinance #1126 in the amount of \$708,596.06 was presented by the Clerk. Councilmember Bletcher praised C.W. Courtney's work but questioned if some of the work performed could be done by Gates Mills' employees. Examples included determining the detour route for the last road project and selection of the color of paint for the Chagrin River Road Bridge. Service Director Biggert said part of the work is done in house but since Courtney is the project manager the County goes through him. The County sent the color samples to Engineer Courtney who then passed them on to him; he was involved in the decision making. Councilmember Bletcher asked if we have received any funds for the Rain Garden. Engineer Courtney said documents have been submitted. Councilmember Bletcher questioned a C.W. Courtney invoice for work done on a resident's property. He was told that the resident made a Building Bond deposit at the beginning of the project from which we pay these invoices. It was moved by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds, that Pay Ordinance #1126 be approved.

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

The financial statement for the period ending January 31, 2011 was presented by the Clerk.

Chief Szeredy presented a written report for the Police Department for the preceding period. He pointed out the new format for his report. Councilmember Bletcher asked if Pepper Pike had been approached with an offer to provide dispatch service. Chief Szeredy stated that Pepper Pike is leaning towards a proposed regional dispatching center. It doesn't appear that being a part of the proposed regionalized dispatch center will benefit Gates Mills. The other communities, including Pepper Pike, considering the proposed center are VEG members and Gates Mills is a member of SPAN. He will talk to Pepper Pike's Chief of Police and report the response at the next Council meeting.

Service Director Biggert presented a written report for his department for the preceding period. He said the salt supply is low but is expecting a delivery soon. Councilmember Reynolds complimented the Service Department for keeping the roads in good shape.

Chief Robinson presented a written report for the Fire Department for the preceding period. He thanked the Service Department for the good snow control. Partly as a result, there were no

accidents with significant injuries. He talked to Pepper Pike's Fire Chief and told him that Gates Mills has an interest in dispatching for Pepper Pike.

Councilmember Schneider reported on the Burton Trail boundary relocation approved by the Planning & Zoning Board. Councilmember Bletcher asked if the required notifications were made and if there will be more buildable lots resulting from the relocation. He was told the notifications were made before the Planning & Zoning Board met; there will not be more buildable lots.

It was moved by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that the boundary relocation be approved.

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

Councilmember Riley presented a proposed agreement among Nicholas P. Glynos, the Village of Gates Mills, and the Gates Mills Land Conservancy. The purpose of the agreement is to prevent an additional gas well and/or an additional house to the properties. The Village would exchange 5 acres for 1.3 acres. Councilmember Reynolds questioned why additional money was being given to Glynos since the 5 for 1.3 exchange was already an advantage for Glynos. Councilmember Schneider said she felt there should not be any expenses for the Village of Gates, including legal fees and other costs. Councilmember Reynolds suggested that someone from the Gates Mills Land Conservancy make a presentation to council. Councilmember Bletcher said there was a gas well lease on the property. It was questioned rather or not the lease had expired. Councilmember Schneider questioned if the property were split would the conservation easement go with both parcels. Councilmember Barnes stated he was not in support of the agreement. Councilmember Riley said he will get more information and report it at next month's Council meeting.

Ordinance #2011-04 entitled "A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor And The President Pro Tem Of Council To Negotiate Leases With Tenants For The Mills Building And Declaring An Emergency," was introduced by Councilmember Reynolds and read by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Reynolds, seconded by Councilmember Riley, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution #2011-04 be placed upon its final passage.

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

Councilmember Bletcher remarked that it is good to have a point person for managing the leases. He asked Councilmember Schneider and Mayor White if they agree the late payment penalty clause in the leases should be enforced. Councilmember Schneider said she was inclined to do that, going forward. Mayor White indicated she agreed.

It was then moved by Councilmember Reynolds, seconded by Councilmember Riley, that Ordinance #2011-04 be approved.

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

It was moved by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for police vehicles.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Bletcher, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider.  
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 next Sunday at Sara's Place.

There being no further business, at 7:25 p.m. it was moved by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, and unanimously carried, that the council meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

Connie White, Mayor