

Village of Gates Mills  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
March 9, 2010

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held on Tuesday, Marcy 9, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. in the Village Hall.

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

Councilmembers absent: Reynolds and Nemastil.

Mayor White presided.

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

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

Mayor White announced the appointments of Mitzi Seith, Recycling Committee Chairman; Cathy DiVincenzo, Park Recreation Board-Senior Activities; and Gwen Morgan, PAR Garden Committee Chairman. It was moved by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that the appointments to Boards and Commissions be approved and confirmed.

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

The minutes of the meeting of February 9, 2010 were presented by the Clerk. Councilmember Bletcher requested that the last paragraph on page 1 be amended to read: "Pay Ordinance # Pay Ordinance #1114 in the amount of \$815,779.03 was presented by the Clerk. Check #2752 payable to C.W. Courtney was questioned by Councilmember Bletcher. Pay Ordinance #1114 was amended to exclude check #2752 for \$24,312.51. It was decided not to issue any more checks to C.W. Courtney up to \$24,312.51 until that check is approved. It was moved by Councilmember Bletcher, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, that Pay Ordinance #1114 be approved." It was moved by Councilmember Bletcher, seconded by Councilmember Riley, that the minutes as amended be approved.

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

It was moved by Councilmember Riley, Seconded by Councilmember Schneider that check #2752 be approved. The motion was tabled until after the Executive Session.

Pay Ordinance #1115 in the amount of \$387,315.82 was presented by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that Pay Ordinance #1115 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.  
Nays: Bletcher.  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Nemastil entered the meeting.

The financial statement for the period ending February 28, 2010 was presented by the Clerk. Councilmember Barnes, Finance Chairman, pointed out that the income to date is skewed since the bulk of the Real Estate Taxes is received in January and February. He stated that the Department heads are doing a good job keeping within budget.

Chief Szeredy presented a written report for the Police Department for the preceding period. He reported on the Yazeed Essa murder trial. The Gates Mills police provided security for Sara Palin when she was at Fedeli's house in Gates Mills. Their wages were paid by Fedeli.

Service Director Biggert presented a written report for his department for the preceding period. Councilmember Bletcher questioned the Rain Garden and its ongoing costs. Service Director Biggert responded that if the Village receives a grant, council will evaluate the project and decide rather or not to accept the grant and proceed with the project. Notification about the grant should be around May 1, 2010.

Chief Robinson presented a written report for the Fire Department for the preceding period. During the snow storm 4 firefighters stayed at the fire station. They responded to one call.

It was moved by Councilmember Nemastil, seconded by Councilmember Riley, that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for the sale 2 service department vehicles no longer needed.

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

Resolution #2010-09 entitled "An Ordinance To Provide Certain Positions To Carry Out The Recreation Program Of The Village Of Gates Mills During 2010," was introduced by Councilmember Nemastil and read by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Welsh, seconded by Councilmember Bletcher, that the rules requiring resolutions to be read on three different days be suspended and that Resolution #2010-09 be placed upon its final passage.

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

It was then moved by Councilmember Nemastil, seconded by Councilmember Bletcher, that Resolution #2010-09 be approved.

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

It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Welsh, that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for asphalt and aggregates.

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

Business from the audience:

Katherine Malmquist from the Gates Mills Library reported the February was a good month for the library.

Jo Ann Lechman reported the Easter Egg Hunt will be April 3, 2010.

Sandra Turner said there will be a viewing of "SplitEstate", a documentary about the social, environmental, and health costs of natural gas, March 18 at the Gates Mills Library.

Karen Schneider reported that the auditor now has satellite offices. One is on the east side. Several brochures are available and will be in the rotunda of the Town Hall and on the website.

At 7:24 P.M. it was moved by Councilmember Riley, seconded by Councilmember Barnes, that Council go to Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel compensation of a public official.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Nemastil, Riley, Schneider.  
Nays: Bletcher, Welsh.  
Motion carried.

Councilmember Welsh excused himself from Executive Session.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:15 P.M.

It was moved by Councilmember Riley, Seconded by Councilmember Barnes that check #2752 be approved.

Roll call: Ayes: Barnes, Nemastil, Riley, Schneider.  
Nays: Bletcher.  
Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth DeCapite, Clerk

Approved:

Connie White, Mayor