

Village of Gates Mills
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
December 13, 2011

A regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Gates Mills, Ohio was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 6:30 P.M. in the Village Hall.

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

Councilmembers absent: None.

Mayor White presided.

Nat Smith gave a report for the Gates Mills Land Conservancy. He presented for the Village records the "Statement of Receipts & Disbursements" as of December 31, 2010 and 2009. They Conservancy is pursuing formal certification by the Land Trust Alliance. He also presented a map showing the properties being conserved in the Village. It will be on the Gates Mills Land Conservancy's website. Councilmember Reynolds suggested the Village's website have a link to the Conservancy's website. Councilmember Riley asked about the administration fees. Nat Smith said they consist of legal fees, appraisals, clerical wages, etc. Councilmember Welsh asked about "Clean Ohio" funds. Tom Quintrell said they are not currently available.

Mayor White presented a Proclamation to William "Billy" Murfello for his 40 years of service. Diane Welsh read a poem she wrote about Billy.

Councilmember Schneider and Councilmember Reynolds presented Mayor White and Councilmember Nemastil with a remembrance (a framed picture) of the Village. Councilmember Schneider introduced Sandra Turner as the new member on Council next year.

The minutes of the meeting of November 8, 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, Nemastil, Reynolds, Riley, Schneider, Welsh.
Nays: None.
Motion carried.

Pay Ordinance #1136 in the amount of \$392,571.28 was presented by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Schneider, seconded by Councilmember Bletcher, that Pay Ordinance #1136 be approved.

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

The financial statement for the period ending November 30, 2011 was presented by the Clerk. Councilmember Barnes said the total receipts from Municipal Income Tax are higher than

budgeted. The department heads continue to do a good job. Councilmember Riley noted there should be a nice surplus for 2011.

Chief Szeredy presented a written report for the Police Department for the preceding period. There were no burglaries in November. It helps that residents have been reporting concerns. As of the end of November the police have made more than 42,000 house checks. Councilmember Welsh asked if Carpenter Road is going to be opened. Chief Szeredy said it will not be opened before the completion of the Old Mill Bridge, the end of next summer.

Service Director Biggert submitted a written report for his department for the preceding period. He thanked Council and Mayor for their support throughout the year. Councilmember Welsh asked how many trucks were used to plow snow. Service Director Biggert said there were 4 large trucks, 2 medium sized trucks, and 1 pickup.

Chief Robinson presented a written report for the Fire Department for the preceding period. He said there was a fire in the Metro Parks in November. Its cause is still being investigated. He added there was a fire caused by a Chinese lantern; setting off Chinese lanterns and other devices can create problems.

Resolution #2011-32 entitled "A Resolution Accepting The Amounts And Rates As Determined By The Budget Commission And Authorizing The Necessary Tax Levies And Certifying Them To The County Fiscal Officer," was introduced by Councilmember Barnes and read by the Clerk. The Resolution passed in September did not include the rates for the two levies that passed November 8, 2011. It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Reynolds, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2011-32 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 Reynolds, that Ordinance #2011-32 be approved.

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

Mayor White announced the appointment of Mary Reynolds and Ed Welsh to the Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependents Fund Board. It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Bletcher, that the Mayor's appointment be approved and confirmed.

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

Ordinance #2011-33 entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing A Contract With Wichert Insurance Services, Inc. To Furnish And Provide Liability And Property Insurance Coverages For The Village Of Gates Mills, Its Officials And Employees And Declaring An Emergency,” 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 #2011-33 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 Welsh, that Ordinance #2011-33 be approved.

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

Ordinance #2011-34 entitled “An Ordinance Authorizing A Contract With Aetna Health Care To Furnish And Provide Hospitalization, Health Care And Dental Insurance Coverage For Village Employees And Declaring An Emergency,” was introduced by Councilmember Barnes and read by the Clerk. Councilmember Barnes explained we received bids from eight carriers. All of them were higher than Aetna’s renewal rate. Councilmember Schneider said we compared to Orange Village since their rate was so much lower. Orange’s number of claims was the lowest possible and Gates Mills’ number of claims was the highest possible. She added that four of the quotes we received were within \$1000 of each other, but \$12,000 higher than our renewal rate. It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2011-34 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 Bletcher, that Ordinance #2011-34 be approved.

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

Ordinance #2011-35 entitled “An Ordinance Declaring The Village’s Intention To Enter Into A Tax-Qualified Medical Reimbursement Plan For 2012,” was introduced by Councilmember Barnes and read by the Clerk. This reimbursement of 50% of the employee’s out-of-pocket expenses started in 2010; the cost savings were high when the out-of-pocket charges were high. Reimbursing the employees 50% was an economical approach. It was moved by Councilmember

Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Schneider, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2011-35 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 Bletcher, that Ordinance #2011-35 be approved.

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

Ordinance #2011-36 entitled "An Ordinance To Increase The Compensation Of Certain Village Employees," was introduced by Councilmember Barnes and read by the Clerk. Councilmember Barnes said Hunting Valley and Mayfield Village were giving a 2% increase in 2012 and Chagrin Falls was giving 1%. The Wage and Benefit Committee is recommending a 1% increase be implemented for the Village's employees. It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Riley, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2011-36 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 Riley, that Ordinance #2011-36 be approved.

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

Ordinance #2011-37 entitled "An Ordinance To Amend The Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 2011-03 To Increase Or Decrease Certain Appropriations And Other Expenditures Of The Village Of Gates Mills, Ohio For The Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2011," was introduced by Councilmember Barnes and read by the Clerk. It was moved by Councilmember Barnes, seconded by Councilmember Bletcher, that the rules requiring ordinances to be read on three different days be suspended and that Ordinance #2011-37 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 Bletcher, that Ordinance #2011-37 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 announced upcoming programs. Starting January 6, 2012 local artists will take turns displaying their art for 6 weeks each. She also announced the Friends of the Library dinner will be Sunday, February 12, 2012. Peter Griesinger thanked Mayor White and Councilmember Nemastil for their service to the Village. The community has been working together. Mayor White thanked everyone. She said it has been a short 8 years.

There being no further business, 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