

**Village of Wellington
Council Meeting Minutes
Barbara O'Keefe, Mayor
Council: President Guy Wells, Sandy Denes, Helen Dronsfield, Jeff Hyde,
Steve Maurer, Hans Schneider**

Revised 6-1-15

Council Chambers	Monday May 18, 2015	7:30 p.m.
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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** . Mayor O'Keefe called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilwoman Sandy Denes . Present Councilman Steve Maurer . Present
 Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield . Present Councilman Hans Schneider . Present
 Councilman Jeff Hyde . Absent Council President Guy Wells . Present
 Others Present . Mayor O'Keefe, Village Manager Pyles, Finance Director Shaw, Law Director Bond, Chief Barfield, Public Works Supt. Brasee, Electric Supt. Bealer, Water/WW Supt. Rosemark, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Urbanik, Joe Davidson, Madison Schneider and Creation Crew 4-H Club

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** . Ms. Denes asked that the minutes be amended to add, Ms. Denes stated that she felt Finance Director Shaw should have been included in the meeting at the Lorain County Auditor's office. to the Joint Cemetery, Council and Township Meeting minutes, under New Business, after the second sentence. Motion by Denes, 2nd by Wells to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2015 meeting, with the amendment. Motion carried with all members present voting ~~yes~~.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Ms. Denes had a couple of questions regarding the bills; Mr. Brasee, Ms. Shaw, Chief Barfield, Mr. Pyles and Mayor O'Keefe answered her questions. Motion by Denes, 2nd by Maurer to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ~~yes~~.

101	GEN	\$	23,960.67
201	Street CM&R	\$	6,053.27
401	Capital Improvement	\$	15,957.36
501	Water	\$	8,446.58
502	Sewer	\$	39,664.58
503	ELECT	\$	13,331.94
	***Power Bills		
504	Garbage	\$	24,931.47
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	3,587.14
508	Consumer Deposit	\$	1,400.00
	Total	\$	137,333.01
	Pay 10	\$	87,742.81
	Grand Total	\$	225,075.82

5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

- Mayor O'Keefe
- Law Director Bond . Nothing to report
- Chief Barfield . Nothing to report
- Finance Director Shaw . Ms. Shaw reported that she had spent many hours working on the Personnel Policy Manual and added that she would be happy to answer any questions. Ms. Denes asked what copy machine was used to make the packets; Clerk O'Brien explained that Ms. Shaw was making copies of the personnel policy

manual on the new copier at the Town Hall, so she used the old copier to make the other copies and then assembled the packet.

- Village Manager Pyles . Mr. Pyles reported that CSX would be working on the Barker St. crossing and informed council that those tracks would be closed during those repairs. He further reported that they will be working on the Magyar St. crossing in the future also. He mentioned that Barker St. was almost completed except for some finish work to be performed by Columbia Gas.
- Main Street Wellington . Ms. Denes reported that the Gazebo Garden Walk was very successful. She also reported that they have not yet hired a director, however, they are still working on it.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance . Ms. Denes reported that the committee had met prior to the Council meeting and discussed the personnel policy manual, which they will keep discussing as it continues through the ordinance reading process. She mentioned that Ms. Shaw had updated the committee on the utility collection process.
- Police . Mr. Wells reported that the committee will meet again on June 1st prior to council. Mr. Wells mentioned that he will be nominating Karen Shaw for the RITA board. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Maurer to resolve to endorse the candidacy of Karen Shaw for the RITA board of trustees. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ~~%yes+~~.
- Public Works . Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee will meet June 1st at 6:00 PM.
- Utility . Ms. Denes reported that the committee had met prior the Council meeting. Motion by Denes, 2nd by Maurer to rehire Christopher Wade Lamp Sr. as seasonal mower beginning May 26th working through September 18th at an hourly rate of \$12.25 per hour. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ~~%yes+~~. Ms. Denes mentioned that there will be an ordinance coming to appropriate \$10,000 for a water line upgrade, which will eventually loop through the Meadows, from N. Main St. She reported that Mr. Rosemark spoke to the committee about the possibility of replacing the ground storage tank on Erie St. as money has become available through OEPA in the form of grants and low or no interest loans; the village engineer will begin working on the process.
- Ordinance . Mr. Schneider reported that the committee will meet June 1st, and mentioned that the ambulance board minutes were included in the packet.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A NATURAL GAS PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Tabled 3/16/2015

3rd Reading

Mr. Wells asked Mr. Pyles whether or not they have gotten an answer from NOPEC; Mr. Pyles explained yes, the process will be to default into the variable rate. He further explained that residents will be able to call NOPEC and change to the fixed rate plan, at no charge. Mr. Wells asked what the variable rate was; Mr. Pyles explained that the variable rate is when NOPEC goes out on the market to purchase gas and then sell it back to the residents. Mr. Wells mentioned that that was very confusing about the program, as their variable rate is actually fixed, and fixed rate is actually variable. Mr. Pyles explained that historically NOPEC's variable rate has outperformed the market; Ms. Denes agreed, as she had read about it in the newspapers. She added that even if a resident saves \$30.00 per year, it is still a savings. Mr. Wells suggested waiting until the next meeting before they go to vote; everyone agreed.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-16

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

2nd Reading

Motion by Denes, 2nd by Wells to move the 2nd reading. Motion carried with all members present voting ~~yes~~.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-23

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL

1st Reading

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Mayor O'Keefe asked Mr. Brasee how Pride Day had gone; Mr. Brasee explained that he had spoken with Fred Pitts who said they did not need any help from the village this year. Ms. Denes mentioned that Nancy Fisher had the OSU Extension office send an email out, looking for 4-H kids to volunteer. Mr. Maurer asked if they had collected tires this year; Mr. Pyles explained that the township had declined their share of the tire collection this year. Ms. Denes explained that they did not check for residency during the event, so anyone who dropped off tires, the village and township had to pay for the disposal. Mr. Maurer mentioned that he would rather pay the extra than find tires thrown in the ditches. Mr. Schneider mentioned they should check for residency and if someone from outside the village or township wanted to drop off tires, charge those residents a fee to do so.
- Zoning Inspector Furcron mentioned that he had a complaint of people putting their bulk trash and furniture on the tree lawn for collection, which would not be picked up for three weeks. He further mentioned that Council needs to have an ordinance in place to prohibit people from putting their trash out early. Ms. Denes mentioned that Allied will not pick up yard waste either; Mr. Pyles explained that by law if the yard waste is collected and bagged separately, it is considered ~~source separated~~, and they are not allowed to pick that up. Mr. Pyles mentioned that any resident that has bagged their yard waste can bring it to Public Works where there is a brush pile, and dump it there. He further mentioned that if a resident puts their waste in the regular trash receptacle with their other trash, Allied Waste will take it. Mr. Schneider mentioned that he felt they should direct Mr. Bond to change the ordinance to read 24 hours prior to pick up and vote on it at the next council meeting. There was some discussion about residents calling Allied Waste and requesting a special pickup when a resident is moving. Mr. Wells suggested having Mr. Bond draft an ordinance and discussing it at the next ordinance committee meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor O'Keefe asked if anyone from the Creation Crew 4-H group had anything to contribute to the meeting; the advisor reported that they were from Cuyahoga County and were 4-H leaders who came to see the parliamentary proceedings, in order to implement them into their own meetings. Mayor O'Keefe welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- Ms. Dronsfield mentioned that she had received an email on May 12th, which was dated April 7th, from Mr. Schneider to Mr. Bond. She further mentioned that she was concerned that this email was of a personal nature, as it began with ~~between you and me~~ and asked who paid for the legal counsel; Mr. Bond reported that he receives emails from many members of council individually, and the cost of such things were included in his retainer fee (as part of the service he provides) and that it would not be billed separately. Mr. Schneider stated that the email was not of a personal nature and was a council related question.
- Mr. Rosemark reported that they are still flushing hydrants and reminded residents to let their water run, if they notice a discoloration in their water.
- Ms. Denes reported that the Memorial Day Parade would be at 10:30 AM. Mr. Wells reported that in addition to the regular Memorial Day service, the Lincoln Funeral Train would be in town, and the Chamber of Commerce was hosting a Heritage Festival. Mayor O'Keefe reported that the festival will be held on Saturday, Sunday and Monday and would consist of bands, food, car show and a

shuttle service from the train to downtown. Mr. Pyles added that Saturday and Sunday the festival would be held on village property and on Monday it would be held on church property. Mayor O'Keefe also mentioned that the museum would be open.

- Mr. Schneider explained that he had received a letter from Ayers Ratliff in regard to the Wellington Duke Pride Day Carnival. In the letter it mentioned that they have raised \$32,000 (in those four years) for Well-Help, to feed disadvantaged children in the summer months, as they are not receiving breakfast and lunch at school. Mr. Schneider further explained that Sunoco Logistics has been donating \$5,000 to the carnival for the past four years, however, this may be the last donation they receive from Sunoco. Mr. Schneider suggested that council pass a resolution of appreciation to Sunoco for sponsoring the Pride Day Carnival. Mr. Schneider explained to the visitors what the carnival consisted of and who benefited from the program. Mayor O'Keefe explained why Sunoco Logistics has donated to the village and gave a brief description of the gas spill, to the visitors.
- Ms. Denes mentioned that Mr. Pyles may want to sit in on the next CORN meeting, as she had attended a recent meeting and found that Nexus is planning on moving the pipeline just north of the village. Ms. Denes suggested council pass a resolution opposing the pipeline. She will get information for Mr. Pyles to review.

10. ADJOURN - Motion by Maurer, 2nd by Denes to adjourn at 8:10 PM