

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

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| Council Chambers | Monday October 19, 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 ĩ Present Councilman Hans Schneider - Present  
Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield ĩ Absent Council President Guy Wells - Present  
Councilman Steve Maurer - Present  
Others Present ĩ Village Manager Pyles, Law Director Bond, Chief Barfield, Electric Supt. Bealer, Public Works Supt. Brasee, Clerk of Council O’Brien, Zoning Inspector Furcron, MSW Director Arntz, Enterprise Reporter Leyva, Patti Young, Mark Bughman, Madison Schnieder, Carol Burke, Justin Hartman, Adam Farago, Emma Marsh, Hayden Bartolovich, Keith McKereck, Mike Schneider, June Rauscher, Anthony Cianciola

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** ĩ Mayor O’Keefe noted that Part time Officer Neff’s name was misspelled. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2015 meeting as amended. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ĩyes

4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Ms. Denes had a couple of questions regarding the bills; Mr. Pyles and Mr. Bealer answered her questions. Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ĩyes

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| 101 | GEN               | \$ | 58,627.86  |
| 201 | Street CM&R       | \$ | 7,523.68   |
| 208 | Permissive Tax    | \$ | 550.00     |
| 401 | Capital           | \$ | 2,101.22   |
| 501 | Water             | \$ | 29,150.89  |
| 502 | Sewer             | \$ | 15,150.89  |
| 503 | ELEC              | \$ | 44,750.04  |
|     | ***Power Bills    | \$ | 498,056.81 |
| 504 | Garbage           | \$ | 100.00     |
| 506 | Storm Sewer       | \$ | 2,532.25   |
| 508 | Consumer Deposits |    |            |
|     | Pay 21            | \$ | 89,627.11  |
|     | Total             | \$ | 748,182.14 |

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

- Mayor O'Keefe
- Law Director Bond - Nothing
- Chief Barfield ĩ Chief Barfield asked residents to be patient with the construction detours.
- Finance Director Shaw
- Village Manager Pyles ĩ Mr. Pyles reported that they have set a time for the local meeting on the quiet zone with Safety Officials, CSX, and the Federal Rail Administration, the meeting will be on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. He mentioned that they may be inviting one elected official to attend. Ms. Denes asked Mr. Pyles whether or not the solar agreement is workable as he had mentioned in his report that there were many changes in the agreement; Mr. Pyles explained that a lot of the changes were in details that would not pertain to the village. He mentioned that they would possibly be having a teleconference later in the week. He further mentioned that all parties want to see the solar field happen and they are still trying to work out the details. Mr. Pyles asked council to pass Resolution No. 2015-47 as an emergency if possible. He explained that it is regarding the health insurance and the county needs it back as soon as possible. Mr. Maurer asked if he could foresee a reason for leaving the county insurance plan; Mr. Pyles

explained, not unless the costs would become so high, where the village could not sustain them.

- Main Street Wellington ĩ Ms. Arntz thanked the Police Dept. for their help with the Gossman Allstate 10k/5k run/walk. She reported that Main Street Wellington and Steve Neff from Wellington Music presented Superintendent Mock a check for \$1,440.00 for the SRO program, which was collected from the fundraiser they held a few weeks back. Ms. Arntz reported that the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Trick or Treat at Sprenger Health Care on Saturday from 1PM ĩ 3 PM. She also reported that Main Street Wellington is having a fundraiser and they will be raffling off a Star Wars droid that connects to a smart phone and tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00, and are available at Harrison Ford, LCCC Wellington Branch, Wellington Implement and Main Street Wellington. She mentioned that there will be two Show and Tell Networking events, the first one is at the Inner Circle Gym Wednesday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> from 4PM ĩ 7PM and the second one is at Harrison Ford on Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup> from 4PM ĩ 7PM. She further mentioned that November 28<sup>th</sup> is Small Business Saturday and she will be back with more details.
- Mrs. Carol Burke ĩ Mrs. Burke reported that the Farmers Market, United Way, French Creek YMCA and several Wellington residents are collaborating and will form an organization to promote healthy living. She further reported that the Farmers Market will be losing its site at the McCormick Middle school and would like council's help finding a new location for next year. The collaborative is very interested in what will become of the McCormick property, and would like to be notified when the public forums are held so that they can share their ideas for the property. She mentioned that the organization is also interested in a community garden and would like council to suggest a site for that. Ms. Denes asked Mr. Pyles if he had any idea of where the school will be within a year; Mr. Pyles explained that it has been indicated that the school will be razed shortly after the new school is completed. Ms. Denes mentioned that Council may have an answer for Mrs. Burke by the time they are ready to schedule for next year.

## **6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Finance ĩ Ms. Denes reported that the committee will meet again on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Police ĩ Mr. Wells reported that the committee had met prior to the council meeting and discussed the traffic situations due to the closure of SR 58. He mentioned that they had discussed the Police Depts. allotment and use of holiday time and it will be coming back to council in the form of a resolution. Mr. Wells reported that council has received one formal application and a letter of interest for the vacant council seat. He asked anyone who is considering applying to follow the directions in the ad, write your letter of application, and address it to the attention of Clerk of Council, Christa O'Brien; the deadline is Noon on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. He mentioned that the applicant should also indicate eligibility, which is a registered voter and a resident of the village for at least one year. Mr. Wells reported that the Spirit of '66 Museum has its 5 year Levy renewal on the ballot; the levy is for .3 mills. He encouraged the residents to support the museum on Election Day. Ms. Denes thanked Chief Barfield for the extra patrols and extra signage through the underpass construction. She mentioned that council had discussed prohibiting on street parking on detour streets during the construction, however, realized that the parked cars on the streets actually help slow the traffic through the detour.
- Public Works ĩ Mr. Schneider reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting and Mr. Brasee gave an updated project report. He reported that the new ballfield will be ready to play on the year after next. He mentioned that Public Works has begun collecting leaves and brush collection is on the first full week of the month and the third weeks. He reported that the committee discussed capital fund requests for next year and mentioned a few of those things. The committee will meet Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to council.
- Utility ĩ Ms. Denes reported that the committee will meet on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> prior to council.
- Ordinance ĩ Mr. Schneider reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting and discussed a church sign on Lincoln St. Mr. Furcon will be looking into the matter. The committee will meet on Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> prior to council.

- Mr. Maurer reminded residents that the detoured streets are not drag ways and the speed limit on residential streets is 25 MPH. He asked everyone to please slow down! Mr. Maurer welcomed the High School government students to the meeting and told them that the council members would be happy to answer any questions they may have after the meeting.

## 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-40**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 521.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO OBSTRUCTIONS OF TREELAWNS OR DRIVEWAYS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to move the third reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting *řyes*

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-42 (Amended)**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 933 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO UTILITY ACCOUNTS

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to move the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting *řyes* Mr. Wells reported that the amendment was in bold and included old accounts and dollar amounts.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-44**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to move the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting *řyes*

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-45**

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 AUDITOR

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-46**

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE NECESSARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-47**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE VILLAGE'S DESIRE TO CONTINUE ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE LORAIN COUNTY JOINT SELF-INSURANCE HEALTH CARE PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE SUCH DOCUMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY CONFIRMING THE VILLAGE'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION, PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting *řyes* Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting *řyes*

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

**Ordinance 2015-25** – Ms. Denes reported that this ordinance was passed on August 17<sup>th</sup>, and dealt with trash receptacles and garbage being placed at the curb from sunrise the day before until sunset the day of collection. She further reported that she spoke with Mr. Furcron who explained that he could not enforce the ordinance as the residents were not aware of the change. Ms. Denes mentioned to Mr. Pyles that she could not find the ordinance on the web site and asked if he could put the ordinance in a news flash; Mr. Pyles said that he would. Ms. Denes further mentioned that she asked Ms. Shaw to add it to the bottom of the next utility bill. Mr. Maurer asked Enterprise reporter Leyva to publish an article in the paper, making residents aware of the changes.

**Wellington Township Bldg.** – Ms. Denes asked about the status of the old Wellington Township building, as it was supposed to be demolished. She asked Mr. Bond if they had responded to his letter; Mr. Bond stated no, the township ignored his letter. Mr. Schneider explained that during a Planning Commission meeting the township was supposed to hire an architect or someone to help them keep the existing building. Mr. Schneider said that he would look into it. Mayor O'Keefe reported that they were supposed to be talking to the engineer about how they can

keep it and the changes that would need to be made to keep it. Mr. Schneider mentioned that they still need to install their impervious parking area also.

**Southern Lorain County Historical Society** – Ms. Arntz congratulated the Historical Society on the Last Lunch event that was held at the McCormick Middle School. She mentioned that the event was very well attended. Mr. Maurer thanked Al Leiby and Scott Markel for their help organizing the event.

**Trick or Treat** – Mayor O’Keefe reminded residents that Trick or Treat is Saturday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 – 7:30.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**Vote** – Mr. Schneider reminded residents to get out and vote!

**Chili Cook-off** – Ms. Denes reported that the Fireman’s Chili Cook-off will be held on Saturday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at the Wellington Eagles from 2 PM – 6 PM.

**10. ADJOURN** - Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to adjourn at 8:00 PM

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Clerk of Council

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Mayor