

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

Revised 11/16/2015

Council Chambers	Monday November 2, 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 Hans Schneider - Present
Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield . Present Council President Guy Wells . Present
Councilman Steve Maurer . Present

Others Present . Mayor O'Keefe, Village Manager Pyles, Finance Director Shaw, Law Director Bond, Chief Barfield, Public Works Supt. Brasee, Water/WW Supt. Rosemark, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise reporter Leyva, Madison Schneider, Mark Bughman, Patti Young, Joe Davidson, Duane Bremke, Bill Berger, Tiffany Burns, Karen Farago, Joe Farago, Jacob Storrow, Weston Farr, Ian Gifford, Amelia Dunwoodie, Chloe Fields, Maison Jackson, Tabbi Spreng, Ava Rowland, Keith Rowland, Mike Schnieder, Alexis Burns, Analyssa Strange, Bryanna Sipes, Drew Bodkins, Taylor Hardwick, Rachel Greene, Jarred Sartori, Mason Phillips, Sarah Wetherbee, Myra Flores, Whitney Cole

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** . Motion by Wells 2nd by Schneider to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2015 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+. Mr. Well asked to have the October 29th meeting minutes revised to read, (in bold) Mr. Wells mentioned that he would be **more comfortable** if Mr. Bond was in attendance.

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Denes to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2015 meeting as amended. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+

4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Ms. Denes had a couple of questions regarding the bills; Ms. Shaw, Mr. Pyles and Mr. Brasee 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 voting ~~yes~~+

101 GEN	\$	61,316.33
201 Street CM&R	\$	885.00
205 Police Pension Trust Fund	\$	1,508.26
208 Permissive Tax	\$	2,237.18
401 Capital	\$	19,388.91
501 Water	\$	29,808.38
502 Sewer	\$	12,040.64
503 ELEC	\$	33,905.15
Power Bills	\$	
504 Garbage	\$	25,031.47
505 Cable	\$	3,439.58
506 Storm Sewer	\$	684.11
508 Consumer Deposits	\$	2,711.86
Pay 22	\$	88,114.06
Total	\$	281,070.93

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

- Mayor O'Keefe
- Law Director Bond . Nothing to Report
- Chief Barfield . Chief Barfield thanked the Auxiliary and the Police Dept. for helping out with another safe Halloween. He also thanked Kelsey Leyva for all of her work reporting for the Enterprise and wished her well at the Morning Journal. Mr. Maurer told Kelsey Leyva that he felt the Enterprise was worth reading with Ms. Leyva reporting. He added that he was sorry to see her go.
- Finance Director Shaw . Ms. Shaw reported that she had been to the County to discuss a new IRS form regarding the Affordable Care Act. She mentioned that the form was difficult, however, if the forms are not filled out, there is a penalty, and employees must have the form in order to file their taxes. She further mentioned that the county is offering to do the form for a fee, however, she believes she can find a less expensive alternative.

- Village Manager Pyles . Mr. Pyles reported that there was a long power outage last week, due to First Energy. He mentioned that there have been many new trees planted in the tree lawns throughout the village and asked residents with new trees to please water the tree as the weather is supposed to be favorable next week. Ms. Denes asked about the few day delay on the Rt. 58 closing which he mentioned in his report; Mr. Pyles explained that the elevations that were taken previously, would result in the water flowing toward the businesses. He further explained that they were resubmitted to engineering who were correcting the problem. He guessed that they had lost a day or two, however, the weather is supposed to be cooperative and the crews were working on the weekends during the nice weather. Mr. Maurer asked Chief Barfield whether or not they were still running the extra detail during the detour; Chief Barfield explained that they were, however it cost money to schedule extra officers. He mentioned that he thought the traffic problems have gotten better and are much more manageable. There was some discussion about residents driving through the construction area. Ms. Shaw thanked Marla Lent for her help answering the phones during the power outage, where together they answered approximately 200 phone calls.
- Main Street Wellington . Ms. Denes reported that Ms. Arntz wanted to thank Mr. Pyles for making sure Shop Local Saturday was advertised on the village web page. On Weds. Nov. 18th there will be a Show and Tell networking event at Inner Circle Personal Fitness from 4PM . 7PM. Participants can take a tour, sample classes, register for prizes and learn about Inner Circle's commitment challenge and their corporate wellness packages. Ms. Denes reported that Saturday November 28th is Shop Local Saturday, and encouraged shop owners to decorate, and residents to shop locally. Main Street Wellington will be open and will have hot chocolate, coffee and a gift tag making station, plus shoppers will get a raffle ticket for prizes when they bring in their receipt. Ms. Denes mentioned that Main Street Wellington is raffling off an app enabled droid, which is fashioned after a droid character from the new Star Wars movie (valued at \$150.00); tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and are available at Harrison Ford, Wellington Implement, Lorain County Community College (Wellington branch) and Main St. Wellington. Ms. Denes mentioned that Wellington Implement sponsored the prize.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance . Ms. Denes reported that the committee will meet prior to council on November 16th.
- Police . Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting and discussed the wording of Resolution No. 2015 . 49 and will be offering an amendment tonight. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Maurer to accept the resignation of Frank Ferrini, with regret. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ~~yes~~ Motion by Wells, 2nd by Maurer to recommend the appointment of Ryan Summerville as a part time Officer at \$15.00 per hour, effective after his pre-employment testing is complete. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~ Motion by Wells, 2nd by Maurer to appoint Devan Woods as Special Police Officer, at zero salary, effective after his testing is complete. Mr. Wells asked Chief Barfield to explain what a Special Officer is; Chief Barfield explained that a Special Officer is someone who is recognized by the Charter of the Village of Wellington. He further explained that the officer is a certified officer in the State of Ohio, and will work for the village, receive training from the Police Dept. They do not cost the village anything, and it gives the Police Dept. an opportunity to evaluate them as possible employees in the future. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~ Motion by Wells, 2nd by Maurer to appoint Timothy Nolan as a Special Police Officer, at zero salary, effective after his testing complete. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~.
- Public Works . Ms. Dronsfield reported that he committee met prior to the council meeting. She further reported that Public Works is collecting leaves, and they have a pattern that they follow when they pick up. She asked that residents be patient as the process is very time consuming and there is only one leaf machine. She mentioned that the waterline on Johns St. has been completed, and the Union St. concrete project has been completed. Ms. Dronsfield reported that the High School boys' baseball team will not be playing on the new baseball

diamond this spring, as there is a lot of finish work being completed. She mentioned that there will be some winter projects taking place at the Town Hall gym.

- Utility . Ms. Denes reported that the committee will meet on November 16th prior to council.
- Ordinance . Mr. Schneider reported that the committee will meet December 7th prior to council.
- Sign Update . Mr. Maurer reported that he had met about with the Township, the County Health Bd., and the Fair Board concerning the cooperative sign project. He further reported that owner and manager of Village Market has donated space on their sign for the installation of the electronic sign. The sign will display messages from all of the involved parties. He explained that the sign is approximately \$50,000 and the Health Bd. will be paying half, the Fair Board will be contributing \$12,500, and the village and the township will split the remainder. He further mentioned that there will be another meeting on November 17th to discuss the sign particulars such as installation. He added that he felt it was an exciting project and it was nice to have all of the different entities involved in the project. Mr. Maurer welcomed the Government students in attendance to the council meeting and offered to answer questions after the meeting. Ms. Shaw asked if the financial portion of the sign would go through the village; Mr. Maurer said that is what they are hoping. Ms. Shaw explained that the revenue will have to be shown coming in and going out through the new budget.
- Ms. Dronsfield mentioned that the new fence has been installed at the W. Herrick Cemetery and that it looked very nice. Mr. Maurer agreed and asked if it was all new; Ms. Dronsfield responded, yes, it was previously a hedge row, and it cost the Cemetery Board approximately \$10,000. She added that she would like to see that at the Greenwood Cemetery, however, the approximate cost for that project would be around \$50,000.
- Ms. Denes mentioned that the Fire Board minutes were in the packet and reported that the Fire Board will meet this Wednesday at 7:00 PM.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-42 (Amended)

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 933 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO UTILITY ACCOUNTS 3rd Reading
Motion by Denes, 2nd by Wells to move the 3rd reading Mr. Maurer thanked Ms. Shaw for all of the work she did to make this policy happen. He mentioned that this policy was long overdue and stated that the village can no longer afford to carry the outstanding utility bills. Ms. Shaw mentioned that she had received a copy of a questionnaire that had been circulated where they asked about payment plans, and there not many municipalities that had payment plans. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~%yes+~~.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-44

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 182 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX 3rd Reading
Motion by Maurer, 2nd by Schneider to move the 3rd reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~%yes+~~.

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 2nd Reading
Motion by Maurer, 2nd by Denes to move the 2nd reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~%yes+~~.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-48

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE'S SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading
Ms. Denes asked how many readings this Ordinance could go; Ms. Shaw stated that it could go the three readings as it was a compliance ordinance that needed to be passed by January 1st.

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-49

A RESOLUTION TEMPORARILY APPROVING A REVISED HOLIDAY SCHEDULING PROGRAM IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

1st Reading

Mr. Wells offered an amendment recommended by the Police Committee: Section #1, line 6 . omit the words ~~who~~ desires to participate in the substitute the words ~~covered by~~ and in the next line omit ~~also~~ agree, in advance. It should now read: ~~This~~ approval is with the stipulation that it is the scheduling process, and not the number of Holidays allowed under the Manual, which is being suspended and that any individual covered by the flexible scheduling program must reimburse the Village in the event that he/she should leave the employment of the Village having already used more holiday time than had accrued. Ms. Denes added that they are making it mandatory that Police Officers participate in the program, not voluntary. Motion by Maurer, 2nd by Wells to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~. Motion by Maurer, 2nd by Wells to approve as amended. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-50

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTOR OF LAW

1st Reading**8. OLD BUSINESS**

- Ms. Denes asked Mr. Furcron what happened with the Lincoln St. Chapel sign, as they had received a large memo in their packet, after Mr. Bond said that the sign was illegal and needed to be removed at their last meeting. Mr. Schneider asked Mr. Bond how the code applied to the situation; Mr. Bond stated that he believed Ms. Lent was in error. Mr. Wells asked if the decision was at an impasse between the Law Director and the Mayor's secretary; Mayor O'Keefe stated that they would discuss the situation on Wednesday. Ms. Denes asked if they would discuss it later; Mr. Bond stated that if council wanted to ~~fix~~ it+it could be a directional sign, or come up with an ordinance to revise it. He further stated that as the ordinance reads now, the ordinance says no signs. Mr. Furcron stated that he feels the sign is a direction sign, and that other church signs have been moved from their original locations; he feels that these people should be allowed to have the sign. Ms. Denes stated that some of the signs predate the ordinance and that they are grandfathered in; she does not want to keep allowing the signs and she thinks we should begin enforcing the ordinance. Mr. Maurer agreed. Ms. Denes suggested continuing the discussion at the next ordinance committee meeting.
- There was a question from the audience as to the amount of the fine for leaving garbage cans out past the time stated in the ordinance; Mr. Bond said that he thought it was a minor misdemeanor with a fine of \$150.00, at least \$100.00.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Wells announced that there will be a special council meeting on Wednesday at 6:00 PM to conduct interviews with 6 candidates for the vacant council seat. He added that the majority of the meeting will be held in executive session, with possible action being taken after the executive session.
- Karen Farago from Elm St. asked Chief Barfield why they will not post Elm St. as temporary no parking during the construction, as she has had near miss accident situations due to the detour; Chief Barfield explained that he and the majority of council agreed that leaving the cars to park on the street helps to slow down the local traffic. Ms. Farago also reported on the damage to Elm St. due to the truck hauling route; Mr. Pyles explained that there are posted local haul routes, where there was a pre-inspection of the street and when the project is completed, there will also be a post-inspection of the street. There will then be a negotiation meeting with ODOT where they will discuss the restoring costs of the haul streets.
- Mr. Rosemark asked Chief Barfield, who has the right-of-way through the streets, the north bound vehicle or the south bound vehicle; Chief Barfield explained that drivers who do not have vehicles parked on their side of the street have the right-of-way. Mr. Rosemark reminded residents that the north bound traffic on Union St. has the right-of-way. He asked residents to be patient and mindful of others. Chief Barfield agreed and asked residents to slow down and be a good neighbor.

There was more discussion about the traffic problems through the detoured streets. Mayor O'Keefe asked residents to be patient and reminded everyone that it was a temporary situation.

- Mr. Wells asked everyone to get out and vote tomorrow and reminded residents to vote for the museum renewal levy.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Maurer, 2nd by Denes to adjourn at 8:20 PM

Clerk of Council

Mayor