

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

Amended 1/4/16

Council Chambers	Monday December 21, 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 i Present Councilman Keith Rowland - Present
Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield i Present Councilman Hans Schneider - Present
Councilman Steve Maurer i Present Council President Guy Wells i Present
Others Present i Mayor O'Keefe, Senator Manning, Village Manager Pyles, Finance
Director Shaw, Law Director Bond, Chief Barfield, Electric Supt. Bealer, Public Works
Supt. Brasee, Water/WW Supt. Rosemark, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk of Council
O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Gabe, MSW Director Arntz, Mark Bughman, Bill Berger,
Alan Leiby, Marla Lent, Pat Rogers, Rosalind O'Keefe, Andrea Stemple, Deborah
Bidlake, Kathryn Frumbaugh, Jennifer Frumbaugh, Sarah Whitehair, April
Mechling, Aerial Borrallie, Marcie Maurer, Gene Hartman
3. **Resolution for Mr. Maurer** – Mr. Schneider read a resolution for Mr. Maurer and thanked him for his many years of public service.
4. **Proclamation for Mayor O'Keefe** – Senator Gayle Manning read a Proclamation for Mayor O'Keefe and thanked her for her many years of dedicated public service.
5. **Resolution for Mayor O'Keefe** i Mr. Wells read a Resolution for Mayor O'Keefe and thanked her for her many years of dedicated service. Mr. Schneider presented Mayor O'Keefe with a framed memento from the Spirit of '76 Museum which included a piece of ribbon, the newspaper article, and a photo from the opening ceremony of the Grade Rail Separation project.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** i Ms. Denes stated that the minutes did not accurately reflect what took place, as there was no mention of Joe Davidson addressing council. She suggested Clerk O'Brien revise the minutes, and wait to approve them until they were revised satisfactorily.
7. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Mr. Maurer had a couple of questions regarding the bills; Mr. Brasee answered his questions. Ms. Denes had a couple of questions regarding the bills; Chief Barfield, Ms. Shaw, Mr. Brasee and Mr. Pyles 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 iyes

101 GEN	\$	12,201.50
201 Street CM&R	\$	44.65
204 Recreation Fund	\$	100.00
208 Permissive Tax	\$	397.41
290 Caring Fund	\$	300.00
291 Safety Services Memorial	\$	18.00
401 Capital	\$	12,573.78
501 Water	\$	3,341.62
502 Sewer	\$	4,716.53
503 ELECT	\$	10,525.28
Power Bills	\$	
504 Garbage	\$	24,947.04
506 Storm Sewer	\$	2,423.85
508 Consumer Deposits	\$	2,683.53
Pay 25	\$	90,654.57
Total	\$	164,654.57

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

- Mayor O'Keefe – Mayor O'Keefe read a letter of resignation from Morris Furcron, Zoning Inspector, effective, December 31, 2015. Motion by Maurer, 2nd by Wells, to accept Mr. Furcron's resignation with regret; Mr. Maurer added, "And a job well done." Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes." Mayor O'Keefe thanked Moe for a good job!
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief Barfield – Mr. Wells asked if Chief Barfield had any idea as to when his system would be up and ready to provide the public records reports; Chief Barfield explained that the reports should be out tomorrow.
- Finance Director Shaw – Ms. Shaw reported that she had been working on year end projects and would be happy to answer any questions. Mayor O'Keefe thanked Ms. Shaw for the good audit report.
- Village Manager Pyles – Mr. Pyles reported that he would like council to discuss a Commercial Project tax abatement, as he had been approached by two developers who had inquired about tax abatements. Mr. Pyles believes it is something that council should consider. Mr. Pyles mentioned that Ordinance No. 2015-53, on tonight's agenda, deals with the signal project that they had been working with ODOT on. The project would include a dedicated left turn lane, pedestrian signals, and add a safety vehicle actuator. He further reported that ODOT would like to bid the project in January and would need the Ordinance passed as an emergency. Ms. Dronsfield asked which committee he would like to discuss the tax abatements in; Mr. Pyles suggested Finance or Ordinance. Ms. Dronsfield suggested Ordinance as it will meet the first meeting in January.
- Main Street Wellington – Director Arntz thanked Mayor O'Keefe for all of her support for Main Street Wellington, and congratulated the Mayor on her retirement.

9. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Ms. Denes reported that the committee had met prior to the council meeting where Ms. Shaw updated the committee on insurance coverage changes coming in February. Ms. Denes mentioned that Ordinance No. 2015-52 needed to be passed as an emergency as it dealt with year-end re-appropriations. She further mentioned that they discussed the 2013-14 Audit and thanked Ms. Shaw for answering the committee's questions.
- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee will meet on January 4th prior to council. Mr. Schneider thanked Chief Barfield and the Honor Guard for their wreath laying ceremony.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee will meet on January 4th prior to council.
- Utility – Ms. Denes reported the committee met prior to the council meeting. Motion by Denes, 2nd by Wells to end Justin Tripp's probationary period and increase his salary by 3% taking him from \$15.61 to \$16.08, effective the next full pay period. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes." Ms. Denes mentioned that the below grade structural bids for the electrical substation would be going out in early January.
- Ordinance – Mr. Schneider reported that there will be two items on the January agenda.

10. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2015 – 52

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2015 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE BY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS AND APPROPRIATIONS AS NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

Motion by Denes, 2nd by Wells to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *ñyes* Motion by Denes, 2nd by Maurer to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *ñyes*

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-53

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE STATE OF OHIO'S TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Schneider to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *ñyes* Motion by Denes, 2nd by Wells to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *ñyes*

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-54

AN ORDINANCE NAMING A PORTION OF MAIN STREET AS O'KEEFE WAY ON MAIN STREET, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

Motion by Denes, 2nd by Schneider to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *ñyes* Motion by Denes, 2nd by Maurer to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *ñyes* Mr. Pyles explained that O'Keefe Way will start at the intersection of SR58 and Taylor St. and will proceed north to old Main Street/Clay St. Mayor O'Keefe thanked everyone.

5. OLD BUSINESS

It's a Wonderful Life - Ms. Dronsfield mentioned that a production of It's a Wonderful Life was performed at the Patricia Lindley Performing Arts Center. She further mentioned that the center is phenomenal and the effort of all of the actors and community members was extraordinary.

Mayor O'Keefe - Mayor O'Keefe thanked village employees, councils past and present. She thanked Senator Gayle Manning for being here this evening. She also thanked her family, her sisters Andrea, Ros, and Pat for all of their support over the years. She invited everyone to join her for refreshments across the hall.

January 19th Meeting - Motion by Wells, 2nd by Denes to change the date of the 2nd Council meeting in January to January 19th. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *ñyes*

Mr. Rosemark - Mr. Rosemark thanked Mr. Maurer for all of his years of service. Mr. Rosemark told an anecdote about Mr. Furcron, and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Furcron - Mr. Furcron thanked all of the village employees for their comradery throughout the years and asked them to keep up the good work.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Committee - Motion by Schneider, 2nd by Maurer to create a Personnel Committee, (a non-supervisory committee). Mr. Wells asked whether or not the committee structure was established by Ordinance; Mr. Bond explained that the Ordinance provides for standing committees, this would be a special committee. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *ñyes*

7. ADJOURN - Motion by Maurer, 2nd by Denes to adjourn at 8:07 PM

Clerk of Council

Mayor