

Council: Gene Hartman, Council President, William Bogan, Mark Bughman, Helen Dronsfield, Keith Rowland and Guy Wells

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** ĩ Mayor Schneider called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ROLL CALL**
Councilman William Bogan ĩ Present Council President Gene Hartman ĩ Present
Councilman Mark Bughman ĩ Present Councilman Keith Rowland ĩ Present
Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield ĩ Present Councilman Guy Wells ĩ Present
Others Present ĩ Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Dupee, Finance Director Hales, Law Director Bond, Chief Barfield, MSW Director Arntz, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Madison Schneider, Bill Burger, Walter Rollin, Jose Delgado, John Ball, and Ethan Chaperele and their families.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** ĩ Motion by Wells, 2nd by Rowland to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2018 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting řyesð

4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** ĩ Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Bogan to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting řyesð

101	General Fund	\$	84,286.56
201	Street CM&R Fund	\$	4,002.95
202	State Highway Fund	\$	2,958.46
292	Bicentennial Donations	\$	761.60
501	Water Fund	\$	27,765.80
502	Sewer Fund	\$	24,347.57
503	Electric Fund	\$	87,326.59
	Power Bills	\$	701,523.16
504	Garbage Fund	\$	25,466.52
505	Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	20.00
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	245.96
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	600.00
	Pay 4	\$	100,424.59
	Total	\$	1,059,729.76

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

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond ĩ Nothing to Report
- Chief Barfield ĩ Nothing to Report
- Finance Director Hales ĩ Ms. Hales mentioned that her report was included in the packet and she would be happy to answer any questions.
- Village Manager Dupee ĩ Mr. Dupee mentioned his report and those of the department heads were included in the packet. Mr. Dupee reported that ODOT will be doing a resurfacing project on SR 18 in 2019, from the Medina County line to Norwalk. He further mentioned that they have asked the village to pass an ordinance to accept the improvements, similar to the ordinance passed for the 2018 SR 58 repaving project.
- Public Participation ĩ Walter Rollin from Huntington Township was present to discuss the lowering of the flag to half-mast, as he has witnessed the flag not being lowered as it should be. Chief Barfield apologized, and explained that he has not been receiving the notifications by email as he had in the past. Mr. Rollin will share the information that he uses with Chief Barfield, in an effort to solve the problem.
- Main Street Wellington ĩ Ms. Arntz mentioned that the 20th Annual Gazebo Garden Walk will be held on Saturday May 12th from 10 AM ĩ 4 PM. Ms. Arntz handed out information on the historical figures that Nicole Hayes and Marilyn Wainio displayed in the window, next to Dimitris, for Black History Month. Ms. Arntz reported that she is working on a possible paint and bicycle grant in the near future.

6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Finance ĩ Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting and discussed a \$400.00 increase adjustment to the Wichert Ins. ordinance, which council will be voting on tonight. He further reported that the committee discussed Ms. Hales RITA update and the 2017 Financial Report. He thanked Ms. Hales and her department for the work they submitted to the Auditors for the report.

- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee will meet March 5th prior to council.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee will meet on March 5th prior to council.
- Utility – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to the council meeting and discussed the hiring of Courtney and Associates to perform an electric rate study. Motion by Bughman, 2nd by Dronsfield to trade in a 1998 Ford Ranger, for \$500.00. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *řyes*. He mentioned that they also discussed the water treatment operator recruitment, and extending the cell tower lease agreement.
- Ordinance – Mr. Wells reported that the committee will meet on March 5th prior to council and will possibly discuss mobile electronic billboards.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed succession planning, as there are many employees who could be ready to retire at any time. He thanked Mr. Dupee for his work on the policy.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-06

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES PURSUANT TO OHIO R.C. 731.23 BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 2nd Reading
 Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to move the 2nd reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *řyes*.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2018-05, RELATIVE TO PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading
 Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *řyes*.
 Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *řyes*.

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 159.04 AND 159.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO UNIFORMS 1st Reading
 Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *řyes*.
 Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting *řyes*.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Historical Baseball Game – Mayor Schneider announced that there will also be a women's historical baseball game, prior to the men's game, and will begin at 12 PM at the July Bicentennial celebration.

Bicentennial Ball – Mayor Schneider announced that the Bicentennial Ball will be held April 21st at the Wellington Eagles, and the cost of the event is \$25.00 per ticket. He mentioned that tickets are available on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall, at the Main Street Wellington office, and at the Wellington Eagles.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Swearing In – Chief Barfield introduced Terri Bates, a new dispatcher at the Police Dept. who had been sworn in prior to the council meeting. Ms. Bates was met with applause. Mayor Schneider swore in new part time police officers, Jose Delgado and John Ball; they were met with applause. Mayor Schneider swore in Special Officer Ethan Chaperelo; he was met with applause.

Lady Dukes – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the Lady Dukes won on Saturday. She thanked the Police Dept. and the Fire Dept. for escorting the girls in a parade through town, and reported that the girls were thrilled! She asked Mr. Berger to report on it; Mr. Berger reported that the Lady Dukes ended their regular season with an 18 – 2 record and were 1st in the PAC, for the first time in 29 years. The Lady Dukes were met with applause! The girls will play the Independence Blue Devils at home on Saturday at 1 PM, and if they win on Saturday, they will play Elyria Catholic. Mayor Schneider added, that he has asked the Lady Dukes to attend the March 5th council meeting, where he will acknowledge their Conference Championship.

Dukes Boys – Mr. Berger reported that the boys lost to Keystone, however, Wellington and Keystone are tied for 1st place in the STARS division, with 3 losses each. The boys will play Friday at Buckeye, and will play either Loudenville or Chippewa, on March 2nd at 7 PM at home.

Coffee with the Mayor – Mayor Schneider announced Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday from 9 AM – 11 AM at Bread-N-Brew. Greta Johnson will be his guest speaker. He invited residents to come out and join him.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 8:05 PM