

**Village of Wellington
Council Meeting Minutes**

Hans Schneider, Mayor

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

Council Chambers/Teleconference

January 4, 2021

7:00 PM

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

2. ROLL CALL

Councilman Bill Bogan – Present

Council President Gene Hartman – Present

Councilman Mark Bughman – Present

Councilman Keith Rowland – Present

Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present

Councilman Guy Wells – Present

Others Present – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Dupee, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Chief Barfield, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “aye”.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

101 General Fund	\$	10,867.88
208 Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	296.05
290 Caring Fund	\$	900.00
401 Capital Improvement	\$	2,677.46
501 Water Fund	\$	1,076.65
502 Sewer Fund	\$	603.33
503 Electric Fund	\$	1,097.80
504 Garbage Fund	\$	359.40
508 Consumer Deposit Refunds	\$	196.53
Pay 27	\$	113,099.92
Total	\$	131,175.02

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief Barfield – Nothing to report
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer reported that her summary was included in the packet and offered to answer any questions. She mentioned that her office was in the process of closing up yearend financials.
- Village Manager Dupee – Mr. Dupee mentioned that his report and those of the department heads were included in the packet, and he had nothing else to add. He answered questions from Mr. Wells and Mr. Hartman in regard to the 2021 insurance renewal, from Mr. Hartman in regard to the CEI vs. City of Cleveland lawsuit, and from Mr. Bughman in regard to the ground storage tank project re-bid.
- Public Participation – Happy Birthday Steve Dupee!
- Main Street Wellington – Ms. Arntz announced that the Annual Meeting would be held on January 26th, at 6:30 PM, via Zoom. She mentioned THRIVE's worksite wellness walking challenge winners, and other THRIVE events which are listed on their webpage. She mentioned that Kiwanis Pancake Day would be very different this year, with a drive through at the Congregational Church from 7:00 AM – 1:30 PM, and 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM, on Friday February 12th. Ms. Arntz reported on the Lifetime Membership Tree; she thanked Mr. Bughman for his help with the tree. She reported on First Friday coming events.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman thanked his committee for a productive year. He reviewed committee highlights, and accomplishments from past months, and gave a brief yearend review of the Ambulance and Fire Boards. He mentioned that the committee will meet prior to council on January 19th.
- Police – There was some discussion concerning the Shiloh Ind. bankruptcy and its effect on the 2020 budget. Mr. Wells thanked his committee for their work the past year and mentioned that the Police Dept. is keeping the equipment up to date, and staffing levels are where they need to be. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Dronsfield to accept the resignation of Colty Hersh, and Denise Meadows, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to hire Ben Hogan, as part time dispatcher, at \$17.07 per hour, and to still serve as a Special Officer for the department, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield thanked her committee and reported on Public Works highlights and accomplishments for the past year. She reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed miscellaneous projects, and mentioned that the last day for leaf collection would be tomorrow. She reported on Cemetery Board highlights which included the Columbarium at Trails End, where final plantings and arrangements are scheduled for the spring.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland gave a brief recap of 2020, thanked his committee members, and gave a shout out to Dave Bealer and Greg Frenk for their strong leadership and jobs well done. He mentioned that the committee will meet prior to council on January 19th.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman mentioned that the committee met prior to council and discussed sending Planning Commission lighting/illumination literature for their review, and mentioned that he would like to review old ordinances in the coming year. He reviewed ordinance topics which ran through the committee the past year, and thanked his committee members for their work in 2020.
- Personnel – Mr. Bogan mentioned that it was a quiet year for the committee, and he congratulated Mark Rosemark on his retirement.

Mayor Schneider thanked councilmembers for their work on the committees the past year.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-39

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2016-28, RELATIVE TO NOMINAL EXPENDITURES FOR REFRESHMENTS OR MEALS TO BE SERVED AT VARIOUS MUNICIPAL EVENTS 2nd Reading
 Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to move the second reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Monday Holidays – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Dronsfield to move the next meeting to January 19th due to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and to move the 2nd February meeting to February 16th due to Presidents Day. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Ms. Dronsfield mentioned that she would like to have a council calendar, similar to last year, which included the dates for the upcoming meetings; Mayor Schneider will get that out.

Thank You – Mr. Bughman thanked the Mayor for sending out a bulk trash calendar with the Utility bills. He thanked Main Street Wellington volunteers and members for their hard work, and thanked Director Jenny Arntz for the fantastic work she does.

Employee of the Year – Mayor Schneider announced that Christa O’Brien was chosen for employee of the year. He thanked her for her work in the village and presented Ms. O’Brien with an award; she was met with applause.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:47 PM