

**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

December 20, 2021

7:00 PM

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

2. ROLL CALL

Councilman William 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 Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Lt. Poling, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Gary Feron, Mike Schneider, and Jenny Arntz (7:08 PM)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Wells to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2021 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

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	\$	74,087.45
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	3,327.79
208 Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	821.29
209 Law Enforcement Fund	\$	448.75
290 Caring Fund	\$	300.00
401 Capital Improvement	\$	5,000.00
501 Water Fund	\$	525,448.92
502 Sewer Fund	\$	13,656.58
503 Electric Fund	\$	27,878.00
Power Bills	\$	566,426.16
504 Garbage Fund	\$	29,573.00
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	27.50
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	13,829.24
508 Consumer Deposit Refunds	\$	689.07
Pay 25	\$	118,133.13
Total	\$	1,380,133.13

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider – Mayor Schneider announced the Employee of the Year was awarded to Brian Howk; congratulations Brian.
- Law Director Bond – nothing to report
- Chief Barfield – absent – Lt. Poling had nothing to report
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer mentioned that her report was included in the packet and offered to answer any questions.
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever thanked the Mayor and Council for a wonderful 1st week. He thanked the Mayor, Gene, and Mark for attending the employee appreciation event. He mentioned that he attended the Kiwanis Christmas event, which was great. Mr. Greever reported that the old ground storage tank had been removed, and they have many photos of the removal process, which he will share with council soon. He thanked Mark Rosemark for all of the help in the transition from Steve Dupee to himself. He reported that he was looking forward to working for the Mayor and Council moving forward.
- Public Participation - None
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz updated council on coming events including the January 7th First Friday event, “Winter is for the Birds”. She mentioned that MSW had 40 Blacksmith calendars left, and available at the Main Street office. She reported that Kiwanis had raised \$6,000 for scholarships, from the Morris Furcron Nut Sale, and thanked Ayers Ratliff and Ed Weber for their support. She mentioned that over \$9,000 was raised at the Jack Coates benefit at the Eagles. Mr. Bughman thanked Jenny for attending the event. Mr. Wells asked whether or not Main Street Wellington would take over the July 4th event for the Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Arntz reported that they would not be able to take on the entire event alone, however noted that MSW would be able to assist other groups with the event.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported the committee met prior to council and discussed RITA collections, which

are up 9.5% from last year. He mentioned that they heard from Mrs. Pfeiffer concerning year end work, and that there was a water/sewer rate increase ordinance and an ordinance to fund the annual employee appreciation luncheon on tonight's agenda. He mentioned that the SLCAD minutes were included in the packet.

- Police – Mr. Wells mentioned that the committee would meet prior to council on January 3rd. Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed Police Station bids, which were all over budget; they will be rebidding in two weeks. He mentioned the possibility of joining the county communications system (our current system is incompatible with their system), and an ordinance on the agenda for Auxiliary Police Officer pay. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to accept the resignation of part time dispatcher Steve Black effective December 31, 2021, and to accept the resignation of Corporal Matt Perkins effective January 7, 2022. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Mr. Wells took a moment to thank Bill Bogan for his service on council, and mentioned that he would be missed. Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Dronsfield to reject the Police Station bids, which were submitted on Dec. 14th. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to advise Poggemeyer Design Group to rebid the Police Station renovation project in two weeks, with a revised budget of \$2.3 million. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee will meet prior to council on January 3rd.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee will meet prior to council on January 3rd.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee will meet prior to council on January 3rd, if there is business to conduct.
- Personnel – Mr. Bogan had nothing to report. He thanked the Mayor and Council for the past four years, and wished Gary Feron the best of luck.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-54

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2nd Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Motion by Wells to amend the general fund to include an additional \$40,000 for Police wages to accommodate a 10th full time Police Officer. There was no 2nd to Mr. Well's motion; the amendment failed.

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-55

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 924.01 AND 924.02 TO ADJUST THE RATES FOR STORM SEWER, WATER AND SEWER SERVICES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-56

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2021 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO REFLECT

ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Rowland to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-57

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENT

1st Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-58

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 140.01 AND 140.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON RELATIVE TO AUXILIARY PAY

1st Reading

8. OLD BUSINESS – None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Change the Date – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to change the following dates for 2022 meetings:

January 17th (Dr. Martin Luther King Day) to January 18th, February 21st (Presidents Day) to February 22nd, July 4th (Independence Day) to July 5th, September 5th (Labor Day) to September 6th. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes", except for Mr. Bogan who abstained.

Resolution to Re-instate Teleconferencing – Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to pass a resolution to ask the Ohio State Legislature to re-instate the possibility of having meetings using remote technology, due to the COVID pandemic. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Mayor Schneider reported that they will make a copy of a resolution and get it to the State Legislators.

Thanks Bill – Mayor Schneider thanked Bill Bogan for his service on Council, where he will be missed.

Merry Christmas! – Mayor Schneider wished council a Merry Christmas, and asked members to submit any suggested committee changes to him prior to the next meeting.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Bogan to adjourn at 7:32 PM