

**Village of Wellington
Council Meeting Minutes**

Hans Schneider, Mayor

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

Council Chambers

February 22, 2022

7:00 PM

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Schneider called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. ROLL CALL**

Councilman Mark Bughman – Present	Council President Gene Hartman – Present
Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present	Councilman Keith Rowland – Present
Councilman Gary Feron – Present	Councilman Guy Wells – Present
Others Present – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Chief Barfield, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz, Bill Neff	
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Wells, 2nd by Rowland to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2022 Council 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	\$ 99,033.35
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$ 665.18
202 State Highway Fund	\$ 3,584.77
401 Capital Improvement	\$ 2,121.69
501 Water Fund	\$ 26,014.54
502 Sewer Fund	\$ 25,697.09
503 Electric Fund	\$ 60,268.51
Power Bills	\$ 595,431.24
504 Garbage Fund	\$ 31,327.61
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$ 907.64
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$ 312.59
508 Consumer Deposit Fund	\$ 487.77
Pay 2	\$ 106,695.22
Total	\$ 952,517.20
- 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 mentioned that her summary was included in the packet and offered to answer any questions.
 - Village Manager Greever – Village Manager Greever mentioned that his memo was included in the packet, and would be happy to answer any questions. He answered questions regarding his AMP meeting, and gave a brief report. Mr. Wells had questions regarding cyber insurance; Mr. Greever mentioned that he will bring a lower cost quote from Wichert Ins. and an ordinance to the next meeting. Mr. Hartman had questions regarding the Police Station construction; Mr. Greever reported that construction meetings will be held every 2nd Tuesday at 11 AM. He mentioned that the plumbers and the electrician's would begin work in the next couple of weeks. He answered questions from Mr. Hartman regarding the metering project.
 - Public Participation – Mayor Schneider asked resident Bill Neff if he had anything to address; Mr. Neff stated that he was disappointed that there were no other residents in attendance.
 - Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz reported that they would be holding a networking meeting on March 2nd at La Troje at 11:30 AM. She mentioned that First Friday, “Have a Ball” would be held on March 4th from 4PM -7PM, with Pickle Ball in the Town Hall Gym, and invited residents to join the fun. She further mentioned Kiwanis Pancake dinner April 22nd, the State of Wellington breakfast on March 24th, and July 4th planning meeting at Wellington LCCC at 2 PM on March 6th. There was some discussion concerning Fireworks.
- 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**
 - Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed RITA collections, which are down 3%, monthly financials, and an ordinance for mowing assessments. He mentioned that SLCAD minutes were included in the packet, and Director Gentry would be retiring on June 1st.

- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Dronsfield to accept the resignation of Sgt. Jeff Mecklenburg effective March 11, 2022, with regret. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Dronsfield to hire Raymond Beeman as a full time Officer at \$25.09 per hour, with one week vacation after 6 months, and two weeks’ vacation after 12 months (two weeks total), effective after testing and Mayor Schneider’s approval of background testing. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Dronsfield to hire James McPike as full time Sergeant at \$30.77 per hour, two weeks’ vacation after 6 months, and three weeks’ vacation after 12 months (three weeks total), effective after testing and Mayor Schneider’s approval of background testing. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Mr. Wells mentioned that they had a discussion concerning the parking ordinance, on the agenda for 2nd reading tonight.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield mentioned that the committee will meet March 7th prior to council. She reported that the Cemetery minutes were on the table. She further reported that the computer system was up and running with approximately 500 entries in the system, already. She answered questions from Mayor Schneider concerning Cemetery clean up.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Wells to increase Nate Meyers hourly wage by \$1.00, effective the first pay in February, due to added responsibilities. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to hire Kerric Grose as journey lineworker at \$24.12 per hour, with one week of vacation upon hire and a second weeks’ vacation after the completion of one year of employment, effective February 28th, contingent upon a negative pre-employment drug test. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee will meet prior to council on March 7th.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee would be meeting soon, possibly on March 7th.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 351.99 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON 2nd Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to move the second reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ASSESSMENTS FOR MOWING FEES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

8. OLD BUSINESS – None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Coffee with the Mayor – Mayor Schneider announced Coffee with the Mayor at the Kelly St. Fire Dept. meeting room on Saturday, from 9 AM – 11 AM, with special guest Tim Alcorn. He invited everyone to attend.

Thank You – Councilman Bughman thanked the Methodist Church for their donation to residents going through hardship, by paying their delinquent Utility bills.

Spirit of '76 – Councilman Bughman mentioned that the Spirit of '76 painting was recently viewed in a Hallmark movie, and how nice it was to see it in a movie setting. Mayor Schneider mentioned that some old black and white movies in the 30's and 40's closed with the Spirit of '76.

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