

**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/Teleconference

May 2, 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, WW Supt. Norton, MSW Director Arntz, Virginia Haynes, Fred Pitts, Josie Boone, LeRoy and Sharlene Brasee, Gerald Fishaugh, Bill Spreng, Ed Levin, David Fisher

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Wells, 2nd by Rowland to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2022 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	\$	22,235.65
205	Police Pension Trust Fund	\$	1,508.26
401	Capital Improvement	\$	7,500.00
501	Water Fund	\$	10,832.43
502	Sewer Fund	\$	32,455.08
503	Electric Fund	\$	8,694.41
	Power Bills	\$	571,553.34
504	Garbage Fund	\$	100.00
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	344.25
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	2,777.65
	Pay 8	\$	115,585.11
	Total	\$	773,676.18

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief Barfield – Chief Barfield reminded the Mayor and Council that May 4th is the anniversary of Edmund Smith, a Wellington Police Officer who was killed in the line of duty. Mayor Schneider asked for a moment of silence in honor of Officer Smith.
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer reported that her summary was included in the packet and offered to answer any questions.
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever reported that his memo was included in the packet; he answered questions from Mr. Bughman regarding his recent AMP tour in Virginia and N. Carolina, which he mentioned in his report. Mr. Greever answered questions from Mr. Hartman regarding the removal of old waterlines at the ground storage tank, and the Brownfield remediation which was mentioned in his report.
- Public Participation - None
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz reviewed upcoming events including May's First Friday on May 6th, the Gazebo Garden Walk of May 7th, and Lorain County Beautiful on May 21st. She reported for Kiwanis, who sold 370 Pancake Day meals, and reminded residents to sign up for the Parade of Flags. She mentioned that the July 4th committee would be meeting on May 11th.

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Dronsfield to move into the joint Village/Township meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

JOINT CEMETERY, COUNCIL, AND WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP MEETING

May 2, 2022

Village of Wellington: Mayor Hans Schneider

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

Wellington Township Trustees: Dave Fisher, Fred Pitts, Bill Spreng

5. Roll Call – Bughman – Present, Dronsfield – Present, Feron – Present, Hartman – Present, Rowland – Present,

Wells – Present, Fisher – Present, Pitts – Present, Spreng - Present

- a. Approval of Minutes: Motion by Wells, 2nd by Rowland to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2021 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members, except Bill Spreng who abstained, voting “yes”.
- b. Old Business - None
- c. New Business

VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 21

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON AND THE TRUSTEES OF WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP DETERMINING THE RATE OF TAXATION TO BE LEVIED UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES – Mr. Hartman recommended the resolution be amended, as he felt the amounts written into the resolution are incorrect. Mr. Bond explained that this resolution has evolved of the past 15 years, and has made all parties happy in the past. He further reported that it doesn't matter what dollar amount is written on the resolution, however it may create confusion on the county's part, as it is something different, and may throw them off. After much discussion, motion by Spreng, 2nd by Hartman to amend the resolution by deleting both dollar amounts. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

Discussion – Mayor Schneider asked a trustee to report on the recent discovery of a Cemetery tax discrepancy. Fred Pitts explained that in 2015 the Cemetery Board felt that they were being underpaid, and there was a dispute. The Township felt that they were paying the Cemetery correctly, and thought had it been wrong, the auditor would have caught it. After reviewing the situation, they discovered that the formula they had been using was incorrect. They will now be applying the full funding amount from the County and give it to the Cemetery, as pass through funds. The Township will begin working on a plan to repay the Cemetery, and will move forward by repaying the deficit. Mayor Schneider thanked the Township for coming forward, and reporting the error.

Consideration - After giving the resolution more thought, Mr. Hartman felt that removing the dollar amount would contradict the .3 mill listed on the resolution; Mrs. Pfeiffer suggested removing the .3 mill as well. Mr. Greever suggested eliminating the parenthetical references within the resolution entirely. Motion by Spreng, 2nd by Pitts to amend the previous amendment and to eliminate the parenthetical references. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Dronsfield to approve the resolution as amended. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

LeRoy Brasee – Mayor Schneider took a moment to recognize LeRoy Brasee for his years of dedication to the Township and the Cemetery. He reported that Mr. Brasee was a 30 year member of the Cemetery Board, and thanked him for his tireless service. Mr. Brasee was met with applause.

- d. Adjourn Joint Village/Township Meeting – Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn from the joint Village/Township meeting at 7:32 PM

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee will meet on May 16th prior to council.
- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee will meet on May 16th prior to council.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed selling the old snow blower, and listing it on govdeals.com. She mentioned that there has not been a mowing list established yet, and strongly suggested residents mow their grass. He reminded residents to mow their grass clippings into their yards, and not into the street. She mentioned that the splash pad should be open around Memorial Day, and that work continues on the new playground equipment. Ms. Dronfield reported that the sidewalk leveling project in the business district had begun. Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Rowland to hire Parker Rankin, Jacob Knapp, and Derrick Andolsik as 1st year summer employees at \$11.00 per hour, and Maddie Mull, 2nd year summer employee at \$11.50 per hour, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council where they discovered that a raccoon was the reason for the recent power outage, and recent pump repairs at the wastewater treatment plant, where they learned how costly things are at this time. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to hire Ralph Wright as seasonal mower, at \$14.50 per hour, effective May 3rd. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to council to discuss a parking ordinance that would make overnight parking in any Village owned off street parking lots prohibited, excluding the Downtown Parking District.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland asked whether they would be interviewing for the Water Supt. position soon; Mr. Greever reported that they would be setting up interviews soon.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-18 (as revised)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1519.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON 3rd Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to move the third reading. Roll call vote was taken, Bughman – “no”, all other members voting “yes”, motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL BY AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 4.4, PERTAINING TO ON CALL/CALL-OUT PAY 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. 2022-20

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FORM AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE 2022 SOLAR ENERGY SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC. AND TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH REGARDING SOLAR GENERATED ENERGY PURCHASES 2nd Reading

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 351.17 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, PROHIBITING OVERNIGHT PARKING AT MUNICIPAL LOTS 1st Reading

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Grass Clippings – Mr. Bughman reiterated Ms. Dronsfields comments reminding residents not to mow their grass clippings into the street. He also reminded residents to refrain from inserting yard sale signs in the tree lawn.

Juneteenth – Mayor Schneider mentioned that the Juneteenth holiday would fall on Monday, and Council would need to move their meeting to Tuesday June 20th. Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to move the 2nd Council Meeting in June to Tuesday June 20th. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

Clean Up – Mr. Feron reminded residents to clean up after their pets.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Bughman, 2nd by Rowland to adjourn at 7:43 PM