

**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	December 19, 2022	7:07 PM
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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 Manger Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Sgt. McPike, LT. Poling, Clerk of Council O'Brien	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the December 5, 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	\$	67,254.61
201	Street CM& R Fund	\$	58,434.62
204	Recreation Fund	\$	995.00
208	Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	16,080.08
215	American Rescue Plan Act '21	\$	62,004.45
290	Caring Fund	\$	200.00
301	SPC Assess Bond Retire	\$	204,369.93
401	Capital Improvement	\$	115,849.70
501	Water Fund	\$	110,123.06
502	Sewer Fund	\$	174,193.42
503	Electric Fund	\$	27,921.32
	Power Bills	\$	519,920.24
504	Garbage Fund	\$	30,689.06
505	Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	32.45
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	57,074.02
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	382.41
	Pay 25	\$	116,472.64
	Total	\$	1,561,997.01

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report.
- Chief Barfield (absent) – Sgt. McPike – Nothing to report, Lt. Poling – Nothing to report. Ms. Dronsfield thanked them both for their effort, and hard work they put into the schedule proposal.
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer mentioned that her summary was included in the packet and offered to answer any questions.
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever stated that he would stand with his staff report and offered to answer any questions. He answered questions from Mr. Hartman concerning the UV Disinfection system.
- Public Participation - None
- Main Street Wellington - None

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council, where they reviewed the financial statements. He thanked Vanya and her team for putting the financials tighter for council, and their hard work is appreciated. He mentioned that the Village has saved \$146,953.00 in health insurance premiums by switching to BORMA this year. He further mentioned that RITA collections are up \$273,000, 11.7% increase since 2021.
- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Dronsfield to promote Corporal Kayla Athanas to Sergeant at \$30.77 per hour, effective February 06, 2023. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. He mentioned dispatcher resignations coming in January, the departments need to hire dispatchers in the near future. Mr. Wells reported that the Police Dept. performed an inner department study concerning a 12 hour shift system proposal, endorsed by department personnel. He mentioned that the change will require a personnel policy manual change,

where legislation will be available the first meeting in January, in an effort to move forward with the 12 hour shift schedule early in the coming year. He mentioned that the change would hopefully help the department run more effectively, and contentedly. He further mentioned that it looks on paper that there will be much less overtime, which will be a win all around. He thanked Jim McPike and his committee for putting the proposal together. He thanked the Police Department for their work over the past year, and for keeping Wellington a safe place to live.

- 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. He thanked the Utility Departments for all of their hard work throughout the year.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee will meet prior to council on January 3rd if there is business to discuss.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to increase Kerric Grose’s pay to \$27.12 effective December 20, 2022. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Cemetery Board– Mr. Feron reported that the Cemetery personnel is busy winterizing, and the next meeting is Wednesday at 5:30 PM at the Cemetery office.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-57

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND OTHER VILLAGE LEGAL COUNSEL, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 3rd Reading
Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Wells to move the third reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-60

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 1st Reading
(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)
Motion by Wells, 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”.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-61

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A REVISED 2023 ANNUAL BUDGET OF ESTIMATED REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading
(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)
Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells 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. 2022-62

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading
(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)
Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
Motion by Wells, 2nd by Bughman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Adopt 2023 Council Schedule – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to adopt the 2023 Council Schedule which was included in the packet. Changes including: Tuesday January 3rd, Tuesday January 17th, Tuesday February 21st, Tuesday June 20th, only one meeting in July – July 10th, only one meeting in August 7th, and Tuesday September 5th. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

Name Tags – Mayor Schneider and Council thanked Mr. Greever for the Council name tags.

Coffee with the Mayor – Mayor Schneider announced the next Coffee with the Mayor will be held December 31st at 9 AM at Bread-N-Brew, and invited residents to attend.

Merry Christmas – Mayor Schneider wished everyone a Merry Christmas, and reminded residents of the Village snow ban, where there is no parking on the streets when accumulation reaches 2 inches or higher. He thanked Council for a great year, and encouraged them to come to him with committee preferences for 2023. Mr. Rowland suggested listing alternates for committee appointments.

Employee of the Year – Mayor Schneider announced that Greg Frenk was posthumously recognized as Employee of

the Year at the annual Employee Luncheon. Greg's wife, children, and brothers were in attendance to receive the award on his behalf. Mayor Schneider mentioned that Greg's quest for excellence and his commitment to the Village will be remembered, and will live on in spirit.

Department Appreciation – Mr. Hartman and Ms. Dronsfield thanked all of the Village Departments Heads and their staff for the jobs they do and the work they perform for the Village on a daily basis. Mr. Hartman thanked Mr. Greever, and stated that he is a doer, and very much appreciated. Mr. Bughman mentioned MSW Director Arntz, and recognized her, for her hard work throughout the year.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Rowland to adjourn at 7:27 PM