

**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

January 17, 2023

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 – Absent
Councilman Gary Feron – Present	Councilman Guy Wells – Present
Others Present – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Law Director Bond, Sgt. McPike, Lt. Poling, Clerk of Council O'Brien	

3. MOMENT OF SILENCE – Mayor Schneider asked for a moment of silence in memory of former mayor, Barb O'Keefe who passed away last week. Mayor Schneider noted the 22 second moment of silence to honor the 22 years she was Mayor. Mayor Schneider described the former Mayor as a genuine person, a great leader with a unique leadership style, with a deep love for her community. He noted that she would be missed by all, and offered condolences to her family.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Dronsfield to approve the minutes from the January 3, 2023 Special Organizational Meeting, and the January 3, 2023 Council Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes".

5. FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes".

101 General Fund	\$	111, 206.05
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	2,704.67
215 American Rescue Plan Act '21	\$	571.35
401 Capital Improvement	\$	130,350.00
501 Water Fund	\$	52,963.04
502 Sewer Fund	\$	21,289.49
503 Electric Fund	\$	26,851.69
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	32.45
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	382.85
Pay 1	\$	112,866.39
Total	\$	459,217.98

6. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief Barfield/Lt. Poling/Sgt. McPike – Nothing to report
- Finance Director Pfeiffer - Absent
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever reviewed, and touched briefly on several items which he mentioned in his memo. He answered questions from Mr. Hartman regarding the status of the Village liability insurance renewal; Mr. Greever briefed Council on the circumstances of the renewal, and mentioned that the Village has been given a coverage extension through March 15th. Ms. Dronsfield offered that Council would be available for any special meetings that may be needed for liability insurance purposes. He answered questions from Mr. Bughman regarding the status of the Police Station remodel. Mr. Greever answered questions from Mr. Wells regarding the water break at 601 S. Main St. and addressed his concern of a possible interference with LCRWA.
- Public Participation - None
- Main Street Wellington – Mayor Schneider invited residents to attend the Third Saturday event, this coming Saturday from 10 AM – 1 PM. Mr. Bughman added that there are still tickets available for the Designer Purse Raffle on February 25th from 6 PM – 9 PM at the Fairgrounds.

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council and reviewed year-end financials, and RITA collections which are up \$24,000. Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Dronsfield to dissolve the agreement with Assist Now, and not renew for the New Year. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting "yes". He mentioned that they also reviewed the Charges for Services for 2023. Mr.

Hartman reported that the SLCAD minutes were included in the packet, and the Fire Board minutes were on the desk.

- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to council, and will meet again on February 21st prior to council. He mentioned that the committee discussed the ramifications of the Lorain County Commissioners radio decision. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to promote Ryan Gulliford from part time to full time patrolman, at the same rate of pay, effective after successfully completing the required testing. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee will meet on February 6th prior to council.
- Utility – Mayor Schneider reported that the committee will meet on February 6th prior to council.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee will meet on February 6th, if there is business to discuss.
- Personnel – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council, in executive session, where no action was taken.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - None

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

- **Coffee with the Mayor** – Mayor Schneider announced Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday January 21st at 9 AM

11. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Hartman to adjourn at 7:23 PM