

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 21, 2023

7:41 PM - Revised

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 McPike, Fire Chief Wetherbee, Clerk of Council O'Brien	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2023 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	\$	95,051.75
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	424.48
401 Capital Improvement	\$	7,900.00
501 Water Fund	\$	20,388.02
502 Sewer Fund	\$	28,778.86
503 Electric Fund	\$	36,715.78
Power Bills	\$	564,388.42
504 Garbage Fund	\$	30,244.20
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	32.45
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	200.83
508 Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	120.89
Pay 3	\$	129,676.59
Total	\$	913,922.27

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief McPike – 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 – Mr. Greever reported that all of his updates were included in the packet and offered to answer any questions.
- Public Participation - None
- Main Street Wellington – No one from MSW was present; Mayor Schneider mentioned that he met earlier in the day with the new Board President of Main Street.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed January financials and RITA collections which are up 14% from last year. He further reported that they discussed power costs which are up approximately 1%. He mentioned that they heard from visitors regarding an ice rink, which they will review. He stated that the SLCAD minutes were included in the packet.
- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed routine stats, a Police radio resolution which is on the agenda tonight, and the K9 vehicle. He mentioned that they discussed furniture costs for the new station, and heard that the arrival of the new generator has been pushed back to June. He further mentioned an ordinance on the agenda tonight for Police vacation accrual, which was due to the schedule change to 12 hour shifts.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the Public Works Committee will meet prior to Council on March 6th. She took a moment to thank the residents of Wellington for shopping local this year for Valentine's Day. She mentioned that her daughter Sam, who owns the Platinum Petal had her most successful Valentine's Day since opening. Mayor Schneider mentioned that they will be meeting with business owners again prior to the April 3rd Council Meeting.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council where they heard from Jon Love and discussed the activities of the Water Dept. including a brief discussion concerning insurance

premiums, and ground testing for the new building. He reported that they heard from Steve Norton who updated the committee on the UV system progress, which is going well.

- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the next meeting will be March 6th prior to Council if there is any business to conduct.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to Council where they had a lengthy discussion on the sick leave ordinance which is on the agenda for a 2nd reading tonight. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to hire Glenn Goff Jr. as a full time wastewater operator at \$20.47 per hour, effective February 27, 2023, after passing drug testing. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Gary Feron – Cemetery update – Mr. Feron reported that the Board took bids on a dirt pile removal project that will begin as weather allows. He mentioned that they will be using a new computer program with a mapping feature with the grave locations, and announced that Friday March 31st is Cemetery cleanup day and asked families to remove anything from the graves that they want to keep. There was some discussion concerning the grave locating software.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02 (Revised Substitute)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL WITH RESPECT TO
ACCUMULATION AND REDEMPTION OF EMPLOYEE SICK LEAVE

2nd Reading

Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd Rowland to approve the second reading. Roll call vote was taken: Hartman – yes, Bughman – Yes, Dronsfield – Yes, Feron – Yes, Rowland – Yes, Wells – No. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-04

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 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 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”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE BY AUTHORIZING THE
TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS AND APPROPRIATIONS AS NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS

1st Reading

(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)

Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Hartman 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”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.14 OF THE VILLAGE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, RELATIVE TO
POLICE VACATION ACCRUAL

1st Reading

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-07

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' IMMEDIATE PROCUREMENT OF THE
L3HARIS SYSTEM FOR USE BY LORAIN COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY ORGANIZATIONS AND FIRST
RESPONDERS, INCLUDING THE VILLAGE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

Mr. Hartman explained that he felt this resolution was of tremendous importance, and the intent was to let the Lorain County Commissioners know that Council does not agree with their decision to rescind the contract with Cleveland Communication for the Harris system. He reported that the SLCAD had approved the resolution earlier this evening, and the Fire Board would be voting on the resolution next Wednesday. 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”.

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Condolences – Mayor Schneider offered condolences to the residents of LaGrange, and the family of Mayor Kim Strauss who passed away. Mr. Rowland offered condolences to the family of Mr. Molesky, and remembered him as portraying Santa Claus at the Town Hall for many years.

Purse Raffle – Mr. Bughman reminded council that MSW was holding a Purse Raffle on Saturday at the Wellington Eagles, and tickets were still available.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 8:02 PM