

**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

May 1, 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 – Present
Councilman Gary Feron – Present	Councilman Guy Wells – Present
Others Present – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Sgt. Athanas, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz, Fred Pitts, William Bogan, Bill Spreng, Dave Fisher	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the April 17, 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	\$	37,138.56
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	45,441.30
205 Police Pension Trust Fund	\$	1,508.26
209 Law Enforcement Trust	\$	935.52
211 Cemetery	\$	1,775.08
290 Caring Fund	\$	200.00
401 Capital Improvement	\$	12,113.59
501 Water Fund	\$	35,308.68
502 Sewer Fund	\$	5,313.96
503 Electric Fund	\$	26,709.24
Power Bills	\$	507,061.72
504 Garbage Fund	\$	30,351.40
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	558.54
508 Consumer Capital Fund	\$	327.93
Pay 8	\$	118,521.39
Total	\$	823,265.17

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief McPike (Absent) – Sgt. Athanas – 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 thanked the members of council who attended the AMP trip to Columbus, and mentioned that the AMP team appreciated the visit. Mr. Greever mentioned that he is going to plan a trip to the Freemont energy plant in the fall. Mayor Schneider thanked Mr. Greever for putting the trip together, and felt that the visit was very beneficial. Mr. Hartman mentioned that he left feeling that the Village is in great hands, and that it was a good day. There was some discussion concerning utility rates.
- Public Participation - None
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz reported on Small Business Week, and distributed a pamphlet highlighting business throughout Lorain County. She mentioned upcoming events including the Gazebo Garden Walk on Saturday May 13th, and Night at the Races on Saturday May 6th. Mr. Greever mentioned that he and the Mayor met with Main Street in regard to murals. Mayor Schneider added that the meeting went well, they had well themed ideas, provided them with a good foundation, and was hopeful on moving forward. Ms. Arntz mentioned that they are also considering installing an American House photo wrap which will be housed in an aluminum frame, and will be presenting the photo to council in the future. There was some discussion concerning the Congressional Art contest, and the High School art show.
- Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hartman to enter into the Cemetery Joint Council and Township meeting at 7:20 PM. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

JOINT CEMETERY, COUNCIL, AND WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP MEETING

May 1, 2023

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

- a. Roll Call – Bughman – Present, Dronsfield – Present, Feron – Present, Hartman – Present, Rowland – Present, Wells – Present, Fisher – Present, Pitts – Present, Spreng – Present
- b. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 2, 2022 Joint Meeting Motion by Spreng, 2nd by Feron to amend the minutes from the May 2, 2022 meeting, under Discussion, sentence #2 (in bold) Fred Pitts explained that in **2022** the Cemetery Board felt that they were being underpaid, and there was a dispute. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- c. Old Business - None
- d. New Business – Mr. Spreng gave a report on Cemetery business over the past year. He mentioned the possible need for a levy in the coming years. Mr. Bogan commented on the new computer software, and operation. There was some discussion concerning the tree removal taking place at the cemetery. Mr. Spreng mentioned that the Cemetery Clerk had an office at the Township Garage. He thanked Helen Dronsfield for her years of service on the Cemetery Board; Mayor Schneider thanked Ms. Dronsfield for her 14 years of service to the Cemetery Board, and invited her to lunch in lieu of a resolution of thanks.

VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 - 17

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

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Pitts to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

- e. Adjourn Joint Village/Township Meeting – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Mayor Schneider called the regular Council Session to order at 7:40 PM.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee will meet prior to council on May 15th.
- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee will meet prior to council on May 15th.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed roof repairs at the Rec. Park, and the possibility of adding a Rec. Park Director position. Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Bughman to hire seasonal summer employees: 1st year, Evan Ladina for Public Works at \$11.00 per hour, 1st year, McKenna Solkiewicz for Public Works at \$11.00 per hour, 1st year, Marshal Mull for Rec. Park at \$11.00 per hour, 1st year, Nathan Glavich for Rec. Park at \$11.00 per hour, and 3rd year, Maddie Mull for Rec. Park at \$12.00 per hour. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Bughman to hire Parker Rankin as full time Public Works Operator at \$17.85 per hour, effective June 5, 2023 after passing drug testing. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council, where they found utilities to be business as usual. He mentioned that the new UV system at the Waste Water Plant had been completed and was in operation. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to hire Chandler Polen as 1st year seasonal summer employee at the Water Plant at \$11.00 per hour, effective May 22, 2023. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee will meet on June 5th if there is business to discuss.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met in executive session prior to council.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - None

8. OLD BUSINESS

Radio Progress/Updates – Mr. Wells asked whether or not there had been any progress or updates to the County Commissioners and the radio issue; Mayor Schneider reported that there has been no new updates.

9. NEW BUSINESS - None

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:46 PM