

**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 - Gym

August 7, 2023

7:25 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
Councilman Gary Feron – Present	Councilman Keith Rowland – Present
Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present	Councilman Guy Wells – Absent
Others Present – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Chief McPike, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz, Jen Kazmierczak, Jim Clark, Richard Hardy, Matt Deaton	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Hartman to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 Council Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members present 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 present voting “yes”.

July 4 – 17, 2023

101	General Fund	\$	62,683.63
201	Street CM&R Fund	\$	3,877.97
215	American Rescue Plan Act '21	\$	1,970.00
290	Caring Fund	\$	200.00
501	Water Fund	\$	18,754.72
502	Sewer Fund	\$	78,611.41
503	Electric Fund	\$	26,693.90
504	Garbage Fund	\$	30,232.05
505	Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	32.45
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	2,077.46
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	523.13
	Pay 14	\$	122,869.36
	Total	\$	348,869.08

July 18 – August 7, 2023

101	General Fund	\$	48,925.05
201	Street CM&R Fund	\$	6,088.96
202	State Highway Fund	\$	4,441.94
209	Law Enf. Trust Fund	\$	1,909.05
501	Water Fund	\$	23,036.71
502	Sewer Fund	\$	22,532.70
503	Electric Fund	\$	27,264.60
504	Garbage Fund	\$	222.14
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	24,381.83
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	266.72
518	Unclaimed Monies 2022	\$	76.46
	Pay 15	\$	127,441.46
	Total	\$	286,587.61

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief McPike – Nothing to report
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Nothing to report
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever mentioned that his report covered everything, and offered to answer any questions.
- Public Participation
 - Matt Deaton, WSA, was in attendance and reported that Wellington will be hosing the Lorain County Soccer League Classic on October 21st, at the Rec. Park. He further reported that Wellington will also be hosting the 3V3 Soccer tournament on Saturday June 15, 2024.

- Jen Kazmierczak, Wellington school board member, was in attendance to announce the August 12th Back to School Bash, and reported that August 30th is the first day back to school for students.
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz gave her report which included: Mural installed on the side of Bread-N-Brew, Support Local Saturday August 19th, Wellington Home Tour and Antique car roll in on September 23rd. She mentioned an online charity event Connect to a Cause on Sept. 21st, and on October 21st Wandering Witches of Wellington event. Mayor Schneider added that Coffee with the Mayor was scheduled for August 19th as well.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed July financials, RITA collections which are up 12.4%, and reviewed the health insurance comparison.
- Police – Mr. Hartman reported that that committee met prior to council and discussed usage fees for the new radios, reviewed the monthly report, and an OVI Taskforce reimbursement. He mentioned that the SLCAD minutes were included in the packet.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council and mentioned they received the last salt delivery, and the Wellington Youth Football would be moving into the old maintenance building at the Rec. Park. She reminded residents that brush collection is the first full week and the third weeks of the month. She reported that the elevator in the Town Hall is out of service until sometime in October, and the Village will be installing cameras in the Town Hall gym due to reports of vandalism.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council, where superintendents reported business as usual. He mentioned that the rate study is in the final phases, and the AMI project is in the final works as well.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed housing maintenance and upkeep, and unlicensed vehicles. He mentioned that resident Richard Hardy was in attendance to discuss the issues with the committee. He further mentioned a discussion concerning the crosswalk on E. Herrick and Courtland St.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to accept the resignation of Patrolman Justin Schwartz effective August 8, 2023. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Hartman to hire Kyle Rinkus as a patrolman at \$26.02 per hour, effective after passing a drug screening. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to hire James Clark as Zoning Inspector, with an annual salary of \$15,500.00 effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to hire Braydon Cole as Public Works Operator, at \$22.38 per hour, effective immediately after passing a drug screening. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to accept the resignation of Gerald Fishbaugh with regret, effective August 8, 2023. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”.
- Cemetery – Mr. Feron reported that the Cemetery staff is working on the plot maps, and further reported that they voted to increase the Cemetery fees.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-22

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING DOLLAR BANK AS AN ADDITIONAL DEPOSITORY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

3rd Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to approve the third reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-26

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 Feron to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-27

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2023 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

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Motion by Hartman, 2nd Feron to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”.

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

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

- **Motion to Move October Meeting Dates** – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron to change the October meeting dates to October 9th and October 23rd. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting “yes”.
- **Support the Dukes** – Mr. Bughman reported that the August 15th and the August 28th football games were home games and encouraged residents to come out and support the team!!
- **50th WHS Class Reunion** – Mr. Bughman mentioned to Mr. Hartman that he heard they had a great turnout; Mr. Hartman reported that the Class of '73's 50th reunion was well attended with 53 classmates returning. He reported that he heard many great comments about the Village, and Union School Park. Mayor Schneider mentioned that the class of 1973 was the first class to graduate from the LCJVS.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 8:07 PM