

**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**

Kelly St. Fire Station Meeting Room

September 5, 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 (left at 7:11 PM), Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz. Matt Deaton (WSA), Krystena Flynn, Robert Thaxton, Richard Hardy, Zoning Inspector Clark, Fire Chief Wetherbee

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Wells, 2nd by Dronsfield to approve the minutes from the August 7, 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	\$	100,420.19
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	1,553.11
205 Police Pension Fund	\$	215.26
209 Law Enforcement Trust Fund	\$	5,803.30
211 Cemetery	\$	15,587.12
290 Caring Fund	\$	150.00
401 Capital Improvement	\$	57,820.00
501 Water Fund	\$	50,564.76
502 Sewer Fund	\$	26,548.97
503 Electric Fund	\$	49,970.83
Power Bills	\$	499,358.97
504 Garbage Fund	\$	30,330.40
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	32.45
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	7,131.58
508 Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	656.46
518 Unclaimed Monies 2022	\$	150.00
Pay 16	\$	120,548.36
Pay 17	\$	124,028.53
Total	\$	1,090,870.01

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 – Nothing to report.
- Village Manager Greever – Nothing to add.
- Public Participation – Matt Deaton from the Wellington Soccer Association was in attendance to update Council on the Classic. He reported that they have the field layout configured for 8 fields, two for each age group. He mentioned that they had purchased corner flags, an outdoor bulletin board, and outdoor lights for the soccer pavilion. He reported that the community support has been amazing, and thanked Mr. Greever and Council. He reported that the first game of the Classic will begin at 8:00 AM.
- Main Street Wellington – Mrs. Arntz gave her report which included the upcoming Home Tour, the Antique Roll In, and a \$5.00 raffle for a night's stay at the Baundale on S. Main St. She mentioned the Friends of the Library Harvest of the Arts on Sept. 17th, And Support Local Saturday on Sept. 16th, with Coffee with the Mayor on the same day. She reminded residents of Connect to a Cause, a crowd funding event online, where you can donate to nonprofits including MSW and the Spirit of '76 Museum at peoplewhocare.org.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed August financials, RITA collections which are up 14.6%. He reported on health insurance costs Lorain County in 2021:

\$733,046.00 vs. BORMA 2023: \$678,481.00, and mentioned that it was a good move. He reported that the SLCAD minutes were included in the packet.

- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee will meet on Tuesday Sept. 19th. He mentioned that they heard in Finance Committee, about a hang up with the generator for the new Police Station. He thanked Chief Wetherbee for allowing council to use the meeting room.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council and mentioned that the summer help was all gone. He reported that the Public Works, Electric, Water, and Waste Water all work together, and did so again during the last series of storms. She implored the importance of home owners knowing where their downspouts drain, and expressed how important it is to keep them clean and maintained. Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Bughman to hire James Baker as a part time employee for mowing at the Rec. Park at \$14.00 per hour, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council. He gave a shout out to the Village crews as they pulled the Village through the storm damage once again. He thanked mutual aid crews from Cuyahoga Falls, Clyde, Wadsworth, and Oberlin for all of their help. He mentioned that they would be discussing incentivizing training in the future.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee will meet on October 9th, prior to council.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the next meeting is to be determined.
- Cemetery – Mr. Feron reported that the Cemetery Board will meet on Sept. 20th at the Township Garage.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-28

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO DO ALL THING NECESSARY TO CONTRACT WITH MORTON BUILDING, INC., FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE WELLINGTON WATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading

(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)

Motion by Rowland, 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”.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-29

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 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”.

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE LORAIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

1st Reading

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Change Meeting Date - Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron to move the second September meeting date to Tuesday Sept. 19th. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

Thank You – Mr. Bughman thanked Dave Bealer and Nate Meyers for assisting at the Athletic Field, fieldhouse trailer, and Jason Gundert for helping to move the lift for the goal post painting.

Coffee with the Mayor – Mayor Schneider announced the next Coffee with the Mayor on Saturday September 16th, 9:00 AM at Bread-N-Brew.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Bughman, 2nd by Feron to adjourn at 7:29 PM