

**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

October 9, 2023

7:04 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

Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Electric Supt. Bealer, Water Supt. Love, WW Supt. Norton, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Jenny Arntz, Sgt. Athanas, resident Richard Hardy, HS students Brooke Lenmicuhl, Grace Knapp, Kylie Kroll, Wellington School staff Mark Donnely and Phil Mohrman, Matt Deaton, WSA, resident Deborah Rice, Fire Chief Wetherbee

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Wells called for a correction under Police Committee: change were to where. Motion by Feron, 2nd by Wells to approve as amended. 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	\$	25,516.75
201	Street CM&R Fund	\$	1,711.34
209	Law Enforcement Trust	\$	94.28
211	Cemetery	\$	16.51
401	Capital Improvement	\$	5,449.36
501	Water Fund	\$	6,278.66
502	Sewer Fund	\$	11,316.49
503	Electric Fund	\$	24,079.65
504	Garbage Fund	\$	100.00
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	23.27
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	110.25
	Total	\$	74,696.56
503	Utility Overpayment 6.89.5	\$	354.91
	Pay 19	\$	148,940.00

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider – Mayor Schneider made a “shout out” to Jim Clark for his excellent zoning report which was included in the packet.
- Law Director Bond - Absent
- Chief McPike – Absent – Kayla Athanas – Nothing to report
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Nothing to report
- Village Manager Greever – VM Greever congratulated Council on their AMP Board seat for three more years! Mr. Hartman thanked Mr. Greever for his efforts and for the 133 letters he sent out asking for support. Mr. Wells had questions regarding the insurance on the new Police Station; Mrs. Pfeiffer answered his questions.
- Public Participation
 - Wellington Schools – Treasure Mark Donnely and Board Member Phil Mohrman were in attendance to discuss the 10 yr. renewal levy on the November ballot. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Dronsfield to urge residents to vote yes on Issue 19, in favor of the renewal levy. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Mr. Donnely and Mr. Mohrman left the meeting at 7:29 PM.
 - Soccer Tournament – Matt Deaton from WSA was in attendance to give an update of the upcoming Classic, and thanked everyone for their assistance.
 - Storm Sewer – Resident Debbie Rice from 424 Jones Rd. was in attendance to inquire about the location of the storm sewer on Jones Rd.; VM Greever will have Public Works Supt. Brasee reach out to Ms. Rice.
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arnz thanked resident for their donations to Connect to a Cause where they received \$1,807.00 in donations. She reported on the Ghost Tour, the CBD Flower Pot Contest, and mentioned Support Local Saturday, and the Wondering Witches of Wellington event. She

reported on a new business opening next to the Library, Wizardry and Warfare, and mentioned that the downtown Trick-or-Treat would take place on October 28th from 10:30 AM – Noon. Mayor Schneider thanked Mrs. Arntz for her hard work, and mentioned that he had heard great things about the Ghost Tour.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee will meet on Oct. 23rd prior to Council where they will have a large agenda and will be meeting at 5:00 PM. He thanked Zoning Inspector Jim Clark for the very detailed report, and urged everyone to review it prior to the next Ordinance meeting.
- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee will meet on October 23rd prior to Council. He mentioned Mr. Clarks report and reported that they may be discussing light pollution and roosters at the next Ordinance committee meeting as well.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to Council and discussed weed letter mowing properties have dropped to three, the elevator repair has been moved to mid-November. She further mentioned that the maintenance building at the Rec. Park has been made a priority, and they heard about a residential basement flooding issue, where they were looking for solutions.
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to Council. He further reported that the committee will be discussing the recent Rate Study, and urged residents to attend the meetings as there has not been a rate study I many hears. He mentioned that the in-house work at the Water Plant saved the Village money. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Bughman to terminate the employment of Kerric Grose, due to his inability to return to work post leave exhaustion, which occurred on 9/14, with regret. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the meeting was postponed to Octorber 23rd, or November 1st.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the next committee meeting is TBD.
- Cemetery – Mr. Feron reported that the dirt pile had been graded and leveled.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30

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

3rd Reading

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

8. OLD BUSINESS - None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Trick-or-Treat – Mayor Schneider announced that Trick-or-Treat would be on October 31st from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM
Coffee with the Mayor – Mayor Schneider announced Coffee with the Mayor on October 21st, with Council President Hartman sitting in for him.

Wellington Reservation – October 17th the Wellington Reservation will be holding a strategic plan meeting.

Thank you – Mr. Bughman thanked New London for agreeing to play them after Oberlin had to cancel.

Cemetery – Mr. Hartman reminded residents that items should be removed from graves by Sunday October 15th.

Thanks for Attending – Ms. Dronsfield welcomed the HS Government students and gave them a brief lesson on the Ordinance passage procedure that they heard at the meeting.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:54 PM