

**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 23, 2023

7:01 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, Chief McPike, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz, Government Students – Corin Elkin, Cole Elkin, Kolin Davis, and Joe Fox, resident Pat Gott (left at 7:34 PM)	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion Feron, 2nd by Wells to approve the minutes from the October 9, 2023 Council Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Wells to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

101 General Fund	\$	73,026.05
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	3,832.89
208 Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	9,228.29
209 Law Enforcement Trust	\$	6,613.56
211 Cemetery	\$	52.82
291 Safety Services Memorial	\$	90.00
401 Capital Improvement	\$	6,000.00
501 Water Fund	\$	22,964.06
502 Sewer Fund	\$	14,287.85
503 Electric Fund	\$	21,323.60
504 Garbage Fund	\$	30,230.40
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	4,301.41
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	2,108.36
508 Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	307.50
Pay 20	\$	118,343.73
Total	\$	312,710.52

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. Mayor Schneider announced that FD Pfeiffer passed the 2021/22 audit with flying colors!
- Village Manager Greever – VM Greever thanked Council for their hard work and support, and for supporting the new Police Dept. He mentioned that moving forward; the next step will be the new Water Plant. Mark Bughman thanked VM Greever for the Forest City tour; Mayor Schneider mentioned that they will be going as a group to tour the Industrial Park facilities in the future. Helen Dronsfield mentioned that the Village was very fortunate to have Forest City Technologies within the Village. MSW Director Arntz asked to tour the future facilities with the group; Mayor Schneider will let her know when the next tour is scheduled.
- Public Participation – S. Mill St. resident Pat Gott attended to address Council concerning roosters, chickens, ducks, and the noise pollution emitted by the birds. VM Greever reported that he is working on a plan. Mayor Schneider explained that they will discuss the matter at the next Ordinance Committee meeting on November 6th, and invited Mrs. Gott to return for the meeting.
- Main Street Wellington – Mayor Schneider congratulated Director Arntz on receiving Main Street Director of the Year, and he and Council appreciate all of her hard work! Mrs. Arntz was met with applause. Mrs. Arntz reported that the Wandering Witches of Wellington event was a huge success! She mentioned upcoming Trick-or-Treat in downtown on Saturday from 10:30 – Noon. She further mentioned a costume contest, a pumpkin decorating contest and vendors in the Town Hall gym from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, and invited everyone to attend. Mrs. Arntz reported that the soccer tournament went well; Gary Feron and

Gene Hartman agreed and Mr. Hartman mentioned that he overheard people discussing how they loved the complex.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to Council and discussed RITA collections, which he added are trending well. He mentioned that health insurance cost have increased from 2022, but are still less than 2021. He further reported that Council does not anticipate passing the increase on to the employees. He thanked Finance Director Pfeiffer and her department for their work on the audit.
- Police – Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to Council where they reviewed reports and heard updates on the new radios. He announced that the Open House for the new Police Station will be held on November 18th, after Coffee with the Mayor, from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee will meet on November 6th prior to Council. She announced that the Cross Country team were conference champions, and reported that Joe Fox will attend Regionals in Boardman this weekend!
- Utility – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee will meet prior to Council on November 6th.
- Ordinance – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee will meet prior to Council on November 6th.
- Personnel – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to Council in a lengthy executive session.
- Cemetery – Mr. Feron reported that Gavan Meyers has been hired to fill the Sexton position at the Cemetery. He mentioned that the crew is still busy tiding up before winter.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-32

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE WELLINGTON INCOME TAX CODE TO EFFECTUATE CHANGES REQUIRED BY STATE LAW

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. 2023-33

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)

1st Reading

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. 2023-34

A RESOLUTION REVISING THE CURRENT COMPENSATION RATES AND TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR EMPLOYEES IN THE ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)

1st Reading

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

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

Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Wells to increase the wages of the Electric Department employees, effective Saturday October 28, 2023 at 0000 hours (the start of the next bi-weekly payroll) for the following individuals at the following salaries and hourly wages respectively: Dave Bealer – Salary at the maximum step at Max \$98,030.40, Joe Brasee - \$41.34 per hour, Brian Howk – \$41.34 per hour, Dave Stief - \$39.80 per hour, Nate Myers - \$34.50 per hour, Jonathan Willis - \$25.40 per hour, Barb Murray - \$22.32 per hour. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

Thank You – Mr. Bughman thanked John Bowman, the staff, and everyone involved with the football games, and mentioned that they all do a great job.

Coffee and an Open House – Mayor Schneider invited residents to attend the next Coffee with the Mayor at the new Police Station on November 19, 2023 and to stay for the Open House tour.

Government Students – Ms. Dronsfield gave the Government students in attendance a quick lesson on Ordinances and Resolutions, and the issues heard at tonight’s meeting. Mr. Hartman added that the actual work is done in the committees, which meets prior to Council.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Rowland to adjourn at 7:37 PM