

**Village of Wellington
Council Meeting Minutes
Hans Schneider, Mayor
Council: Gene Hartman-Council President, Steve Boham, Mark Bughman, Helen Dronsfield,
Gary Feron, Keith Rowland**

Council Chambers	May 6, 2024	7:00 PM
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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Council President Hartman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilman Steve Boham – Present	Councilman Gary Feron – Present
Councilman Mark Bughman – Present	Council President Gene Hartman – Present
Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present	Councilman Keith Rowland – Present
Others Present – Village Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Chief McPike, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz, Dave Fisher, Fred Pitts, Bill Spreng, Virginia Haynes, Sheila Holmes	
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Rowland to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2024 Council Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Dronsfield to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS**
 - Mayor Schneider - Absent
 - Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
 - Chief McPike – Nothing to report
 - Finance Director Pfeiffer – Nothing to report
 - Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever state that he would stand on his report included in the packet. He mentioned the terms and conditions on the AMP resolution, and the complicated PJM's. Mr. Hartman reported that the power cost adjustment on his bill this month was phenomenal, in the negative.
 - Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz gave her report including an art show at the Elms assisted living, opening Weds. May 8 through June 16, where 20% of the proceeds go to the Office on Aging. The Gazebo Garden Walk is Saturday May 11, from 10 – 4, and she reported that the Night at the Races at the Eagles was a success. She mentioned that Jim Jerousek will be having a historic mural placed on his building where LaTroje restaurant is located.
6. Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron to enter into the joint meeting with Wellington Township, at 7:31 PM. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

**JOINT COUNCIL, AND WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP MEETING
May 6, 2024**

**Village of Wellington: Mayor Hans Schneider
Wellington Council Members: Gene Hartman - President, Steve Boham, Mark Bughman, Helen Dronsfield,
Gary Feron, Keith Rowland**

Wellington Township Trustees: Dave Fisher, Fred Pitts, Bill Spreng

- a. Roll Call – Boham – Present, Bughman – Present, Dronsfield – Present, Feron – Present, Hartman – Present, Rowland – Present, Fisher – Present, Pitts – Present, Spreng – Present
- b. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 1, 2023 Joint Meeting: Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2023 Joint Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- c. Old Business - None
- d. New Business

Mr. Spreng reported that the new Sexton Gavin Meyer is doing a great job. He mentioned that they are looking for a couple of seasonal mowers, and will be looking for a replacement for the board, as Bill Bogan is leaving. Mr. Feron reported that they had a crew from the High School for community service day, and appreciated the help! He further reported that they have been using the new computer software, and have been updating the mapping. Gene Hartman commended the Cemetery Board for their grounds keeping and readying for Memorial Day. Mr. Feron thanked Gene and Beth for their flower planting contribution; Mr. Hartman mentioned that they could use a few volunteers to help with flower planning on May 18.

**VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 16**

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 Rowland, 2nd by Hartman to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Rowland, 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 Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn the joint meeting at 7:40 PM. Dave Fisher, Fred Pitts, Bill Spreng, and Virginia Haynes left the meeting. Council President Hartman called the regular council meeting to order.

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee will meet on May 20th prior to council. He mentioned that the Fire Board minutes were included in the packet.
- Police – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee will meet prior to council on May 20th.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed the Barker St. concrete repair project being done by Denes Concrete. She mentioned the field improvements made at the Rec. Park on field 1, paid for by the Wellington Hot Stove Association. She reminded residents to mow their lawns, and mentioned that Public Works has sent out 12 weed letters. Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Bughman to re-hire Marshall Mull, 2nd year at \$11.50 per hour, Nathan Glavich, 2nd year at \$11.50 per hour, Evan Ladina, 2nd year at \$11.50 per hour, Maddie Mull, 4th year at \$12.50 per hour, effective May 6, 2024. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Utility – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to council where they discussed the 1 megawatt generator repair, the AMI kickoff meeting, receiving 27 loads of riprap at the reservoir, reservoir driveway bid opening on May 13, and the underpass pumps.
- Ordinance – Mr. Feron reported that the committee met prior to council where Ashland Mayor Matt Miller joined the DORA discussion, and gave his overview of Ashland's DORA. He further reported that the committee will be reviewing the nuisance ordinance in the future.
- Personnel – Mr. Boham reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Boham, 2nd by Feron to hire John Bryan as a full time officer, tier 1, at \$22.30 per hour, effective after passing a full medical examination. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

(5 Minutes Per Person For Questions & Comments)

Sheila Holmes from the Wellington AARP Tax Program extended a thank you to Council for allowing them to use the Town Hall and Council Chambers to help the areas residents file their taxes for free. She thanked Marla Lent for all of her help and support during the tax season!

9. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading
(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-18

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE 2023 NPP POWER POOL, PARTICIPANT SCHEDULE WITH AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER, INC, (“AMP”) AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading
(Requesting Suspension of the Rules)

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

10. OLD BUSINESS – None

11. NEW BUSINESS

Hometown Hero Banners – Mr. Hartman reported that the Electric Department had hung the Hometown Hero's banners in the CBD today, and they did a great job.

Lorain County Beautiful Day – MSW Director Arntz reported that the Lorain County Beautiful Day is on May 18, and she will send any extra volunteers out to the Cemetery to assist Gene and Beth with flower planting.

12. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:55 PM

