

**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

August 5, 2024

7:32 PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Schneider 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 – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Chief McPike, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Fire Chief Wetherbee, MSW Director Arntz, Zoning Inspector Clark, Brian Burke, Matt Deaton, Rob McCreery, Christopher Wesp, Rick Stefanic Jr., Michael Baird, Harold Runals, Allen Gibson	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Rowland to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2024 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”.

July 2 – 15, 2024

101 General Fund	\$	61,851.94
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	3,349.04
501 Water Fund	\$	26,917.39
502 Sewer Fund	\$	31,544.57
503 Electric Fund	\$	16,819.79
504 Garbage Fund	\$	32,559.13
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	32.45
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	2,392.65
508 Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	965.23
Pay 14	\$	131,822.75
Total	\$	308,254.94

July 16 – August 5, 2024

101 General Fund	\$	58,531.84
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	27,484.43
202 State Highway Fund	\$	5,533.00
208 Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	8,616.00
290 Caring Fund	\$	200.00
401 Capital Improvement	\$	8,226.51
501 Water Fund	\$	24,282.55
502 Sewer Fund	\$	14,131.57
503 Electric Fund	\$	30,000.51
Power Bills	\$	488,879.06
504 Garbage Fund	\$	101.00
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	1,275.00
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	483.23
508 Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	391.28
Pay 15	\$	135,732.83
Total	\$	803,868.81

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 had nothing to add, would stand on his report.
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz reminded residents to attend the Back to School Bash on Saturday from 11 AM – 2 PM at MMS, and a Job Fair on Thursday Aug. 8 at the Wellington Lorain County Community College.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee met prior to council and met with Magis Advisory Group rep to discuss employee health insurance. He mentioned that they would receive the new rates and changes on Aug. 29. Mr. Hartman reported that they discussed the July financials, and RITA collections which are up 19% from last year.
- Police – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council and reviewed the July stats, heard from Chief McPike about a new electronic sign and the new flagpole installation. Mr. Rowland announced the Safety Services National Night out would be held at the Rec. Park tomorrow evening, and invited resident to attend.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council and reviewed the past months work completed. She mentioned that new concrete has been poured at the Rec. Park, around the Pickle Ball courts. She mentioned that the Town Hall painting has been completed, and are hoping to get 10 – 15 years out of the paint.
- Utility – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to council where they heard of a few electric outages due to squirrels. The Waste Water dept. is going to need to replace some VFD's in the future, and controls need to be replaced that will be a capital project for next year. He mentioned that they discussed the lift station replacement on Parkside Res. Mr. Bughman reported that the committee discussed the Lead Safe Line project bids.
- Ordinance – Mr. Feron reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed changes to the Fireworks Ordinance. He mentioned that they had received many complaints regarding fireworks. Mr. Feron mentioned that the DORA ordinance was on the agenda for first reading tonight, as well as the LSL ordinance.
- Personnel – Mr. Boham reported that the committee would meet as needed.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

(5 Minutes Per Person For Questions & Comments)

Matt Deaton – Mr. Deaton from WSA was in attendance to announce the soccer games would begin August 19th. He mentioned the Lorain County Fall Classic in October at the Rec. Park. Mr. Hartman urged everyone to attend the soccer classic, which he commented was a great family event.

Christopher West – Mr. West, Commander of the VFW spoke in support of passing DORA.

Allen Gibson – Mr. Gibson spoke of a grievance he had with a local Facebook group administrator.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-28

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO CREATE A DESIGNATED OUTDOOR REFRESHMENT AREA ("DORA")

1st Reading

Law Director Bond reported that an ad would need to be placed in the newspaper to give a 30 day announcement notice of a DORA.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-29

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE HYDROEXCAVATION PORTION OF THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT, 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".

9. OLD BUSINESS

Reservoir Drive – Mr. Hartman reminded residents that the reservoir driveway would be closed to traffic on August 19 – 22 for repaving.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Railcar Fire – Chief Wetherbee reported that there is a smoldering railcar on the tracks near the Fairgrounds. He further reported that it contains shredded construction material, and is not a hazmat concern. There was some discussion concerning "trash trains".

11. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 8:00 PM

