

**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

December 2, 2024

7:00 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 Mark Bughman – Present
Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present
Others Present – Village Manager Greever, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Brian Burke, MSW Director Arntz, four WHS Government Students
Councilman Gary Feron – Present
Council President Gene Hartman – Present
Councilman Keith Rowland – Present
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2024 Council Meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Bughman to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

101	General Fund	\$	56,950.93
201	Street CM&R Fund	\$	27,810.00
208	Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	1,153.48
290	Caring Fund	\$	100.00
401	Capital Improvement	\$	28,396.26
501	Water Fund	\$	12,075.72
502	Sewer Fund	\$	10,806.32
503	Electric Fund	\$	8,953.82
504	Garbage Fund	\$	100.00
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	4,009.25
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	131.02
	Total	\$	150,486.80
	Pay 23	\$	145,543.35

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report.
- Chief McPike - Absent
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer mentioned that her memo was included in the packet, and offered to answer any questions. She took a moment to thank Suzanne Baker for the fantastic job she has been doing with the new AMI meters, and software, and reported that she is the glue that has been holding it all together.
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever mentioned that his report was included in the packet. He further mentioned that the CNC project is coming along behind the scenes, with 25 municipalities targeted for surveys; he answered questions from Mr. Hartman regarding the project. Mr. Bughman had questions regarding letters to West St. residents; Mr. Greever suggested that Mr. Bughman send him the contact information for the resident with questions.
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz thanked Kurtz Christmas Tree Farm for donating the Christmas tree. She mentioned that they have over 400 ornaments with the names of village veterans. Ms. Arntz reported that they will be decorating the tree on Saturday from 3-5, for anyone interested in volunteering. She reminded Council that the tree lighting in Union School Park would take place on Saturday Dec. 7 at 5:30 PM.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee will meet on December 16 prior to Council.
- Police – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee will meet on December 16 prior to Council.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to Council and had a lengthy discussion concerning the purchase of a new leaf machine. She mentioned that the Public Works Dept. would be collecting leaves until the end of December. She announced that the Public Works Dept. is accepting applications for an Operator, with a CDL, and will be posted until the position is filled.

- Utility – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to Council and the Electric Dept. reported that the conduit has been run at the Fairgrounds, and a transformer has been installed for Rural Water. He reported that there was a discussion concerning the Water Plant rebuild, a two day training with Eaton concerning the AMI meters, and the installation of the hydration station at Union School Park. He reported maintenance as usual at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Ordinance – Mr. Feron reported that the committee will meet when there is business to discuss. He further reported that the Cemetery will meet on December 18.
- Personnel – Mr. Boham reported that the committee will meet on December 16, if there is business to discuss.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS - None

(5 Minutes Per Person For Questions & Comments)

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-41

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VILLAGE'S SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES, COMMENCING IN 2025, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 3rd Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-42

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND OTHER VILLAGE LEGAL COUNSEL 3rd Reading

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-44

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 1st Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-45

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH KLEINFELDER, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT RECONSTRUCTION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading

(Requesting suspension of the rules)

Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Boham 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".

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-46

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2024 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO REFLECT ADDITIONAL REVENUES AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1st Reading

(Requesting suspension of the rules)

Motion by Feron, 2nd by Boham 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. 2024-47

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH KLEINFELDER, INC., FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SOLIDS HANDLING STUDY, 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 – None

10. NEW BUSINESS

It's A Wonderful Life – Ms. Dronsfield invited everyone to the Lindley Center to see the radio presentation of It's a Wonderful Life on Thursday Dec. 5, Friday Dec. 6, and Saturday Dec. 7.

Christmas Lights – Mr. Bughman thanked the Electric Dept. for doing a great job hanging the Christmas lights in the CBD. Ms. Dronsfield concurred, and reported that everything looked great.

Student Review – Ms. Dronsfield and Mr. Hartman gave the WHS government students a quick lesson on Village government, which touched on ordinances, committee discussions, and the 2025 budget review.

11. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:25 PM