

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

February 3, 2025

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 – Mayor Schneider, Village Manager Greever, Law Director Bond, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Brian Burke, Derek Brasee, Sheila St. Clair, MSW Director Arntz, WSA representative Josh Kazmierczak
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 January 21, 2025. 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	\$	52,944.46
401	Capital Improvement	\$	9,819.00
501	Water Fund	\$	33,521.66
502	Sewer Fund	\$	28,080.11
503	Electric Fund	\$	23,916.87
504	Garbage Fund	\$	100.00
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	1,991.52
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	105.99
	Total	\$	150,479.61
	Pay 2	\$	148,948.64

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief McPike - Absent
- Finance Director Pfeiffer - Absent
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever reported that they are working with Frontier Communications for a community wide fiber update that will give residents more choices for internet. He mentioned that they have made a new cost saving facility agreement with Republic for municipal hauling. Mr. Greever reported that the LSL construction loan was approved, amounting to half a million dollars in grant funding. Mr. Hartman thanked Mr. Greever for his work on the Water Treatment Plant, and other projects that are happening.
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz gave her report which included a designer purse and bourbon raffle on March 29th, Kiwanis Pancake Day on March 27th at the Wellington Eagles, and she invited the public to attend a brain storming meeting for future events, at the Pizza House on Thursday. She announced that Jeanie Carpenter was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award at the annual meeting.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee will meet on Tuesday February 18 prior to council. He mentioned that the Fire Board minutes were included in the packet.
- Police – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee will meet on February 18 prior to council.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed the purchase of a \$128,000 leaf machine, to replace a 20 year old machine. She mentioned that the Public Works Dept. has salted streets numerous times, that we have salt, and further mentioned that they are continuing working inside the maintenance building at the Rec. Park.
- Utility – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed the breakroom update at 98 Johns St. He reported that they are still working on the water plant reconstruction with four months and twenty-seven days for completion. He mentioned that the electric meters are 98% complete, and 300 water meters have been installed. Mr. Bughman reported that the first phase of the wastewater

plant update is being discussed, and they are awaiting the EPA approval for the Parkside lift station in May.

- Ordinance – Mr. Feron reported that the committee may meet on February 18 to discuss unlicensed vehicles, and parking. He reported that the Cemetery board meets on the third Tuesday at 5:30 PM at the Township building.
- Personnel – Mr. Boham reported that the committee will meet on February 18 if there is business to discuss.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

(5 Minutes Per Person For Questions & Comments)

Josh Kazmierczak from the WSA was in attendance to present the Village with a \$5,000 check to assist with the payment of the field lining robot. Mr. Greever thanked Josh and the WSA for their contribution to the investment, and reminded council that the Village received a \$40,000 BWC grant for the purchase of the \$53,000 robot.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON AS A BEE CITY USA AFFILIATE

3rd Reading

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, OHIO FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER/SEWAGE COLLECTION FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE

1st Reading

(Requesting suspension of the rules)

Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron 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. 2025-04

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH THE ACQUISITION OF A LEAF VAC MACHINE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

Coffee with the Mayor – Mayor Schneider invited residents to Bread-N-Brew on February 15, for Coffee with the Mayor.

Bee City USA – Sheila St. Clair was in attendance for the third reading of the Bee City USA resolution. She mentioned the organization is growing rapidly, and is very important in the state of Ohio. MSW Director Arntz added that the flowerpots in the CBD will have more pollinators than previous years, and to watch for the updates.

11. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:35