

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	April 7, 2025	7:00 PM
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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, Law Director Bond, Lt. Poling, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz, Derek Brasee, Brian Burke, Merridee Pavlenko, Dan Pavlenko, Cheryl Fox, Al Gott, Dustin Madden, Madison Minutello, Julien Owens, Wilson Schmucker, Lillian Mull, Amanda Kid, Skylar Kohlenbers, Dylan O'Keefe, Chris Wesp, Heather Rowe, Roberto Toro	

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2025 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”.

101 General Fund	\$	134,056.29
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	41,191.50
205 Police Pension Trust Fund	\$	466.65
211 Cemetery	\$	23,520.13
501 Water Fund	\$	244,025.55
502 Sewer Fund	\$	160,614.79
503 Electric Fund	\$	50,613.77
Power Bills	\$	526,758.41
504 Garbage Fund	\$	100.00
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	2,734.79
Pay 6	\$	137,081.35
Pay 7	\$	121,776.73
Total	\$	1,442,939.96

5. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS**

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report.
- Chief McPike – Absent, Lt. Poling had nothing to report.
- Finance Director Pfeiffer - Absent
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever mentioned that he would stand on his report. Mr. Hartman thanked Mr. Greever for all of his hard work, and appreciated all of the answers he provided in the committee meetings.
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz reported on upcoming events, including Shop Hop and Nibble, Night at the Races, the Gazebo Garden Walk, and downtown cleanup on May 17. She reported that Main Street made around \$6,000 at its Designer Purse Raffle, and thanked everyone for their support.

6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee will meet on April 21, prior to council.
- Police – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee will meet on April 21, prior to council. He mentioned that the Housing Council ordinance and minutes were included in the packet. He further mentioned that it was a great tax abatement program, with US Screen being the only business participating at this time.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield explained to the government students in attendance, the responsibilities of the Public Works Dept. She reported that the Village does not collect leaves in the spring, and advised residents to bag their leaves and dump them at Public Works. She mentioned that the Village is looking to install cameras at the Rec Park sometime soon.
- Utility – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to council and heard that the AMI electric meters were 100% installed, and 70% of the water meters had been installed. Motion by Bughman, 2nd by Hartman to re-hire Ralph Wright as seasonal mower, at \$15.50 per hour, effective April 14, and re-hire Ethan Metheney as seasonal summer employee for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, at \$12.00 per hour, effective May 5. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

- Ordinance – Mr. Feron reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed downtown parking, reworking issues and considering hiring a magistrate. He further reported that the committee will meet on May 5 prior to council. Cemetery Board - Mr. Feron reminded residents to remove all items from the gravesites by April 15 for cleanup. He reported that May 5 is the high school community service day, and the high school students do a great job with the cleanup.
- Personnel – Mr. Boham reported that the committee met prior to council in executive session. No decisions were made.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

(5 Minutes Per Person For Questions & Comments)

Christopher West – VFW – Mr. West reported that VFW Community Appreciation Day is Saturday May 3 for 11 AM – 3 PM, and invited everyone to attend. He also mentioned Bike Night on Saturday May 17, the first DORA event. Neighborhood Alliance – Mr. Toro from Neighborhood Alliance, along with several seniors who utilize their program were in attendance to look for assistance from Council on possible funding sources to help keep their program benefits in the Village.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING SECTION 5.15 OF THE VILLAGE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL, RELATIVE TO PUBLIC RECORDS

3rd Reading

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-13

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES PURSUANT TO OHIO R.C. 731.23 BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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 Feron to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2025

1st Reading

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE HOUSING COUNCIL MEETING AND GRANTING AUTHORIZATION FOR ANOTHER YEAR FOR A SPECIFIC CRA BASED UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HOUSING COUNCIL

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 Bughman to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

Coffee with the Mayor – Mayor Schneider invited residents to attend Coffee with the Mayor on April 19, at 9:00 AM at Bread-N-Brew.

CSX Tracks – Mayor Schneider reported that he met with State Representative Kellie Deeter, in regard to the CSX railroad tracks. She reached out to the PUCO who filed a defect report to CSX; CSX will continue to patch the railroad crossing and will recondition the W. Herrick crossing this summer.

Issue 21 – Mr. Hartman reminded residents to vote for Issue 21 (Wellington Fire District’s replacement levy) on May 6. He reported that the Wellington Fire District covers 125 square miles. He further reported that the department is a well run and respected department, and encouraged residents to vote for Issue 21.

Government Class Review – Ms. Dronsfield took a few minutes to review the Council meeting, and the process of approving ordinances and resolutions to the HS government students in attendance.

11. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:58 PM

