

**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 21, 2025	7:03 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, Finance Director Pfeiffer, Law Director Bond, Chief McPike, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Chief Wetherbee, Derek Brasee, Brian Burke, Sheila Holmes (left at 7:19 PM)	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the April 7, 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	\$	62,706.13
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	79,162.42
207 Police CPT Training	\$	1,500.00
211 Cemetery	\$	2,262.36
401 Capital Improvement	\$	2,779.00
501 Water Fund	\$	50,746.43
502 Sewer Fund	\$	17,309.47
503 Electric Fund	\$	12,350.15
Power Bills	\$	481,036.44
504 Garbage Fund	\$	34,961.69
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	32.45
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	420.27
508 Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	196.63
Pay 8	\$	131,143.58
Total	\$	876,607.02

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report
- Chief McPike – Nothing to report
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Mrs. Pfeiffer had nothing to report, and offered to answer any questions.
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever stood on his report, and offered to answer any questions. Mr. Hartman thanked Mr. Greever for his project spreadsheet, and asked that a line item 9 be added, titled “Union School Park”. He reported that residents who have attended Coffee with the Mayor have expressed their concern for the lack of work being done at the park. Mr. Hartman would like to move forward with fundraising, keep the project progressing, and get it done.
- Main Street Wellington – Mr. Bughman reported that Main Street raised \$6,000 at their March 29 designer purse and bourbon raffle. He reminded the audience that Night at the Races tickets were still available for May 3 at the Wellington Eagles.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the finance committee met prior to council and discussed the March financials, RITA collections that are down 5.2%, and employee health care is up 13%.
- Police – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee met prior to council and discussed overtime that is down 5%. He mentioned that a direct fiber line to the county is being installed, and will improve response time. He reported that there was a discussion concerning travel/training budget uses being interchanged and that would be fixed.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the loader had been delivered, and the committee will meet on May 5.
- Utility – Mr. Bughman reported that 80% of the water meters have been installed, and the committee will meet on May 5 prior to council.
- Ordinance – Mr. Feron reported that the committee will meet on May 5 prior to council. He reported that

the Friends of the Cemetery will meet on Monday at 5:30 to begin working on the pollination garden. He further reported that they would begin working on reconditioning the infant burial site next week.

- Personnel – Mr. Boham reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Boham, 2nd by Rowland to accept the resignation of Andy Pickworth, effective May 23. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Boham, 2nd by Rowland to accept the resignation of Laura Singer, effective May 19. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Boham, 2nd by Rowland to hire Hailey Axford as a part time dispatcher at \$17.07 per hour, effective after passing testing. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Boham, 2nd by Bughman for Finance Director Pfeiffer be eligible to accrue overtime when performing the FLSA non-exempt duties of the open finance associate position in addition to her regular duties as finance director throughout the duration of the search and placement of a new employee in the finance associate position. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

(5 Minutes Per Person For Questions & Comments)

- Sheila Holmes from AARP was in attendance to thank Mayor Schneider and Village Council for allowing AARP to use the Town Hall for providing tax services to the residents. She thanked Marla Lent for her vital assistance with the program! Mr. Hartman thanked Mrs. Holmes for providing the service that is invaluable to the people who use it.
- Fire Chief Wetherbee was in attendance to stress the urgency to go out and vote for Issue 21 on May 6. He reminded residents that Issue 21 is a decreasing millage, which is a cost saving for residents. He urged residents to please, get out and vote! Mr. Hartman thanked Chief Wetherbee for doing the leg work every night of the week.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2025
(Requesting suspension of the rules) 2nd Reading

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. 2025-16

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
1st Reading

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Board of Appeals – Mayor Schneider recommended appointing Bill Pelger to the ZBA term ending December 2025. Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Hartman to ratify Mayor Schneider’s appointment. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

11. ADJOURN – Motion by Bughman, 2nd by Feron to adjourn at 7:26 PM