

**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

May 5, 2025

7:18 PM

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Council President Hartman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance
- 2. ROLL CALL**
Councilman Stephen 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, Wellington Township Trustees Fred Pitts, David Fisher and Dr. Spreng, Brian Burke, Derek Brasee, MSW Director Arntz, Laura Vannatter, Brooklyn Regal, Amarianna Greer
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 April 21, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".
- 4. FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Motion by Rowland, 2nd by Dronsfield to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

101	General Fund	\$	65,532.30
201	Street CM&R Fund	\$	2,113.76
290	Caring Fund	\$	100.00
401	Capital Improvement	\$	130.50
501	Water Fund	\$	76,344.21
502	Sewer Fund	\$	74,572.73
503	Electric Fund	\$	38,925.65
504	Garbage Fund	\$	100.00
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	4,093.83
508	Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	12.23
	Pay 9	\$	130,058.39
	Total	\$	389,983.60

5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS

- Mayor Schneider - Absent
- Law Director Bond – Nothing to report.
- Chief McPike - Absent
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Nothing to report.
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever reported on project updates the CNC Study, he advised that Councilmembers would be receiving the information via email, and would be discussing the matter in soon. He mentioned that the Parkside Liftstation and the West Street Improvement bid opening is on Thursday May 8 at 2 PM.
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz reported that it is National Small Business week, working with Lorain County Chambers, and Main Street organizations with the "I'm Here" program. The Gazebo Garden Walk is Saturday May 10, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. She mentioned that Main Street is working on an alleyway mural program with the Community Foundation of Lorain County focusing on pollinators, and is being crowd funded with a grant match. Ms. Arntz reported that this Saturday is the Lorain County Beautiful program 9:00 AM - Noon where they clean up parking lots, welcome signs, and alleyways, and mentioned that they are looking for volunteers. She mentioned Night at the Races event was the past weekend, and estimated that they made approximately \$5,000 which goes towards July 3rd fireworks.
- Council President Hartman paused the Council Meeting to enter into the Village/Township meeting at 7:28 PM.

JOINT COUNCIL AND WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP MEETING

May 5, 2025

Village of Wellington: Mayor Hans Schneider

**Wellington Council Members: Gene Hartman - President, Steve Boham, Mark Bughman, Helen Dronsfield,
Gary Feron, Keith Rowland**

Wellington Township Trustees: Dave Fisher, Fred Pitts, Bill Spreng

- a. Roll Call – Council President Hartman requested roll call.

- Boham – Present, Bughman – Present, Dronsfield – Present, Feron – Present, Hartman – Present, Rowland – Present, Fisher – Present, Pitts – Present, Spreng - Present
- b. Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the May 6, 2024 Joint Meeting – Motion by Pitts, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the May 5, 2025 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
 - c. Old Business - None
 - d. New Business – Mr. Feron reported on new projects including a new mower, infant garden improvements, and planting a pollination garden. He mentioned the development of Friends of the Wellington Union Cemetery group a 501C comprised of local volunteers. He reported that the board is discussing the possibility of installing a pavilion to be used as a chapel in the future. He mentioned that the high school community service day has been postponed due to the rain, and mentioned that summer hires had been made.

VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 17

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON AND THE TRUSTEES OF WELLINGTON TOWNSHIP DETERMINING THE RATE OF TAXATION TO BE LEVIED UPON THE TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON AND THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON FOR CEMETERY PURPOSES

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”.

- e. Adjourn Joint Village/Township Meeting – Motion by Pitts, 2nd by Feron to adjourn the joint meeting at 7:33 PM. The Township Trustees left the meeting.

Council President Hartman called the Village Council Meeting back order.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Will meet on May 19, prior to council.
- Police – Will meet on May 19, prior to council.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Dronsfield, 2nd by Bughman to hire seasonal summer employees: Evan Ladina, 3rd year, Rec. Park - \$12.00 per hour, Cole Ladina, 2nd year, Rec. Park - \$11.50 per hour, McKenna Solkewicz, 3rd year, Building and Grounds, \$12.00 per hour, Kelsie Davis, 1st Year, Rec. Park - \$11.00 per hour, Aden Macfarlane, 1st year, Rec. Park \$11.00 per hour, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Utility – Met tonight – skipped reports due to tornado warnings.
- Ordinance – Nothing.
- Personnel – Mr. Boham reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Boham, 2nd by Bughman to increase the hourly wage of Mike Dowdell from tier 8, \$37.33 per hour to tier 9, \$38.57 per hour, effective the next pay in May 5/16. To increase the hourly wage of Jon Willis from tier 2, \$25.40 per hour to tier 4, \$27.50 per hour, and in October 2025 to tier 5, \$28.54 per hour, effective the next pay in May 5/16. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS - None

(5 Minutes Per Person For Questions & Comments)

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-16

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

2st Reading

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

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS – Council President Hartman reminded residents to go out and vote tomorrow, May 6.

11. ADJOURN – Motion by Bughman, 2nd by Feron to adjourn at 7:36 PM