

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	June 2, 2025	7:00 PM
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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Schneider opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilman Stephen 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, Clerk of Council O'Brien, MSW Director Arntz, Derek Brasee, Farah Emeka, Justin Emeka	

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to approve the minutes from the May 19, 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	\$	80,422.61
201 Street CM&R Fund	\$	2,155.66
207 Police CPT Training	\$	800.00
401 Capital Improvement	\$	17,300.00
501 Water Fund	\$	63,399.81
502 Sewer Fund	\$	65,490.50
503 Electric Fund	\$	32,564.88
Power Bills	\$	475,904.78
504 Garbage Fund	\$	100.00
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	4,212.69
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	2,374.73
508 Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	520.00
Pay 11	\$	128,060.52
Total	\$	873,306.18

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

- Mayor Schneider
- Law Director Bond – Mr. Bond reported that he will be retiring at the end of the month. Mayor Schneider congratulated Mr. Bond on his retirement, and thanked him for his years of service to the Village. Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Rowland to accept Mr. Bond's retirement resignation, with regret. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Mr. Hartman thanked Mr. Bond for his time with the Village, and wished him well.
- Chief McPike – Nothing to report.
- Finance Director Pfeiffer – Nothing to report.
- Village Manager Greever – Mr. Greever stated that he would stand on his report, and offered to answer any questions. He answered questions from Mr. Bughman regarding sidewalk and yard damage by fiber installers. He answered questions from Mr. Hartman regarding TC Energy's gas line installation error on Village property.
- Main Street Wellington – MSW Director Arntz reported on new businesses, and their grand opening dates. She mentioned upcoming events including a Bee City Festival, Wild in Wellington, and July 3 and 4 festivities.

6. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Finance – Mr. Hartman reported that the committee will meet on July 16, prior to council. He mentioned that Council will meet for a work session on June 9.
- Police – Mr. Rowland reported that the committee will meet on July 16, prior to council.
- Public Works – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met this evening, prior to council. She mentioned that Supt. Brasee updated the committee on basic duties, including the mowing of eight weed letter properties, and reminded residents not to mow grass clippings into the streets. She mentioned that they were working with a leak detection company, as the Village is losing approximately 28,000 gallons per day. She further mentioned that 9 water leaks had been repaired, and reported that the roof on Fire Station #1 had been replaced. Mr. Hartman thanked the WFD for paying for one half of the roof

replacement on the Fire Station.

- Utility – Mr. Bughman reported that the committee met prior to council where Supt. Bealer updated the committee on the recent outage, which was due to an Ohio Edison drop, and the Electric Dept. hung over 100 Home Town Hero banners. He mentioned Supt. Love reported that 1,975 AMI meters have been installed, and the raw water line replacement will take place in 3-4 weeks. Mr. Bughman reported that WW Supt. Norton mentioned that US Screen is building an auger for the wastewater plant.
- Ordinance – Mr. Feron mentioned that the committee will meet on June 16 prior to council. He reported that the Cemetery Board have applied Wet and Forget on headstones at the W. Herrick Cemetery. He mentioned that the pollination garden was completed at the Cemetery, where plants were supplied by Hooks Greenhouse, with planting help from the Wellington Kiwanis.
- Personnel – Mr. Boham reported that the committee met prior to council. Motion by Boham, 2nd by Dronsfield to hire part time dispatcher Amanda Swanson at \$19.41 per hour, effective after passing testing. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.
- Council Work Session – Motion by Hartman, 2nd by Feron to hold a Council Work Session on June 9, at 5:00 PM in council chambers. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

(5 Minutes Per Person For Questions & Comments)

Oberlin Municipal Court's lead prosecutor Farah Emeka was in attendance to introduce herself to Village Council, as she won the November Democratic primary for Oberlin Municipal Court Judge. She will be on the ballot for November's general election. She told the audience about herself, answered questions from council, and asked for the Villages support on November 4. Mr. Hartman thanked her for being present in different settings, and invited her to come back to visit Wellington.

Wellington Kiwanis – Brian Burke reported that the Kiwanis put out 225 flags for Memorial Day weekend. He mentioned that 100% of the profits from the Parade of Flags goes to the Union School Park playground fund, which has approximately \$75,000. He thanked council for sponsoring the Parade of Flags.

8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance No. 2025-23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2025 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE/REFLECT CORRECTED CHANGES IN THE ANTICIPATED REVENUES, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

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

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

Tour of Fairground Facility – Mr. Bughman reported that they received a tour of the new fair building, which was impressive. Mr. Feron mentioned that the Fair Board has a lot of shows lined up, and Mr. Boham mentioned that the building is very large, approximately 66,000 sq. ft. There was some discussion concerning the new building.

11. ADJOURN – Motion by Feron, 2nd by Bughman to adjourn at 7:46 PM