

**Village of Wellington  
Council Minutes  
January 3, 2012  
Council Chambers**

**I. Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m.**

**II. MAYOR O'KEEFE- ROLL CALL :**

Council President Steve Maurer-present	Councilman Jeff Hyde-present
Councilwoman Sandy Denes-present	Councilman Hans Schneider-present
Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield-present	Councilman Guy Wells- present

Others Present: Village Manager Pyles, Law Director Bond, Public Works Superintendent Box, Electric Superintendent Gott, Water/Sewer Superintendent Rosemark, Police Chief Rollins, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk-Treasurer Webb, Finance Director Trainee, Shaw.

- **SWEARING IN OF MAYOR BARBARA O'KEEFE, COUNCILWOMAN HELEN DRONSFIELD AND COUNCILMAN STEVE MAURER.** Clerk-Treasurer Webb administered the oath of office.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES-**

Mr. Wells noted that he would like to clarify that his remarks at the last meeting urging restraint in dealing with proposals to amend the charter were in no way addressed at the specific proposal that had been raised, but were more in the nature of a general consideration. Motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to approve the minutes as amended. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**IV. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES- No Expenses**

**V. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**

- **Mayor O'Keefe** – no report
- **Clerk-Treasurer Webb-** no report
- **Solicitor Bond-** no report.
- **Police Chief Rollins-** Chief Rollins reported that on Monday morning, January 9<sup>th</sup>, the McCormick Middle School traffic pattern will return to the previous status of one-way traffic on each side of the school.
- **Village Administrator Pyles - Staff Reports** - Staff reports were included in the council packet. **Snow Parking Ban-**Mr. Pyles reminded residents they should not park on the streets if we have two or more inches of snow.

**NOMINATIONS FOR COUNCIL PRESIDENT-** Motion by Schneider, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to nominate Sandy Denes for Council President. Motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to close the nominations. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye". Vote was taken for the nomination of Sandy Denes for Council President, motion carried with all voting "aye".

▪ **MAYOR APPOINTMENTS:**

Mayor O'Keefe recommended the following appointments:

**Finance/Audit Committee:** Hyde, Maurer Dronsfield

**Police Committee:** Maurer, Hyde, Wells

**Public Works Committee:** Dronsfield, Schneider, Wells

**Utility Committee:** Denes, Schneider, Hyde

**Ordinance Committee:** Wells, Denes, Schneider

Motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to approve the committee appointments. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**Stephen Bond-Law Director.** Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to approve Stephen Bond as Law Director. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**Ambulance Board:** Maurer, alternate Schneider

**Fire Board:** Hyde, alternate Schneider

**Cemetery Board:** Dronsfield, alternate Maurer

Motion by Schneider, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to approve the board appointments. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**Zoning Inspector:** Morris Furcron.

Motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to approve the zoning inspector appointment. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**Community Improvement Corporation (CIC) - Helen Dronsfield.** Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyde to approve the CIC appointment. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Delbert Mohrman to 12/31/2016. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals appointment. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**Main Street Wellington:** Sandy Denes. Motion by Schneider, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyde to approve the Main Street Wellington appointment. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**Design Review Board:** Al Kimmich to 12/31/2016. Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to approve the Design Review Board appointment. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**Planning Commission:** Tom Cleary to 12/31/2016. Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyde to approve the Planning Commission appointment. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**Cable TV Commission:** Helen Dronsfield and Patti Young to 12/31/2013. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to approve the Cable TV Commission appointments. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "aye".

**Safety Committee:** Bob Box, Mark Rosemark, Kirk Gott, and Steve Pyles. Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to approve the Safety Committee appointment. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting “aye”.

## **VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

- **Finance/Audit Committee-** Councilman Hyde thanked the Finance Committee for their hard work. He noted that Village finances are in good shape and he looked forward to 2012. The next Finance Committee Meeting will be held on January 18, 2012 after the Council Meeting.
- **Wellington Fire District-** Councilman Hyde reported the Wellington Fire District had a good year. The department thanks Chief Bob Walker for his the many years of service. There will be a retirement open house for Chief Walker on January 7, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m. at the Wellington Eagles. The department welcomes Chief Wetherbee who took over duties on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The next Fire District meeting will be held on January 4, 2012 at the Kelly Street Fire Station at 7:00 p.m. The annual meeting will be held on January 29, 2012 at the Wellington Eagles.
- **Police Committee-** Councilman Maurer thanked the Police Committee. The next meeting will be held this evening after the Council Meeting.
- **South Lorain Ambulance Board-** Councilman Maurer noted that the district passed a levy this year. Their next meeting will be held on January 10, 2012, organizational meeting at 6:00 p.m. and regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. at ambulance headquarters.
- **Public Works Committee-** Councilwoman Dronsfield reported the Committee was very busy this year. A Downtown Grant was recently approved for improvements to the alley near the museum and Depot Street, Park Place paving/sewer work, and left turn lane signals at Rt. 58 & Rt18, as well as crosswalk signaling. Courtland Street improvements are being finalized with additional work to be completed in the spring. The Town Hall handicap access upgrades have begun in the Town Hall. The improvements will include a lift to access the Town Hall gym. Mrs. Dronsfield thanked the Committee, Bob Box and his crew for a successful year.
- **Wellington Union Cemetery-** Councilwoman Dronsfield noted that this year the board purchased addition property for cemetery expansion.
- **Utility Committee-** Councilman Denes thanked the Committee and all of Council for their hard work this year. The next meeting will be held on January 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Main Street Wellington** - Councilwoman Denes reported that their annual meeting will be held on January 26, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Steve Pyles will speak about Wellington’s “Green Energy Initiative”. The next Main Street Wellington board meeting will be held on January 11, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.
- **Ordinance Committee-** Councilman Wells thanked the Committee for their hard work. The next meeting was scheduled for this evening but will be cancelled for lack of agenda items. The next meeting will be held on February 6, 2012 after the Council Meeting.

## **VII. ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2011-50 A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE LORAIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT** **3<sup>RD</sup> READING**  
Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to table Resolution No. 2011-50. Ms. Denes will schedule a meeting with the Solid Waste Director to review the plan.

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-01 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PAYMENTS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF WELLINGTON'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE AMERICAN MUNICIPAL POWER GENERATING STATION.** **1<sup>ST</sup> READING**
- **ORDINANCE NO. 2012-02 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 165 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO PERSONAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS.** **1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

Council voiced concern about the duties of this legislation and specifics of the time lines. Law Director Bond noted that this legislation is defined by state law and Council may assign village official duties as necessary. The State Auditor brought this to light in the recent audit. Mr. Wells suggested the legislation be forwarded to the Ordinance Committee.

**XI. Old Business-**

**Next Meeting-** Mayor O'Keefe reminded everyone that the next meeting has been moved to January 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**XII. New Business-**

- **Main Street Wellington-** Virginia Mateer thanked the Village for all their assistance with the Main Street activities downtown. The public works department does a great job on making the downtown spectacular during the holidays. The next event will be the Chocolate Walk the first Saturday in February.
- **Mayor O'Keefe-** The Mayor thanked everyone for coming. She invited everyone to enjoy refreshments in the South Meeting Room with compliments of the O'Keefe family.

**XIII. Adjourn** Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dronsfield to adjourn. 7:20 p.m.

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Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor