

**Village of Wellington  
Council Minutes  
October 15, 2012  
Council Chambers**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor O'Keefe called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm

**II. ROLL CALL:**

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

Others Present: Village Manager Pyles, Finance Director Shaw, Law Director Bond, Electric Superintendent Bealer, Public Works Superintendent Brasee, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Rosemark, Police Chief Rollins, Police Sergeant Bryant, Fire Chief Wetherbee and Clerk Gundert.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -**

- **Approval of 10/01/12 Council Minutes** – Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to approve minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting as written. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting “yes”.

**IV. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES**

- Approval of expenses from 10/15/12.

101 General Fund	\$27,493.56
201 Street CM & R	2,896.35
204 Recreation	35.91
208 Permissive Tax	6,785.47
290 Caring Fund	0.00
291 Safety Services Mem.	0.00
401 Capital Improvements	22,503.01
501 Water	6,210.14
502 Sewer	26,674.21
503 Electric	20,959.43
503 Power Costs	40,326.28
504 Trash	25,175.95
505 Cable	0.00
508 Consumer Deposit	1701.92
Payroll	<u>83,130.26</u>
Total	\$263,892.49

Ms. Denes asked for clarification on some of the expenses. Mr. Pyles and the superintendents answered her questions. Motion was made by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to approve the expenses. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting “yes”.

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

- **Mayor O’Keefe** – Mayor O’Keefe reported that two different groups had requested to speak at tonight’s council meeting. **Issue 41 – Lorain County JVS Levy** - Darren Lewis and Sandy Todd, representatives from the Lorain County JVS spoke regarding the upcoming Issue 41 on the ballot. Issue 41 is a renewal tax levy to fund the Lorain County JVS. They both urged voters to support this levy. It is a renewal not a tax increase. Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to support passage of Issue 41, the renewal levy for Lorain, County JVS. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”. **Issue 48 – Wellington School Levy** – Tom Stannard, representative from the levy committee to replace McCormick Middle School. Mr. Stannard urged votes to pass this levy. The project to replace the middle school will be 37% funded by the state. The cost for a \$100,000 home would be approximately \$8.85 per month. If the levy passes the current McCormick Middle School will have the asbestos removed and then be torn down. This property will then become a park that will be named McCormick Park. Mr. Stannard asked the community and council to vote in support of Issue 48. Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to support passage of Issue 48, the Wellington School Levy. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting “yes”.
- **Police Chief Rollins** – nothing to report.
- **Clerk Gundert** – nothing to report.
- **Finance Director Shaw** - Ms. Shaw noted that her report was in tonight’s packet and asked if there were any questions. Ms. Dronsfield reported that she had brought two groups of third graders on a walking field trip to the Village of Wellington Town Hall this past week. She thanked Ms. Shaw for her assistance with these field trips.
- **Law Director Bond** – nothing to report.
- **Village Manager Pyles - Staff Reports** - Staff reports were included in the council packet. He stated that he or the superintendents would be happy to answer any questions. Mr. Pyles thanked everyone for their condolences in the death of his father last week. Ms. Dronsfield commented that Park Place looks very nice after the replacement of the street.

VII. **REPORTS OF COMMITTEE**

- **Finance/Audit Committee** – Mr. Hyde reported the Finance Committee met tonight after the utility meeting tonight. The committee discussed upgrading the software for the finance office. Installation will take place progressively starting in 2013. The committee reviewed job descriptions for the finance department but did not take any action on them. The next meeting will be following the utility meeting at the second meeting in November.
- **Police Committee** – Mr. Maurer reported that the minutes from the last meeting were in tonight’s packet. The next police committee meeting will be November 5<sup>th</sup> before the council meeting.
- **Ambulance Board** – Mr. Maurer reported minutes from the last board meeting were passed out tonight. The next ambulance board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the ambulance headquarters.
- **Public Works Committee** – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee will meet November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.
- **Utility Committee** – Ms. Denes reported that the committee met tonight before the council meeting. Information was given to the committee regarding unplanned repairs that are needed to the water plant. These repairs will cost about \$12,500. The committee will next meet on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm before the council meeting.
- **Main Street Wellington** – Ms. Denes reported that the Home Tour held by Main Street Wellington this past weekend was a huge success. Many people participated.

- **Fire Board** – Mr. Maurer and Mr. Hyde reported that the Wellington Fire Fighters will be holding the Annual Chili Cook Off on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 4:30 pm at the Eagles. All money raised will benefit Well-Help.
- **Ordinance Committee** – Mr. Wells reported that the Ordinance Committee is scheduled to meet after the public works and police committee but before council on November 5<sup>th</sup>. However there are no items on the agenda at this time.
- **Cable Commission** – Mr. Wells reported that a meeting for the Cable Commission has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at the Police Auxiliary Building on Johns Street.

**VIII. ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS**

- **ORDINANCE NO 2012-35**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2006-51 ADOPTING THE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM MINIMUM MONTHLY COMPENSATION RELATIVE TO COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR, COUNCIL PRESIDENT, AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyde to approve the second reading of Ordinance No 2012-35(substituted version) as read. Vote was taken, motion passed with the following votes: Denes – yes, Dronsfield – yes, Hyde – yes, Maurer – yes, Schneider – yes, Wells – no.

- **ORDINANCE NO 2012-36**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO COUNCIL MEETINGS AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to approve the second reading of Ordinance No 2012-35 as read. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”.

- **ORDINANCE NO 2012-37**  
RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance No 2012-37 as an emergency. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to pass Ordinance no 2012-37 as written. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”.

- **ORDINANCE NO 2012-38**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Mr. Maurer explained that this ordinance along with the next ordinance will need to have the rules suspended and be passed as an emergency. This is because of time lines with the budget commission and the money needs to be appropriated in order to pay expenses.

Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance No 2012-38 as an emergency. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to pass Ordinance No 2012-38 as written. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”.

- **ORDINANCE NO 2012-39**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2012 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE BY AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN FUNDS AND APPROPRIATIONS AS NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR IN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance No 2012-39 as an emergency. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”. Motion by Schneider, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to pass Ordinance No 2012-39 as written. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- **Trick or Treat** – Mayor O’Keefe reminded residents that Trick or Treat will be held on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 pm in the Village. This time has been set as a countywide time so that all communities have trick or treat at the same time.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Allen Kimmich** – Allen Kimmich requested to speak regarding Issue 60. Mr. Kimmich is has been a member of the BPA, councilman, Railroad Committee and Charter Commission. As a member of the Charter Commission, he was involved in the long process of drafting a charter. He spoke in favor of the charter. He also spoke on the Charter Amendment, Issue 60. This charter amendment is written to stop, delay or confuse the Route 58 underpass project. He urged voters to trust the people that have been voted into office to make the decisions regarding this project. He urged Wellington voters to vote NO on Issue 60.

**XI. Adjourn** Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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Mayor