

**Village of Wellington  
Council Minutes  
November 5, 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, Fire Chief Wetherbee, Zoning Inspector Furcron and Clerk Gundert.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -**

- **Approval of 10/15/12 Council Minutes** – Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to approve minutes of the October 15, 2012 meeting as written. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting “yes”.

**IV. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES**

- Approval of expenses from 11/05/12.

101 General Fund	\$33,474.65
201 Street CM & R	1,961.06
205 Police Pension	1,508.26
208 Permissive Tax	3,108.06
401 Capital Improvements	9,747.00
501 Water	19,257.22
502 Sewer	10,209.10
503 Electric	33,951.73
503 Power Costs	376,194.44
508 Consumer Deposit	1,600.00
Payroll	<u>166,899.99</u>
Total	\$657,911.51

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

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

- **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. Shaw reported that her weekly conference call with RITA was postponed because they were without power most of the week. However, everything is on schedule with them. She is working on the budget. Ms. Shaw reported that the Village’s cost for hospitalization is increasing next year. She has not heard back from the CPA regarding the corrections and he has assured her he will have corrections to her by the end of the year.

- **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 reported on the storm damage from last week. There was an interruption of power from First Energy for over 3 hours on Monday night. There were also a few local isolated electric issues. The Village employees worked together to get all issues resolved and the Village weather the storm fairly well compared to other areas. Leaf pickup continues on a daily basis. Residents are reminded to keep the leaves in the tree lawn and Mr. Pyles stressed to keep them out of the street. Also please keep the branches separate from the leaf piles to make pick up easier. Police Chief Rollins has been talking to people who put leaves in the street. If it continues, citations will be issued. Mr. Pyles also reported that although they were unable to attend the annual AMP meeting, the Village did receive an Environmental Stewardship Award. This is for our solar zero carbon vehicle project. Mr. Wells inquired if there was an update on the solar project. Mr. Pyles reported the company has almost completed the first project. He is hoping this will move future projects forward. Mr. Hyde, along with the mayor and all members of council, praised and thanked the Village superintendents and village workers for their response to the storm last week. Ms. Denes also thanked Superintendent Rosemark for his efforts to reduce overtime costs in his department.

## VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

- **Finance/Audit Committee** – Mr. Hyde reported the Finance Committee will meet prior to the council meeting but after the public works committee meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Fire Board** – Mr. Hyde reported the Fire Board will meet this Wednesday at 7pm at the Fire Station. Mr. Hyde thanked Chief Wetherbee and the fire department for their successful efforts with the Chili Cook-off held this past weekend. Chief Wetherbee reported approximately \$1700 had been raised to benefit Well Help.
- **Planning Commission** – Mr. Hyde reported that the planning commission will meet on November 28 at 8:30 am in council chambers if needed.
- **Police Committee** – Mr. Maurer reported that the committee met before the council meeting tonight. Chief Rollins informed the committee that the Maureen Cole has successfully completed her probationary period. Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyde to end the 6 months probation period for part time police dispatcher Maureen Cole and increase her pay by \$.30 per hour effective 11/10/12. Vote was taken, motion carried with all voting “yes”.
- **Ambulance Board** – Mr. Maurer reported the next ambulance board meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the ambulance headquarters. Mr. Maurer also reported that he, Council President Denes, Chief Wetherbee, Ambulance Director Wilkinson, and Dave Knapp attended the Beautification Awards Ceremony. Unfortunately the Safety Forces Memorial did not receive an award.
- **Public Works Committee** – Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee met tonight before the council meeting. The committee discussed a recap of the 2012 projects completed by the Public Works Department. Ms. Dronsfield provided a brief recap of some of the projects on this list. The committee also discussed foremen positions for the public works department and electric department. Motion by Dronsfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to recommend Joe Brasee for the Foreman – Lines and Right of Way position within the Electric Department with a pay increase from \$24.23 to \$25.25 per hour effective 11/10/12. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”. Motion by Dronsfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to recommend Brian Howk for the Foreman – Lines & Technology position within the Electric Department with a pay increase from \$24.05 to \$25.55 per hour effective 11/10/12. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”. Ms. Dronsfield explained that the committee felt it was important to have a person in charge of each crew when they are out in the Village working. Motion by Dronsfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to recommend Kurt Linden for the Foreman – Water position within the Public Works Department with a pay increase from \$19.64 to \$22.00 per hour as of

11/10/12. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”. Motion by Dronsfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to recommend John Honoshofsky for the Foreman – Streets position with the Public Works Department with a pay increase from \$23.48 to \$24.00 per hour as of 11/10/12.

Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”. Ms. Dronsfield congratulated these employees on their new positions. These employees have worked for the Village for many years and have proven themselves to be very valuable and reliable employees.

- **Utility Committee** – Ms. Denes reported that the committee will meet on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm before the council meeting.
- **Main Street Wellington** – Ms. Denes reported that Main Street will meet on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 am. Ms. Denes has received two Thank you Cards from Ms. Holmes 1<sup>st</sup> grade PSR class at St. Patrick’s Church thanking council for what they do. They are doing a lesson on public service.
- **Ordinance Committee** – Mr. Wells reported that the Ordinance Committee was scheduled to meet tonight however there were no items on the agenda and the meeting was cancelled. The next meeting the Committee will begin to address the changes to the Farmer’s Market. Mr. Wells requested Ms. Denes to inform Main Street Wellington that this subject will be discussed at this meeting. Mr. Hyde requested Ms. Gundert get copies of information that was provided by the Planning & Zoning Office on this subject and include it with the agenda for this meeting.
- **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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyde to approve the third reading of Ordinance No 2012-35 as written. 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

**3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Ms. Gundert inquired what date council wanted this ordinance to be effective as of. Council would like it to be effective as of the next meeting which is scheduled for November 19, 2012. Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to approve the third reading of Ordinance No 2012-35 as read. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting “yes”.

- **ORDINANCE NO 2012-40**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CREATIVE  
MICROSYSTEMS, INC, FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT IN  
THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Ms. Shaw requested that this ordinance be passed as an emergency. The deadline for this quote was originally October 31, 2012. However they have extended the deadline until November 15, 2012 to allow council to pass this ordinance and take advantage of the lower pricing. Motion by Dronsfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance No 2012-40 as an emergency because of the quote deadline. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting "yes". Motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to pass Ordinance No 2012-40 as written. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting "yes".

- **ORDINANCE NO 2012-41**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS AND THE ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO FOR THE ROUTE 58 UNDERPASS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE. **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyde to suspend the rules and pass Ordinance No 2012-41 as an emergency. Vote was taken, motion passed with the following votes: Denes – yes, Dronsfield –no, Hyde – yes, Maurer – yes, Schneider – yes, Wells – yes. Motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to pass Ordinance No 2012-41 as written. Mayor O’Keefe asked if there were any questions regarding this ordinance. Mr. Schneider asked Ms. Dronsfield about the cost amounts that have been included in the campaign literature from the Committee for the Right to Vote (Issue 60 Yes Campaign). Ms Dronsfield supplied the answers for where this committee took their information. These figures were taken from 9/17/12 Council minutes, the 9/13/12 edition of the Wellington Enterprise, and the TRACT website. Council members discussed the cost of this project and the accuracy of any cost figures. Vote was taken, motion passed with the following votes: Denes – yes, Dronsfield –no, Hyde – yes, Maurer – yes, Schneider – yes, Wells – yes.

Ms. Denes, on behalf of council members, thanked Fire Chief Wetherbee and the Fire District, all the surrounding Township Trustees, the Keep Wellington Moving Committee, the Southern Lorain County Ambulance District and Mr. Pyles for moving this project forward.

- IX. **OLD BUSINESS** - nothing
- X. **NEW BUSINESS** - nothing
- XI. **Adjourn** Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Clerk of Council

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Mayor