

Village of Wellington  
Council Minutes  
March 18, 2013  
Council Chambers

(Revised April 1, 2013)

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor O’Keefe called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:35 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Others Present: Village Manager Pyles, Finance Director Shaw, Law Director Bond, Public Works Superintendent Brasee, Electric Superintendent Bealer, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Rosemark, Police Chief Rollins, Main Street Wellington (MSW) Executive Director Mike Eppley, Public Works Secretary Christa O’Brien and Zoning Inspector Furcron.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Approval of Council Minutes**-Ms. Denes asked that the March 4<sup>th</sup> minutes be amended to reflect the following correction (in bold). Under the report for the Utility Committee the following sentence should read “She stated that the minutes from the **February** 19<sup>th</sup> meeting were in the Council packets.” Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting as amended. Roll call vote was taken, motion carried with all voting “yes”.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Approval of expenses from 03/18/13.

101 General Fund	\$ 48,771.80
201 Street CM & R	\$ 1,621.20
290 Caring Fund	\$ 100.00
401 Capital Improvements	\$ 839.45
501 Water	\$ 8,827.94
502 Sewer	\$ 13,715.36
503 Electric	\$ 25,932.42
***Power Bills	\$ 29,282.89
504 Trash	\$ 25,683.97
505 Cable	\$ 0.00
508 Consumer Deposits	\$ 600.00
Pay #05	<u>\$ 82,024.62</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 237,399.65</u></u>

Motion was made by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dronsfield to approve the expenses. Roll call vote was taken, motion carried with all voting “yes”.

## 5. COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS:

- **Law Director Bond**-nothing to report
- **Police Chief Rollins**-nothing to report
- **Finance Director Shaw**-Ms. Shaw mentioned that her report was in the packet and she would answer any questions. She reminded Council and the public that R.I.T.A. would be at Town Hall on Tuesday, March 26th from noon until 4 pm to assist taxpayers with their returns.
- **Village Manager Pyles**-Mr. Pyles told Council that they have his report and his superintendents' reports and would be happy to answer any questions. Mr. Maurer had a question about his meeting with the reporter and the Fire Chief regarding the gasoline spill. Mr. Pyles said that his report had an error and it should have stated Chief Wetherbee and not Chief Walker. Mr. Pyles also made the public aware that there was a company doing mass mailings in Wellington soliciting for natural gas and electricity. He reminded everyone of Wellington's ordinance that the Village is the sole source of electricity for the residents. Last, Mr. Pyles stated that the chipper would be going around the Village within the next week depending on the weather.

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- **Finance**-Mr. Hyde reported that the Finance Committee met after the Utility Committee meeting tonight. He thanked Ms. Shaw for getting the non-posting errors corrected and mentioned there were ordinances on tonight's agenda regarding these corrections. Mr. Maurer requested that Ms. Shaw and the Mayor send a letter to Costin and Company thanking them for their help with various issues. Mr. Hyde stated that the committee discussed cost of living increases for employees. Motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells that for the year 2013 all employees be given a 2% cost of living increase and after that is applied, a \$.30 per hour increase effective the first pay period in April. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "yes". Also, motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to appoint Christa O'Brien as Village of Wellington Clerk of Council effective immediately. A roll call vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "yes". Mr. Hyde also mentioned that the Fire Board meeting for July has been changed and he will update Council later as to the exact date and time.
- **Police**-Mr. Maurer stated that the Police Committee met prior to Council on March 4<sup>th</sup> and that the minutes were in the Council packets. The committee will meet again prior to the Council meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>. He also mentioned that the Ambulance Board's February meeting minutes were in the Council packets. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the ambulance headquarters.
- **Public Works**-Mr. Schneider reported that the Public Works Committee met before the Council meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> and the minutes were in tonight's packet. He also stated that the next meeting will be April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm.
- **Utility**-Ms. Denes reported that the Utility Committee met tonight at 6:00 p.m. before the Council meeting. She stated that the Wellington softball representatives came to the meeting with their bid for the snack bar operation. Motion was made by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to accept the Ohio Girls Softball Organization's proposal to operate the Village of Wellington Rec Park snack bar. A vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "yes". She reported that Mr. Pyles' gave an update on replacing the phone system. She also mentioned that Mr. Pyles was asked to report back to the committee with additional information on AMP's peaking plant project. Additionally, Calvin Woods of the Chamber of Commerce made a presentation to the committee regarding the "Follow the Fish" public relations campaign. Nothing was decided by the committee, and they asked Mr. Woods to keep them updated and report back to them should he get additional information. The next Utility Committee meeting will be April 15<sup>th</sup>. Regarding MSW, she stated that Mike Eppley would be speaking later in the meeting regarding their upcoming events.

- **Ordinance**-Mr. Wells reported that the Ordinance Committee met prior to the March 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting and that the minutes were in tonight's Council packets. He stated that the committee will meet again on April 1<sup>st</sup> to continue the discussion regarding vacant buildings in the downtown area. He requested that the members read the pages of information that had been provided by Ms. Denes at the last committee meeting prior to the next meeting. He also mentioned that he and Ms. Dronsfield had attended a Cable Commission meeting earlier in the day. Discussions centered on options for creating Village related content for distribution through Channel 12 or through alternative methods. They will meet again on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Mr. Maurer asked if anyone from GLWB had attended. Mr. Wells said that with the exception of Roger Hyde and the commission members, no one else attended.

## 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2013 - 08**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to suspend the rules. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting "yes". Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to pass Ordinance No 2013-08 as read, as an emergency. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting "yes".

- **ORDINANCE NO. 2013 – 09**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS OF REVENUES GENERATED BY THE SALE OF FORFEITED VEHICLES AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE **1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to suspend the rules. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting "yes". Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to pass Ordinance No 2013-09 as read, as an emergency. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting "yes".

- **RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TONYA D. SMITH**

Mayor O'Keefe read a resolution of commendation in recognition of Tonya D. Smith's many years of service with the Village of Wellington. Ms. Smith retired from the Utilities department as Office Manager on December 28, 2012. Ms. Dronsfield commented that Ms. Smith will be missed and that she had done a very good job. Ms. Shaw stated that she will see that Ms. Smith gets the framed copy of her resolution.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Denes asked Mr. Pyles about Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway's progress on the cleaning of the tracks. Mr. Pyles stated that there appeared to have been some cleaning and he hoped that more would be done. Mayor O'Keefe asked if anything had been done about "No Parking" signs on Orchard Lane. Chief Rollins stated that he was working on it.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

Mike Eppley of MSW updated the Council on their 2013 calendar events and stated that the brochure listing these was being printed. He reported that they had ordered LED lights for the Christmas decorations. He also stated that MSW and the Dukes Running Club were partnering together for a new fund raiser. It will be called the Wellington Run for Life 5k and 10k race to be held in October. Ms. Denes asked him or Mr. Pyles if they had any more information on the

Farmers Market as she had heard the location was being moved to the middle school. No one knew the location for sure but it would still take place on Friday evenings.

Mr. Rosemark asked to address the Council on behalf of his employees. He thanked the Council for their deliberations and action regarding employee raises and stated that he would relay their decision to his employees. He also thanked AARP for their work that they do on taxes for the Village residents. The Mayor mentioned that this program was under the direction of Sheila Holmes with the aid of Marla Lent.

**10. ADJOURN-** Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyde to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

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Deputy Clerk

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Mayor