

**Village of Wellington
Council Minutes
April 1, 2013
Council Chambers**

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, Attorney Todd Baumgartner, Public Works Superintendent Brasee, Electric Superintendent Bealer, Water/Wastewater Superintendent Rosemark, Police Sgt. Palter Bryant, Main Street Wellington (MSW) Executive Director Mike Eppley, Clerk of Council O’Brien, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Enterprise Reporter Cait Wasmundt.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Approval of Council Minutes-** Mr. Wells asked that the March 18th minutes be amended to reflect the following correction (in bold). Under the report for the Ordinance Committee the following sentence should read. Discussions centered on options for creating Village related content for **distribution through** Channel 12 or through alternative methods. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Maurer to approve the minutes of the March 18, 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>\$ 237,399.65</u>

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

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

- **Police Sergeant Bryant**-nothing to report
- **Mr. Baumgartner**-nothing to report
- **Finance Director Shaw**-Ms. Shaw mentioned that her report was in the packet and she would answer any questions. She mentioned that Income Tax Revenues were in and the village was on schedule for increased revenue. She reported that they had 6 filers for the R.I.T.A. Assistance Day and that an auditor from R.I.T.A. delivered SAE and advised her that tax payers can mail a copy of their W-2 and Federal Tax Return to R.I.T.A. and they will figure the taxes for them.
- **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. Schneider asked about the Allied trash strike, Mr. Pyles reported that a representative from Allied believed the strike was a one day affair and the regular trash pickup would be delayed a day. April 8th will be the ground breaking ceremony for the underpass at 10:00 AM at the old Eagles parking lot. Brush chipping continues the 1st and 3rd full weeks of the month.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- **Finance**-Mr. Hyde reported that the Finance Committee met prior to Council on March 4th and minutes from the last meeting are in the council packet. The committee will meet on April 15th. Fire board meeting is Weds. April 3, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Kelly St. Fire Station.
- **Police**-Mr. Maurer stated that the Police Committee met prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Maurer noted that the new police cruiser was expected to arrive within the next couple of days. Mr. Maurer reported that newly hired part time dispatcher Julie Baker resigned. Mr. Maurer made a motion to accept the resignation of part time dispatcher Julie Baker and to hire part time dispatchers Laura Gibson and Alyssa Jordan both as soon as possible at a starting rate of \$13.00 per hour. 2nd by Schneider. Vote was taken, motion passed with all voting "yes". Mr. Maurer made a motion to hire Joseph Sprouse as a part time officer to begin as soon as possible at a starting rate of \$15.00 per hour. 2nd by Denes. Vote was taken motion passed with all voting "yes". Mr. Maurer stated that another Part time officer was being considered for employment. He will revisit the matter at the next meeting. He reported that the next Ambulance board meeting will be held on April 9th at 7:00 PM.
- **Public Works**-Mr. Schneider reported that the Public Works Committee met prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Schneider stated the concrete alley proposal was accepted and work will begin after all utility improvements have been made. Columbia Gas will be billed \$7,500 for their portion of alley repairs. Mr. Schneider also reported that a mowing proposal was made and commented on the advantageous Rec. Park project list scheduled for the summer. Mr. Schneider thanked Mr. Brasee for all of his efforts of keeping his committee informed and for all of the work he and his men do. Mr. Schneider noted that the next Public Works Committee meeting would be May 6, 2013 at 6:00 PM.
- **Utility**-Ms. Denes reported that the Utility Committee met March 18th and the minutes from that meeting were in the council packet. The next Utility Committee meeting is Monday April 15, 2013 at 6:00 PM.
- **Ordinance**-Mr. Wells reported that the Ordinance Committee met prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Wells stated that the committee discussed vacant properties and had hand outs about vacant buildings in other communities that outlined their approach to the problem. Discussions will resume at the next ordinance committee meeting on May 6, 2013.

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mike Eppley of MSW reported that the Gazebo Garden Walk will be next month and the flowers downtown would be planted within the next couple of weeks. He informed council that they will have an Intern that will be working for them his summer whose wages will be paid by the Nord Foundation.

Mr. Schneider reminded council of the joint meeting with the Township and the Cemetery Board and asked Ms. Shaw to please invite them to the next Finance Committee meeting April 15th.

10. ADJOURN- Motion by Maurer to adjourn at 7:53 pm.

Clerk of Council

Mayor