

**Village of Wellington
Council Meeting Minutes**

Barbara O'Keefe, Mayor

**Council: President Jeff Hyde, Sandy Denes, Helen Dronsfield,
Steve Maurer, Hans Schneider, Guy Wells**

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Council Chambers

Monday May 20, 2013

7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Others present – Mayor O'Keefe, Village Manager Pyles, Finance Director Shaw, Public Works Supt. Brasee, Electric Supt. Bealer, Water/WW Supt. Rosemark, Police Chief Rollins, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Cait Wasmundt.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion by Wells, 2nd by Schneider to approve minutes of the May 6, 2013 meeting. Roll call vote was taken motion carried with all voting "yes".

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

101 GEN	\$ 31,370.04
201 Street CM&R	\$ 5,510.73
211 Cemetery	\$ 12,027.99
401 Capital Improvements (police car incl'd)	\$ 69,377.12
501 Water	\$ 16,724.51
502 Sewer	\$ 20,622.99
503 Electric	\$ 29,406.58
****Power Bills	\$470,761.86
504 Trash	\$ 21,920.97
508 Consumer Deposits	\$ 2,565.94
802 Fire Loss Escrow	\$ 5,990.00
Pay 10	\$ 85,996.75
Total	\$772,275.48

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hyde to approve the expenses. Roll call vote was taken, motion carried with all voting "yes".

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

- Mayor O'Keefe – Mayor O'Keefe reported that Pride Day was a success, not only in the village but the surrounding townships. She mentioned that she was very happy to have the village involved in the event.
- Law Director Bond - Absent
- Police Chief Rollins – Nothing to report
- Finance Director Shaw – Ms. Shaw stated that her report was in the packet, she mentioned that line item #7 (Collection Procedures) from her report will need to be discussed at a Finance Committee Meeting. Ms. Shaw also mentioned that three to

four Auditors would be back for two days beginning May 29th. Ms. Denes questioned line item #6 (Outstanding lot mowing bills) on the Finance Directors report, and asked Ms. Shaw to bring council up to date on her research. Ms. Shaw explained that the 2011 outstanding lot mowing bills did not get put on the tax bill in 2012, however, she would get the outstanding lot mowing bills, assessments for Courtland St., and the house that was taken down on Barker St., onto the tax bills for this year. Mr. Maurer asked Mr. Brasee about the status of weed letters and when the village would begin mowing these lots. Mr. Brasee explained that his department had begun mowing lots; Mayor O'Keefe had a question about a specific lot on N. Main St.; Mr. Brasee stated that he would send a letter to the property owner. Ms. Shaw mentioned that there was a fire escrow payment made for the house that the school bought on N. Main St.; she reported that it was less the outstanding mowing bills which were not paid for in previous years.

- Village Manager Pyles – Mr. Pyles reported that his report was in the packet. Ms. Dronsfield questioned #2 on Mr. Pyles report regarding the Eastlake peaking project whether or not it would affect the village. Mr. Pyles stated that it would not have any affect on the village in the short term. Mr. Pyles reminded residents; do not blow grass clippings into the street, it plugs storm sewer outlets and creates storm water issues. He stated that the village has an ordinance in place; if an officer witnesses a resident mowing grass into the street, the resident can be issued a citation. Mr. Pyles reported that he met with the representative from the Efficiency \$mart program and they are going to offer the village approximately \$4,000 in rebates for the LED streetlight project. He mentioned that the Electric Dept. had re-lamped a portion of the Rec. Park with the LED's; Mr. Pyles mentioned that the village could possibly receive more rebates for that project. Mayor O'Keefe asked Mr. Pyles when the Splash Pad would be open; Mr. Pyles assured her that it would be open Memorial Day weekend. Ms. Denes asked if the village could make copies of the ordinance regarding leaves and grass in the street to hand out to residents. Mr. Maurer asked Mr. Brasee about brush pick up; Mr. Brasee reported that his department picks up brush the first full week of the month and the 3rd weeks; he also reported that his department does not collect grass clippings from the curb lawns.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hyde reported that Finance Committee will meet prior to Council on June 3rd and the Fire Board meeting minutes were handed out before the Council meeting. He stated that the Fire Board will meet again on June 5, 2013 at 7:00 PM.
- Police – Mr. Maurer reported that the Police Committee met before the Council meeting. Mr. Maurer made a motion to direct Mr. Bond to draw up an Ordinance to list old cruiser 960, and two other Crown Vic's that are no longer in service on govdeals.com, with the funds to go to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, 2nd by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all voting "yes". Mr. Maurer made a motion to remove PT Officer John Dunegan from probation, as recommended by Chief Rollins, 2nd by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all voting "yes". Mr. Maurer reported that the new cruiser was in service, he also reported that the Ambulance Board would meet on June 11, 2013 at 7:00 PM.
- Public Works – Mr. Schneider reported that the minutes from the last meeting were in the packet, and that the Public Works Committee will meet again on June 3, 2013 at 6:00 PM.
- Utility – Ms. Denes reported that the Utility Committee met before the Council meeting. Ms. Denes mentioned that the village had received grant money from the Ohio Public Works Commission for improvements to the Waste Water Treatment Plant; the generator that was ordered is in and will be in place in the next several weeks. Ms. Denes made a motion to trade in a 1970's model tow motor for a 2005 model at a cost of \$8,500.00, which is a total purchase price of \$9,500.00 with a

- \$1,000.00 trade in allowance from ESS in Medina, 2nd by Maurer. Roll call vote was taken with all voting “yes”. Ms. Denes made a motion to trade in a 1980’s model brush hog for a brand new model from Wellington Implement; purchase price is \$5,497.00 with a trade in allowance of \$1,000 with a final price of \$4,497.00, 2nd by Maurer. Roll call vote was taken with all voting “yes”. Ms. Denes made a motion to end the probationary period and to terminate employment for Electric Dept. employee Anthony Ernandes effective at the end of the work day on May 21, 2013, 2nd by Maurer. Roll call vote was taken with all voting “yes”. Ms. Denes mentioned that Main Street Wellington had a very successful Gazebo Garden Walk.
- Ordinance – Mr. Wells reported that the Ordinance Committee met before the Council meeting, and that the next meeting will be June 3, 2013 before the Council meeting. (Note correction: per the minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting, the Ordinance Committee will meet on June 17, 2013 prior to the Council meeting) Mr. Wells reported that the committee is still in discussion about the vacant commercial buildings downtown and stated that Main Street Wellington will be performing a survey of the downtown properties. Mr. Wells also reported that there was a discussion of parking on Park Place; there was no action taken on the subject. Mr. Wells mentioned that Ms. Dronsfield and he attended a Cable Commission meeting the previous week and reported that there was continued discussion on a proposal that was being developed for creating locally originated content for Channel 12 or other channels of distribution. The next Cable Commission meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2013 at 2:00 PM in the Police Auxiliary building.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- **RESOLUTION NO. 2013-14**
 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WELLINGTON EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE TRANSITION AND EVENTUAL TRANSFER TO THE VILLAGE OF THE McCORMICK MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTY **2nd Reading**
 Motion by Hyde to approve the second reading of Resolution No. 2013-14, 2nd by Maurer. Roll call vote was taken with all voting “yes”.
- **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-15**
 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR THE ZONING INSPECTOR, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE **1st Reading**
 Motion by Denes to suspend the rules, 2nd by Schneider. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”. Motion by Wells to approve Ordinance No. 2013-15 as read, 2nd by Denes. Roll call vote was taken with all voting “yes”.

8. OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Denes asked Mr. Furcron the status of Irish’s Market: Mr. Pyles reported that he was still in discussions with the owner concerning the building.
- Mr. Furcron reported that he checked on the status of the camper at 408 W. Herrick and found no one living in it. Mr. Furcron stated that he will be sending a notice to the owner to have the camper plated or removed.
- Mr. Furcron reminded residents to obtain a permit for the installation of all swimming pools; the village has an Ordinance pertaining to the placement of swimming pools on the property. Permits may be obtained at the Zoning Office on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall.
- Mr. Schneider reminded residents, do not attach garage sale signs to the electric poles or place them in the tree lawns; they will be removed by the Zoning Inspector.

- Mr. Furcron mentioned that there were places throughout the village that needed tiding up. Mr. Furcron urged residents to clean up properties voluntarily or notices would be mailed for property clean up. Mayor O'Keefe reminded residents that the first garbage pick up of the month was for large item pick up, and residents could eliminate large amounts of trash on that day.
- Mayor O'Keefe asked who was responsible for the upkeep and mowing of the entrance signs throughout the village; Mr. Pyles explained that the Chamber of Commerce was responsible for the entrance signs, with the exception of the sign that sits on village property, which is maintained by the village. Mayor O'Keefe suggested that someone look after the sign at the entrance south of town, it was in need of attention.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor O'Keefe mentioned that she had a gentleman approach her about displaying an antique hearse in the square during the Memorial Day weekend. There was some discussion concerning the issue.
- Mr. Rosemark reminded residents that hydrant flushing would begin May 28th and would continue for the next couple of weeks. Mr. Rosemark mentioned that some water discoloration was normal during flushing; residents should run the water several minutes and it should clear. If residents have any questions or concerns direct them to the Water Plant at 647-3164. Mr. Rosemark explained that flushing was a requirement and necessary for the water quality throughout the village.
- Ms. Denes mentioned the fax from Tom Kelley, Emergency Management for Lorain County which were included in the packet. She asked Clerk O'Brien to submit all of the council members email addresses to Mr. Kelly.
- Ms. Denes expressed to Ms. Dronsfield her appreciation for the Cemetery Board minutes and asked Ms. Dronsfield if the minutes could be included in the Council Packets from this point forward. Ms. Dronsfield responded yes, and mentioned that the Cemetery Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM at the Cemetery.

10. ADJOURN

Motion by Denes, 2nd by Hyde to adjourn at 7:55 PM