

**Village of Wellington
Council Meeting Minutes
Barbara O'Keefe, Mayor
Council: President Jeff Hyde, Sandy Denes, Helen Dronsfield,
Steve Maurer, Hans Schneider, Guy Wells**

Revised 11/18/13

Council Chambers	Monday November 4, 2013	7:30 p.m.
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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor O'Keefe called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance

2. **ROLL CALL**

Council President Jeff Hyde – Present Councilman Steve Maurer – Present
 Councilwoman Sandy Denes – Present Councilman Hans Schneider – Present
 Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield – Present Councilmen Guy Wells – Present
 Others Present – Mayor O'Keefe, Village Manager Pyles, Finance Director Shaw, Law Director Bond, Electric Superintendent Bealer, Public Works Superintendent Brasee, Police Chief Rollins, Water/Waste Water Superintendent Rosemark, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Cait Wasmundt, and residents Mark Bughman, and Ted Hyde.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Hyde, 2nd by Denes to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2013 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

4. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Ms. Denes asked about payments to Lewis Plumbing, Mr. Brasee explained that one of the bills was a sewer repair on Hale St. and the other was a yearly service contract, and repairs to heating and cooling repairs.

101 GEN	\$	47,954.46
201 STREET	\$	1,885.80
205 Police Pension	\$	1,508.25
208 Permissive Tax	\$	2,254.50
301 SPC Assess	\$	10,300.00
401 Capital Improvements	\$	864.88
501 Water	\$	10,235.97
502 Sewer	\$	23,436.97
503 Elect	\$	22,228.36
Power Bills		
504 Garbage		
505 Cable Fund		
508 Consumer Deposits	\$	756.93
Pay 22 of 26	\$	82,334.14
Total	\$	203,759.69

Motion by Wells, 2nd by Denes, roll call vote was taken with all members voting “yes”.

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

- Mayor O'Keefe
- Law Director Bond
- Police Chief Rollins
- Finance Director Shaw – Ms. Shaw mentioned that her report was included in the packet. She reported that she was working on the budget for next year. She also reported that she had qualifications for Mr. Pyles to review for the Prosecutor. She mentioned that she had prepared numbers for holiday pays which were included in her report. Mr. Maurer mentioned that he would be in contact with Ms. Shaw to

discuss the numbers.

- Village Manager Pyles – Mr. Pyles mentioned that his report and his superintendent's reports were in the packet. Mr. Pyles reported that the Main St. sidewalk will be replaced and reopened in a couple of weeks. He reported that there would be another "partnering meeting" held before the end of the year. Mr. Pyles mentioned that the water line has been completed, the sanitary sewer has been completed, and they were currently working on the storm sewer on Clay St. Mr. Pyles mentioned that in Mr. Rosemark's report there was a mention of the usage of the valve exercising machine. Mr. Pyles explained that the machine was used to extract filter media from a filter at the Water Plant. This had been contracted out in previous years, saving the village approximately \$2,000.00. He also mentioned that the alternative energy ordinance would need to have a public hearing and encouraged council to schedule a hearing for a future meeting. Mr. Maurer thanked Mr. Pyles and the superintendents for working together on projects saving the village thousands of dollars annually. Ms. Dronsfield asked Mr. Pyles about the Christmas lights meeting mentioned in his report; Mr. Pyles explained the Chamber and Main Street Wellington held a group meeting. He reported that the Chamber had purchased wreathes to be hung on the short light poles, and that they would like to put decorations on the large tree which is lit in front of the Town Hall. He reported that the two groups were working together to make the Christmas lighting more than it was last year. Ms. Dronsfield asked when the men would be putting the lights up; Mr. Pyles explained that there would be a lighting ceremony after Thanksgiving during the "Shop Local" event.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance – Mr. Hyde mentioned that the minutes from the last meeting were included in the packet and the committee would meet again on November 18th before council. He also mentioned that the Fire Board would meet on November 6th, and reported that the Chili Cook off was a great success. Mr. Hyde reported that the Planning Commission had met and heard presentations about the new middle school, Harrison Ford, and the Wellington Township building. Mr. Maurer asked about Harrison Ford; Mr. Hyde explained that they will be expanding their service bay. Ms. Denes asked about the Family Dollar, Mr. Hyde explained that the building was part of an estate which is currently in probate.
- Police – Mr. Maurer reported that the committee had met before the council meeting. He mentioned that the police cruiser had been sold on govdeals.com for \$1,200.00 to Notre Dame Collage Police Department. He reported that the Police Department had collected 80.8 lbs. of prescription drugs on turn in day, and approximately 1800 lbs county wide. Mr. Maurer made a motion with regrets, to accept the resignation of Officer Jeremy Carter effective Oct. 31, 2013, 2nd by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Mr. Maurer made a motion to follow Chief Rollins recommendations to hire two part time officers, Russell Varga, to begin upon approval, and Richard Kneisel to begin the first of December, both to begin at \$15.00 per hour, 2nd by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".
- Public Works – Mr. Schneider reported that the committee had met before the council meeting. He mentioned that Mr. Brasee had informed the committee that leaf pickup had begun, and that his department had been getting the salt trucks ready for winter. He also mentioned that the committee had heard about the potential purchase of a boom mower for the mowing of the White Ditch. Mr. Schneider reported that the traffic signal grant had been approved for downtown and explained that the state will purchase standard signals and poles, and that the village will use CDBG grant money to upgrade to historical looking structures. Mr. Schneider offered a resolution to extend the CDBG grant for the completion of the signal project and others, 2nd by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". The next

- Public Works committee meeting will be December 2nd at 6:00 PM.
- Utility - Ms. Denes mentioned that the minutes from the last meeting were included in the packet and that the committee will meet again on November 16, 2013 prior to council. Ms. Denes thanked Mr. Pyles for answering resident's questions during the campaign.
 - Ms. Dronsfield reported that the Community Auditorium committee had sent out a flyer in the mail, and encouraged the council members and the residents of the village to make a contribution to the auditorium.
 - Mr. Eppley reported that Main Street Wellington will be running a promotion for Shop Small Saturday in conjunction with American Express on Saturday November 30th from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and mentioned that a lot of the downtown business will be open including the new antiques store which will be opening in the old theatre. He also mentioned that the downtown Christmas lighting will be held that evening.
 - Ordinance – Mr. Wells reported that the committee had met before the council meeting, and that the next meeting will be December 2nd before council. Mr. Wells reported that the Alternative Energy Ordinance (revised) was included in the packet and would like to schedule a Public Hearing. Mr. Bond mentioned that the hearing had to be published for 30 days. The Public Hearing will be held on December 16th at 7:15 PM. Mr. Wells also reported that the committee will not be putting together a proposal for a new ordinance relative to vacant buildings. Finally, Mr. Wells stated that committee will look into possible errors in the codified ordinances relating to the 2009 revision of the zoning ordinance relating to temporary signs.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-34

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE'S SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

2nd Reading

Motion by Hyde, 2nd by Wells to move the second reading as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-36

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CERTAIN EXPENSES AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

2nd Reading

Motion by Denes, 2nd by Maurer to move the second reading as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-37

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THAT THE PREMISES AT 139 SOUTH MILL STREET CONSTITUTES A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LORAIN COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY AND THE LORAIN COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO ENGAGE THEM AS VILLAGE AGENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMOLITION OF NUISANCE PREMISES, AUTHORIZING THEM TO PROCEED IN THE DEMOLITION OF THE STRUCTURES AT 139 SOUTH MILL STREET AND TO ASSESS THE COSTS AGAINST THAT PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE

1st Reading

Motion by Maurer to suspend the rules, 2nd by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes". Motion by Wells, 2nd by Schneider to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting "yes".

Mr. Maurer asked what the time line for the demolition was, Mr. Bond reported that the court had scheduled a hearing on November 20th, and at that hearing there would presumably be a judgment and will then proceed with the county agreements.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-38

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE VILLAGE'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN
THE EFFICIENCY SMART POWER PLANT SCHEDULE **1ST Reading**

ORDINANCE NO 2013-39

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE
DIRECTOR OF LAW **1ST Reading**

8. OLD BUSINESS

Unlicensed Motor Home complaint - Zoning Inspector Furcron mentioned that the owner of the motor home had gone to court and pleaded "not guilty", and will be going back to court at the end of the month. Ms. Denes asked Mr. Furcron where the owner had moved it to as she thought it had been taken care of. Mr. Furcron reported that the owner moved it from W. Herrick to Adams St.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Girls Soccer Team – Mr. Schneider reported that the girl's soccer team was District Runner Up for the third year, and Janelle Pitts received All Ohio Honors. He also mentioned that the marching band will compete at the state competition on Saturday afternoon in Brunswick.

Don't forget to Vote - Mayor O'Keefe reminded everyone to remember to vote.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Maurer 2nd by Denes to adjourn at 7:59 PM