

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

Amended 12/16/13

<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>Monday December 2, 2013</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>
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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      Councilman Guy Wells . Present  
 Others Present Mayor O'Keefe, Village Manager Pyles, Finance Director Shaw, Law Director Bond, Public Works Superintendent Brasee, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Water/Waste Water Superintendent Rosemark, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Cait Wasmundt.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** . Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~ **yes**.

**4. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS** . Mr. Maurer had a question concerning the bills and Ms. Denes had several questions concerning the bills. Mr. Bond, Ms. Shaw and Mr. Brasee, answered their questions. Motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to approve the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~ **yes**.

- Detailed Expenditure Report for December 2, 2013
 

101	GEN	\$	42,122.81
201	Street	\$	1,129.00
208	Permissive	\$	4,490.68
209	Law Enforcement	\$	150.00
401	Capital Improvement	\$	14,521.79
501	Water	\$	9,547.95
502	Sewer	\$	11,095.86
503	Elect	\$	17,755.95
Power Bills			
504	Garbage		
505	Cable Fund	\$	15,794.00
508	Consumer Deposits	\$	1,169.40
	Pay 24	\$	84,723.01
	Total	\$	202,500.45

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

- Mayor O'Keefe
- Law Director Bond . Nothing to Report
- Police Chief Rollins - Absent
- Finance Director Shaw - Finance Director Shaw mentioned that her report was included in the packet and she would be happy to answer any questions. She reported that she had been working with Mr. Pyles on the budget, and on the debt service payment. She also mentioned that she had met with the Verizon representative concerning the village's cell phone account, and she had been working on some things for the next Finance Committee meeting.
- Village Manager Pyles . Mr. Pyles mentioned that his report and his Superintendents

reports were in the packet and they would be happy to answer any questions. Mr. Pyles reported that December 20<sup>th</sup> would be the last day for leaf pickup. He also mentioned that he had been in discussions with the County regarding joining a Brownfield Consortium. He explained that Brownfields were old industrial parcels that may be in need of cleaning up and re-developed. The county is looking to put a collation together to have a strong rural representation because they think that will improve their chances of getting the money. He further explained that the City of Lorain will be going alone on it+so they will not have to compete with them; he will be bringing a short resolution, supporting that we join the consortium, to the next council meeting. They will be putting an application in to the EPA, they may or may not get funding, but at least if we are part of the consortium we will have a voice in the consortium as they are deciding what projects to move from ideas, to actually implementing them. Mr. Pyles thanked the Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Wellington for their investment in our Christmas lights, and thank the Electric Department and others that helped put them up. He mentioned that some of the old wreathes had been renovated and hung, and are the gateways+to the Downtown area. He said that everyone spent a lot of time on the decorations this year, and he thinks it shows. Ms. Denes congratulated Mr. Pyles on the ODNR Nature Works Grant, and mentioned that the village was funded fairly high at 61% or 62%.

## **6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Finance . Mr. Hyde reported that the Finance Committee will meet prior to council on December 16<sup>th</sup>, and reminded everyone of the Public Hearing scheduled for 7:15. Fire Board will meet on Wednesday at 7:00 on Kelly St.
- Police . Mr. Maurer reported that the committee met before the Council meeting for a very short meeting as the Chief was not at the meeting; the next meeting is scheduled for the first meeting prior to Council in January. He also reported that the Ambulance Board will meet on Tuesday Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.
- Public Works . Mr. Schneider reported that Public Works Committee met before the Council meeting, and mentioned that the committee went over the Capital Improvement Fund requests, and heard a proposal for a gasoline tank, for a Fleet Fueling Station concept, and the committee would like to hear more about the proposal. He mentioned that the committee asked for an updated street list to see where the streets are falling as far as in need of repair. The next meeting will be prior to the first Council meeting in January.
- Utility . Ms. Denes reported that the November 18<sup>th</sup> Utility Committee minutes were in the packet, and the next meeting is scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>, prior to Council. Ms. Denes explained that she had the pleasure of standing in for the Mayor for the tree lighting ceremony which was part of Main Street Wellington's Shop Small Saturday. She thanked Main Street Wellington and their supporters for the new lights downtown, and she thought they looked fantastic. She also thanked the Chamber for the many assorted decorations downtown; Ms. Denes thanked the Electric Department for getting the decorations up and working properly for the lighting ceremony.
- Ordinance . Mr. Wells reported that the committee met prior to the Council meeting and talked about a correction of some mistakes that were made in the compilation of the Codified Ordinances for 2009 and mentioned that we will be getting a new ordinance to put the right language into effect and will be coming to Council within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Wells further explained that an amendment which was made on the limitations to Temporary Signs was not included when it went to the codifier, and the new Ordinance will include that. He also reported that the Ordinance concerning Yard Sales which we had the first reading on, and he felt it should not have been. He stated that the committee is exploring a way to solve the problem which the draft ordinance sought to address, either through careful enforcement of

what is already in place or a correction of definitions in the ordinance, rather than a whole new one. The next committee meeting is scheduled for January 6<sup>th</sup> prior to Council.

- Ms. Dronsfield . Ms. Dronsfield explained that she had spoken about the Community Auditorium at the last meeting, and the fact that she would like the Village Council to give a donation to that group. She further explained that she wanted to put the topic on the Public Works Committee Agenda, and was told by Clerk O'Brien that Mr. Schneider said it should go the Finance Committee. Mr. Hyde asked for the topic to be added to the next Finance Committee agenda. Mr. Wells mentioned that the circular which was distributed by the Community Auditorium stated that it is being done without tax payer money; Mr. Wells asked if the Village Council were to make a donation, whether or not that would be turning that statement into a lie? He went on to explain that when council makes a donation, they are taking tax payers dollars and devoting them to a purpose, and he felt the donation may contradict one of the virtues of the project as presented. Ms. Dronsfield thought that the intent of the comment was that they would not be putting a levy on the ballot to ask for additional tax dollars from the public. She reported that Mr. Nolan and others would attend a Finance Committee meeting and that would be a good question for Mr. Nolan. Mayor O'Keefe mentioned that Mr. Bond had responded as to whether or not a donation could be made. Mr. Bond stated that in short, no, you cannot donate tax money to this cause; yes, if you figure out some way where by the village was getting something out of it, such as a joint enterprise between the School Board and the Village. Mr. Bond gave an example that if in exchange for the contribution, the village had a guarantee to be able to use for the facility under certain circumstances. He further explained that you cannot just give tax dollars away, there has to be a public benefit to the village in exchange for what you are giving them.

## 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-38**

AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE VILLAGE'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE EFFICIENCY SMART POWER PLANT SCHEDULE 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to move the third reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~%~~yes+.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-39**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTOR OF LAW 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to move the third reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~%~~yes+.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-41**

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### **ORDINANCE NO 2013-42**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.13 OF THE VILLAGE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL RELATIVE TO HOLIDAYS AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1<sup>ST</sup> Reading

Motion by Denes to suspend the rules, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~%~~yes+. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~%~~yes+.

**8. OLD BUSINESS - None**

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

- Mayor O'Keefe asked Council Members to begin thinking about what committees they would like to be apart of next year, and get their letters to her. She also mentioned that in January and February there were Monday meetings that needed to be moved because of holidays; will possibly discuss it at the next meeting.
- Mr. Wells- Reported that he had received an invitation from a Cleveland based law firm to attend a seminar relating to ethics and how to be a council person. He further reported that the seminar is free and they will have breakfast and lunch included. He asked the extent to which it was actually an ethical violation to accept the pair of meals to listen to the talk while soliciting government business. Ms. Denes said she thought it was under a certain value. Mr. Wells stated that if you had to pay a check for the meals at this place, it would be ~~well~~ into that neighborhood+. Mr. Wells suggested that skipping the meals would be technically right, if anyone was to attend.
- Mayor O'Keefe mentioned that the Christmas Parade was Saturday at 1:00 and invited everyone to attend.

**10. ADJOURN – Motion by Maurer to adjourn at 7:55 PM**