

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

Revised 9/4/14

Council Chambers	Monday July 21, 2014	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 Hans Schneider . Present                      Councilman Jeff Hyde . Present  
 Councilwoman Sandy Denes . Present                              Councilman Steve Maurer . Present  
 Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield . Present                      Councilman Guy Wells . Present  
 Others Present: Mayor O'Keefe, Village Manager Pyles, Finance Director Shaw, Law Director Bond, Interim Police Chief Barrett, Electric Superintendent Bealer, Public Works Superintendent Brasee, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Valerie Urbanik, DJFS Rep. Tee T. Taylor , Resident Mark Sumption

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2014 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~%es+~~

4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** – Mr. Maurer had some question concerning the bills, Mr. Brasee and Mr. Bealer answered his questions. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~%es+~~

101 GEN	\$	49,991.85
201 Street CM&R	\$	5,402.17
208 Permissive Tax	\$	7,396.28
501 Water	\$	29,524.23
502 Sewer	\$	21,570.01
503 ELEC	\$	148,002.45
Power Bills	\$	493,654.06
504 Garbage	\$	29,184.47
506 Storm Sewer	\$	2,103.85
508 Consumer Deposits	\$	1,605.45
Pay 14	\$	95,715.84
Total	\$	884,150.64

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

- Mayor O'Keefe . Mayor O'Keefe thanked all of the departments for their help with the Cheese Festival. She also presented Councilwoman Denes with a certificate for completing the AMP Public Power Government Series, online program, and thanked her for going above and beyond.
- Law Director Bond . Nothing to Report
- Interim Police Chief Barrett . Chief Barrett recognized Officer Aviles for going above and beyond. Officer Aviles was off duty in Oberlin when he assisted an Oberlin merchant by fending off some teenagers who had shoplifted and began assaulting the clerk, until the Oberlin Police Dept. could arrive. Chief Barrett reported that Sargent Shelton had responded to the Eaton Twp. hostage situation. He was the head negotiator for the little boy who was being held by his father. Sargent Shelton was able to successfully end the event. Chief Barrett recognized Officers Rosecrans,

- Smosny, Aviles and Sargent Shelton for their help in capturing the bank robber within five days. The FBI turned the case over to the WPD, and pulled out of the jurisdiction. He also thanked the FBI for assisting the WPD with surveillance and phone tracking. He reported that the robber was caught on July 17<sup>th</sup> by Cleveland Police officers in a bar where he was on his cell phone talking about the bank robbery. He also recognized head dispatcher Susan Walker for all of her hard work organizing the dispatch unit, and helping Chief Barrett as things have progressed.
- Finance Director Shaw . Ms. Shaw reported that the RITA income tax collections were .11% greater than they were in 2012 and the cost for income tax collections went down 41%; approximately \$20,000 went into the General Fund. Ms. Shaw further reported that the General Fund increase was enough to fund four full time seasonal summer employees, for the summer.
  - Village Manager Pyles . Mr. Pyles reported that his report and the Superintendents reports were in the packet, and they would be happy to answer any questions. Mr. Wells asked if there was any new news on the underpass; Mr. Pyles explained that the latest report was in the Enterprise, where Cait Wasmundt from the Enterprise joined him for a tour of the site.

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance . Mr. Hyde reported that the committee had met prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Hyde made a motion to set a \$1,000.00 credit card limit per utility account per month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~ ~~+~~.
- Police . Mr. Maurer reported that the committee had met prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Maurer made a motion on behalf of Chief Barrett's recommendation to hire part time dispatchers Kelsey Garabrant and Ambrosia Luzius as part time dispatcher at \$13.23 per hour, with a 6 month probation, effective immediately, after passing a drug screen and background check, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~ ~~+~~. Motion by Maurer to hire Megan McNulty and Sujeiry Call as part time officers at \$15.00 per hour, with a 6 month probation, effective immediately, after passing a drug screen and background check. Mr. Maurer also mentioned that all of the proposed officers are subject to new Police Department hire agreement, dealing with uniform allowances, and such. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells. Ms. Shaw asked if the new hire agreement was for the dispatchers also; Chief Barrett explained that the dispatchers did not receive uniform allowance until they had completed their probationary period. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~ ~~+~~. Mr. Maurer thanked Chief Barrett for a job well done on the bank robbery, and reported that he had received a nice email from Dan Cwalina, the CEO of LorMet Credit Union, who was very pleased with the Chief and the Officers. Ambulance Board will meet on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at Ambulance headquarters.
- Public Works . Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee will meet on Aug. 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Ms. Dronsfield thanked Mr. Bealer and his department for cutting down trees at the Cemetery. She mentioned that the Cemetery Board was still working to take the house down at Trails End.
- Utility . Ms. Denes reported that the committee had met prior to Council She further reported that they had discussed the solar project which is coming along. Ms. Denes made a motion to accept the job description for the WWTP Operator as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~ ~~+~~. Ms. Denes thanked Marla Lent for the Planning and Zoning report that she had requested at the last meeting. Mayor O'Keefe reported that the first meeting in August may be the only meeting in August due to the Fair. She further reported that all of the committees could meet on that evening and she would keep everyone informed on that decision.
- Ordinance . Mr. Wells reported that the next committee meeting is August 4<sup>th</sup>, and

the agenda will be a carryover of the last. He further reported that the Building Official revised draft had taken care of any concerns he had regarding Exhibit A.

## 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION NO. 2014-22

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM BUILDING OFFICIAL, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to suspend the rules. 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 present voting ~~%yes+~~.

### RESOLUTION NO. 2014-23

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO REIMBURSE ITS CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT, WATER, SEWER, AND STORM SEWER FUNDS FOR THE BARKER STREET IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT #CI31R/CI32R WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### RESOLUTION NO. 2014-24

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO REIMBURSE ITS WATER FUND FOR THE JOHNS STREET WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PHASE I PROJECT #CT25r/CT26R WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### ORDINANCE NO. 2014-25

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE WORK AT THE VILLAGE RECREATION PARK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Mr. Maurer asked why it was ok to spend this kind of money on concrete; Mr. Pyles explained that it was a Capital Improvement which had been budgeted for. Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyde to suspend the rules. Roll call 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+~~.

### ORDINANCE NO. 2014-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WASTWATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVMENTS PROJECT, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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

## 8. OLD BUSINESS - None

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

**GLWB** – Wellington resident Mark Sumption asked Mayor O'Keefe and council who governed GLWB. He explained that he was a very unhappy customer and a renter. His property owner will not let him have a dish service as they do not want the dish on their property for aesthetic reasons, leaving his only cable choice GLWB. Mr. Wells explained that the Cable Commission does not have any pull with GLWB concerning service issues as Ohio laws have changed. Mr. Bond explained that the state has taken away the villages authority to control the cable company. Ms. Denes asked how many more years the franchise contract is good for; Mr. Bond explained that when the contract is up for renewal, GLWB will go directly to the state to renew the contract. Mr. Pyles explained

that Armstrong could come into the village under their state wide franchise. Mr. Sumption asked if GLWB was affiliated with the village as their lines are on village owned poles; Mr. Pyles explained that they pay a pole fee for the use of the village poles. Mr. Bond suggested that Mr. Sumption contact his State Representative.

**State of Ohio Veterans Representative-** Tee T. Taylor explained that he was interested in helping Ohio Veterans find training and jobs throughout Ohio as part of the Department of Jobs and Family Services.

**Pep Rally –** Ms. Dronsfield reported that the Lightning girls softball team will be holding a Pep Rally near the gazebo, as they will be playing in the State Championship on Saturday at the Wellington Rec. Park. Ms. Dronsfield invited everyone to come and support the 10 and 11 year olds at the Pep Rally.

**Boys Divistion I –** Mr. Schneider mentioned that the Division I, 8 and 9 yr. old boysq baseball team will be playing in the State Championship in Alliance.

**10. ADJOURN –** Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to adjourn at 8:05 PM