

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

Council Chambers	Monday December 1, 2014	7:35 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, Chief of Police Barfield, Sgt. Shelton, Public Works Supt. Brasee, Electric Supt. Bealer, Water & WW Supt. Rosemark, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Urbanik, Joe Davidson, Chief Barfield's family and friends

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Motion by Wells, 2nd by Denes to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2014 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+

4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** . Motion by Hyde, 2nd by Wells to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+

101	GEN	\$	6,191.00
208	Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	2,727.37
301	SPC Assess Bond Retire	\$	9,938.28
401	Capital Improvement	\$	44,404.59
501	Water	\$	12,740.58
502	Sewer	\$	20,340.87
503	Elect	\$	110,901.94
	**Power Bills	\$	454,384.15
504	Garbage	\$	4,303.00
505	Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	22,997.50
506	Storm Sewer Capital	\$	1,504.00
508	Consumer Deposits	\$	1,000.00
	Total	\$	691,433.28
	Pay 24	\$	86,657.87
	Grand Total	\$	778,091.15

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

- Mayor O'Keefe . Mayor O'Keefe swore in Timothy Barfield as Chief of Police, in front of an audience full of his family and friends. Mayor O'Keefe read a retirement resignation letter from Betty Rucker effective January 2, 2015. Mayor O'Keefe read a resignation letter from John Kiley effective November 30, 2014. Motion by Hyde, 2nd by Denes to accept the resignations of Betty Rucker and John Kiley with regret. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+
- Law Director Bond . Nothing to report.
- Chief Barfield . Chief Barfield introduced his family and friends to the Mayor and Council and thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity.
- Sgt. Shelton . Sgt. Shelton welcomed the new Chief.
- Finance Director Shaw . Ms. Shelton thanked Sgt. Shelton for helping the new Chief get acclimated and for doing a great job stepping in while the village searched for a

new Chief of Police. She reported that she had finished up the CDBG grant, as far as collecting the final documents; she worked on the temporary appropriations and reminded Council that there was an ordinance on the agenda for the section 125 Cafeteria Plan which was needed for her files. Ms. Denes asked Ms. Shaw how the subpoena program went; Ms. Shaw reported that there were many irate customers who had verbally abused the RITA auditors. Ms. Denes asked how many subpoena letters had gone out; Ms. Shaw said over 400, however, many had resolved their problems before the deadline, and many had paid what they owed prior to the subpoena date.

- Village Manager Pyles . Mr. Pyles mentioned that his report and his superintendent's reports were in the packet and he would answer any questions. Ms. Denes asked about the mention of a cooperative grant offered by Frontier Communications; Mr. Pyles reported that Frontier had a grant program offered to communities with a population over 9,000, however the local Frontier Manager urged Oberlin and Wellington to talk about submitting a cooperative grant. He further reported that the grant begins with \$30,000 planning grants and finishes with three communities receiving a million dollars. They are discussing working on tourism and a possible Southern Lorain County Co-op for food distribution. He explained that it would include a facility for locally grown food items to be sold, including the option to wholesale out, and would possibly have an option for an incubator kitchen to be used for possible food production. Ms. Denes asked whether or not the Civic Plus upgrade was part of the previous free grant; Mr. Pyles explained that no, this had to be paid for. Mr. Pyles thanked Sgt. Shelton for his work the previous few months. Mr. Pyles reported that the phone system implementation had saved the village approximately \$6,500.00, a 24% cost reduction in the past 11 months. Mr. Pyles mentioned that Small Business Saturday's turnout was good with a lot of foot traffic through town.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance . Mr. Hyde reported that the committee will meet on Dec. 15th prior to Council and Fire Board will meet on Wednesday.
- Police . Mr. Maurer reported that the committee had discussed capital requests and discussed purchasing hardware for the body camera storage. Mr. Maurer made a motion to hire Rick Lanier as part time dispatcher at \$13.23 per hour with a 6 month probationary period, effective after he passes his drug and background check, 2nd by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~ yes. Mr. Maurer also reported that the Ambulance Board would meet on Dec. 9th at 7:00 PM and they will be having an Open House for Pat Wilkinson on December 14th from 1 PM . 3 PM. He also mentioned that Marty Eaton had retired from the Ambulance District.
- Public Works . Ms. Dronsfield reported that Mr. Pyles and Mr. Brasee had reviewed the Capital Requests with the committee and the total of those requests were \$245,000 which had been broken down between several funds.
- Utility . Ms. Denes mentioned that the minutes from the last meeting were in the packet and the committee will meet again on Dec. 15th before Council.
- Ordinance . Mr. Wells reported that the committee had met briefly tonight to approve the minutes of the last meeting. He further reported that there had been a slight change from the draft and if anyone were concerned he would gladly explain. The next committee meeting will be on January 5, 2015.
- Council President Schneider - Mr. Schneider thanked the village workers for the work they did clearing the snow and reminded them that they are always appreciated.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-51

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading

Ms. Denes asked Ms. Shaw why some of the pages read 2014 Permanent Appropriations in the pages which had been attached to the ordinance; Ms. Shaw explained that those pages do not go to the County, however, she did notice it and will change that for the third reading. Ms. Shaw also mentioned that there will be more changes made for the next reading and she also pointed out that the total was incorrect on the bottom of the last page of the attachment and she will correct that also.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-52

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE LAW DIRECTOR

2nd Reading

Motion by Denes, 2nd by Wells to approve the second reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~.

ORDINANCE NO. 2014 – 53

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

1st Reading

Ms. Denes asked if this could go another reading; Ms. Shaw said it could, however, she will need that passed at the next meeting.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Shaw reported that Clerk O'Brien had finished the Personnel Policy Manual revisions, however it needed to be reviewed by Mr. Pyles, Mr. Bond and herself. She further reported that it may not be ready for Council to review until after the first of the year as she has been busy with other things. Mr. Maurer asked to have the manual emailed to the Council Members prior to the meeting so that they would have time to review it.

9. NEW BUSINESS – Mayor O'Keefe offered Jeff Shelton the Interim Police Sergeant position for another 90 days, Mr. Shelton accepted. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Maurer to accept Jeff Shelton as Interim Police Sergeant for 90 days. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~.

Mayor O'Keefe reported that the Christmas Parade is Saturday Dec. 6th at 1:00 PM. Mayor O'Keefe thanked Chief Barfield's family for coming and wished them all Happy Holidays.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Maurer, 2nd by Wells to adjourn at 8:00 PM