

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

Council Chambers	Monday March 2, 2015	7:58 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**

Councilwoman Sandy Denes . Present Councilman Steve Maurer . Absent
 Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield . Present Councilman Hans Schneider . Present
 Councilman Jeff Hyde . Present Council President Guy Wells . Present
 Others Present . Mayor O'Keefe, Village Manager Pyles, Finance Director Shaw, Law Director Bond, Police Chief Barfield, Public Works Supt. Brasee, Electric Supt. Bealer, Water/WW Supt. Rosemark, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Urbanik, MSW Rep. Patti Young, Residents Joe Davidson, Doug Broadwater, Dan Davidson, Tom Huston (8:15 PM)

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** . Motion by Wells, 2nd by to approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members present 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 present voting ~~yes~~+

101 GEN	\$	11,400.50
201 Street CM&R	\$	4,184.75
401 Capital Improvement	\$	1,358.32
501 Water	\$	14,223.26
502 Sewer	\$	6,614.58
503 ELEC	\$	10,561.16
**Power Bills	\$	512,898.84
504 Garbage	\$	100.00
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	3,871.20
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	1,086.65
508 Consumer Deposits	\$	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total	\$	567,499.27
Pay 4	\$	88,591.30
Grand Total	\$	656,090.57

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

- Mayor O'Keefe
- Law Director Bond . Nothing to Report
- Chief Barfield . Nothing to Report
- Finance Director Shaw . Ms. Shaw reported that she had been busy with the Equalization Board meeting preparations, and helping tax payers with their questions. Ms. Denes asked where and when the Equalization Board would be meeting; Ms. Shaw explained that it would be held on March 5, 2015 at 10:00 AM, in the S. Meeting Room.
- Village Manager Pyles . Mr. Pyles reported that Nathan Meyers had completed his Journeyman Lineman certification, and has received his license. Ms. Denes asked if Mr. Meyers had come with most of his training completed; Mr. Bealer said yes, most of his bookwork had been completed, he just needed on the job training hours.
- Main Street Wellington . Ms. Young reported that Mike Eppley is no longer the Main

Street Wellington Director. She further reported that they were actively searching for a replacement. She reported that they are trying to run everything as usual, with someone in the office periodically. Mr. Wells asked who the contact person would be for the time being; Ms. Young explained that if anyone was in need of assistance they could leave a message on the answering machine in the Main St. office, or they could contact her personally at Wellington Implement. Ms. Denes mentioned that the Let's Wine about Winter event was a success. Ms. Denes asked how long they would be accepting applications; Ms. Young said she was not certain, however would like to have someone in place sometime in March.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance . Mr. Hyde reported that the committee will meet on March 16th prior to council and the Fire Board will meet this Weds. at 7:00 PM.
- Police . Mr. Wells reported that the committee had met prior to the Council meeting. He reported that the Auxiliary now has eight members and mentioned that they are still looking for volunteers. He further reported that the School Board will be eliminating the School Resource Officer position, however, Chief Barfield would be looking for donations for the school, in order to keep the program running. Mr. Wells mentioned that the committee discussed and recommends to council signing a Memorandum of Understanding with Lorain County to participate in the New World software system. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hyde to authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU to join the Lorain County Consortium with the New World software, effective immediately. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ~~%yes+~~ Mr. Wells reported that this software system should save the village money, as the software cost is shared by Police Department throughout the county. Mr. Wells mentioned that the committee heard recommendations from Chief Barfield, in an executive session for promotions within his department. Mayor O'Keefe recommended that Jeffrey Shelton will be the Lieutenant with a six month probationary period, at an hourly rate of \$25.00, effective March 17, 2015; Josh Poling will be the Sergeant with a six month probationary period, at an hourly rate of \$22.35, effective March 17, 2015. Motion by Hyde, 2nd by Wells to accept the Mayor's recommendation. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ~~%yes+~~ Mayor O'Keefe reported that there will be a Swearing in Ceremony for Lt. Shelton and Sgt. Poling on March 16th prior to the Council Meeting.
- Public Works . Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee had met prior to the Council Meeting. She further reported that the committee heard an update report from Mr. Brasee, regarding the Town Hall projects, which should be finished this week. She mentioned that the gym will no longer be used for baseball/softball practices as it is causing damage to the gym walls. Ms. Dronsfield reported that the department had used approximately 400 Ton of salt this year, and still has about 150 Ton left. She reported that work will begin on the Rec. Park shortly, which will include building walls for extending the dugouts, and moving dirt at the new soccer fields. She further reported that the crews will be gearing up for the waterline project on Johns St. Ms. Dronsfield made a motion to accept Supt. Brasee's recommendation to remove Carrie Barnett from probation and increasing her hourly wage from \$10.16 to \$10.67 per hour, effective March 16, 2015, 2nd by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ~~%yes+~~ Ms. Dronsfield complimented Mr. Brasee and his crews for their exceptional job on snow removal this winter.
- Utility . Ms. Denes reported that the committee will meet on March 16th prior to Council.
- Ordinance . Mr. Schneider reported that the Ambulance Board will meet on March 10th and the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on March 25th.

7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ENTERING INTO A NATURAL GAS PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY *Tabled 2/17/15* 2nd Reading

Motion by Denes, 2nd Schneider to bring the Ordinance off of the table. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ~~%es+~~ Motion by Denes, 2nd by Wells to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken, Wells . Yes, Denes . Yes, Dronsfield . Yes, Hyde . No, Maurer . Absent, Schneider . Yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-13

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015 THAT THE FOLLOWING SUMS BE AND ARE HEREBY APPROPRIATED 2nd Reading

Motion by Denes, 2nd by Wells to move the 2nd reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members present voting ~~%es+~~

8. OLD BUSINESS

WINS Notification . Ms. Denes asked Mr. Pyles what the plan was to notify village residents about signing up for the WINS notification system, as she does not feel that everyone is aware of the program. She asked Mr. Pyles to possibly consider a notification at the bottom of the utility bills.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Wellington residents Dan Davidson and Doug Broadwater, personnel director and president of the Wellington Hot Stove baseball board, addressed concerns about field scheduling, field maintenance, the concession stand and restroom maintenance. They are looking for guidance as to whether or not there is a Recreation Board or Committee, recognized by Council. Mr. Pyles explained that there was a Wellington Recreation Association, although he was not sure it was recognized by council in anyway. He further explained that he participates in their meetings to be a ~~%onduit of information+~~ There was some discussion about scheduling, and scheduling teams from out of town which makes it hard for Wellington teams to get practicing and playing time. Mr. Brasee recommended that all of the organizations get together and form a committee, then have one representative from that committee come to him with questions or requests. Mr. Pyles will take care of the out of town teams who are using the Wellington fields, however, he explained that there a few traveling teams who have one or two Wellington residents on them and the team then considers Wellington as their home field. Mr. Pyles asked what Council's opinion was, how many Wellington residents qualify the team to use the Rec. Park as their home field. Ms. Denes feels that this is not something to make a rush decision on, and mentioned that she felt it would be helpful to meet the Wellington Recreation Association, and find out what their purpose was. Mr. Davidson reported that he had spoken to the Vice President of the Association earlier in the day, and she explained that they were mostly interested in the flowers, the benches and things of that nature. There was some discussion about how the Wellington Hot Stove Board could make a donation to the Recreation Park. Mr. Broadwater explained that he felt the Wellington Recreation Association was in need of overhauling. There was some discussion about who they answered to as far as finances, and how they raise and distribute their funds. Mr. Pyles explained that they were a separate 501c3 corporation. Mr. Schneider recommended that each entity that uses the Rec. Park, select a representative to serve on a board. He also mentioned that there should be some stipulation put into place that determines a percentage of kids on a team, which would allow it to consider the Rec. Park their home fields. There was some discussion about who cleans the restrooms; Mr. Brasee explained that his people started cleaning the restrooms last year. He further explained that in years past the people who ran the concession stand were also in charge of the restroom cleaning. Ms. Dronsfield explained that the concession stand had been taken over privately, she also mentioned that she agreed that they needed to form some type of board or committee. Mayor O'Keefe strongly suggested the teams come together and form a committee. She also mentioned that there needs to be an open line of communication between Council and that board; she assured Mr. Broadwater and Mr. Davidson that Council would be able to address

the matters of the outside teams, concession stand, or restrooms if they were to bring the problems to Council, because council members were unaware the problems existed. She feels that collectively they can make it work. Mr. Davidson agreed that a board would be the place to begin. He asked Mr. Brasee whether or not a coach could work on a field to make it playable, after the fields have been closed due to rain; Mr. Brasee said no, when the fields are closed, they are closed.

10. ADJOURN – Motion by Schneider, 2nd by Hyde to adjourn at 8:40 PM