

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

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| Council Chambers | Monday March 16, 2015 | 7:30 p.m. |
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Swearing in Ceremony

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 . Present
 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, Electric Supt. Bealer, Public Works Supt. Brasee, Water WW Supt. Rosemark, Lieutenant Shelton, Sergeant Poling, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Urbanik, numerous family, friends, colleagues, fellow officers and supporters of Lieutenant Shelton and Sergeant Poling.

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

4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Ms. Denes had a couple of questions concerning the bills; Ms. Shaw answered her question. Motion by Denes, 2nd by Maurer to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+

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| 101 Gen | \$ | 71,676.19 |
| 201 Street CM&R | \$ | 13,000.00 |
| 290 Caring Fund | \$ | 900.00 |
| 401 Capital Improvement | \$ | 9,359.80 |
| 501 Water | \$ | 25,339.09 |
| 502 Sewer | \$ | 24,211.37 |
| 503 Elect | \$ | 19,189.76 |
| **Power Bills | \$ | 31,348.50 |
| 504 Garbage | \$ | 24,931.47 |
| 505 Cable Franchise Fund | \$ | 1,600.00 |
| 506 Storm Sewer Capital | \$ | 859.99 |
| 508 Consumer Deposits | \$ | 1,344.04 |
| Total | \$ | 223,760.68 |
| Pay 5 | \$ | 85,701.64 |
| Grand Total | \$ | 309,462.32 |

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

- Mayor O'Keefe . Mayor O'Keefe asked Mr. and Mrs. Shelton to come to the front of the room. Chief Barfield introduced Jeff Shelton to the audience and summarized his work history with the village. Mayor O'Keefe swore in Lieutenant Shelton and congratulated him for his accomplishments. Mayor O'Keefe asked Mr. and Mrs. Poling to come to the front of the room. Chief Barfield introduced Josh Poling to the audience and summarized his work history with the village. Mayor O'Keefe swore in Sergeant Poling and congratulated him for his accomplishments. Mayor O'Keefe invited the audience to help themselves to refreshments in the South Meeting room.
- Law Director Bond . Nothing to report.

- Chief Barfield . Chief Barfield thanked the Mayor and Council for the reception and mentioned that the promotion of the Officers was the beginning of employee development. He congratulated Lieutenant Shelton and Sergeant Poling on their promotions. Chief Barfield reported that he had attended a two day public records law course and attended a new chief seminar in Columbus. He further reported that he and Lieutenant Shelton attended a memorial service for James Kerstetter of the Elyria Police Dept. who was killed five years ago yesterday.
- Finance Director Shaw . Ms. Shaw reported that she had tweaked the Verizon wireless plan in order to save the village \$40 per month. She further reported that Rita Brown had attended the same public records course that Chief Barfield had attended in order to begin inventorying documents this summer.
- Village Manager Pyles . Mr. Pyles reported that brush is picked up on the first and third full week of the month and reminded residents to keep the sidewalks clear of brush when they take it to the curb lawn.
- Main Street Wellington . Ms. Denes reported that Main Street Wellington will meet on Thursday at 8:00 AM. She further reported that they are still looking for an Executive Director and any interested parties have until March 31st to apply for the position.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance . Mr. Hyde reported that the committee had met prior the council meeting. He mentioned that council will vote on approving the Equalization Board findings for the Barker St. Improvements tonight and will also vote on an Ordinance to proceed with the Barker St. Improvements. He further reported that the committee had discussed Cost of Living increases for the village employees and added that council believes the village has excellent employees. Motion by Hyde, 2nd by Maurer to give the employees a 2% cost of living increase, effective the next full pay period. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting %yes+. The Finance Committee will meet again on April 20th.
- Police . Mr. Wells reported that the Police Committee will meet on April 6th. He further reported that he had received a letter from the Duke Pride Carnival Committee, which told about the 4th Annual Duke Pride School Carnival on April 11th from 9 AM . 12 PM. He explained that the carnival raises money to provide Wellington students who receive free school breakfast with food vouchers so that they may receive the meal throughout the summer months. He reported that this is done in conjunction with Well-Help and last year the carnival raised approximately \$8,000.00. He encouraged resident to attend the carnival. Mayor O'Keefe announced that the village was in the process of expanding the Police Auxiliary. She recommend the following appointments, with a probationary period of six months and after passing drug screening (which will be paid for by the village) Daniel Saylor, Adam Phillips, Carol Wegeman, Darlene Neptune, Jeborah Sheets, Cory Barfield and Aaron Conley. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Hyde to approve Mayor O'Keefe's recommendation. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting %yes+. Mayor O'Keefe reported that the new members would be sworn in at a later date. Ms. Dronsfield mentioned that she was happy to see the Auxiliary building members back up again; Mr. Hyde mentioned that they were still looking for volunteers. Mayor O'Keefe added that if anyone was interested, they were still accepting applications.
- Public Works . Ms. Dronsfield reported that Public Works Committee would meet on Monday April 6th at 6:00 PM.
- Utility . Ms. Denes reported that the committee had met prior to the Council Meeting. She further reported that Mr. Pyles had prepared a Memo on Solar Tariff rates for anyone one who would be considering using solar energy in the village. She mentioned that the matter had been referred to the Ordinance Committee and Mr. Pyles would be coming back with some finalized rules for discussion. Ms. Denes

made a motion to approve Supt. Bealer's recommendation to take Don Novotny off of probation and increase his current hourly wage from \$25.48 to \$26.00, effective the next full pay period, 2nd by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~. Ms. Denes made a motion to approve Mr. Pyles recommendation to hire Barbara Rogers to the Electric/Managers office secretary position at \$15.25 per hour, with a six month probationary period, effective after passing a drug screening or April 1st, which ever come first, 2nd by Wells. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~. Ms. Denes reported that Mr. Rosemark gave a detailed report concerning water loss at the Fairgrounds and mentioned that everything would be ready to go by this summer.

- Ordinance . Mr. Schneider reported that the Ordinance Committee would be meeting after the Police Committee meeting on April 6th. He further reported that he had attended a meeting for the Mayor at the Lorain County General Health District and distributed a flyer to council members containing statistics, financial statements, future plans and mini-grants. He mentioned that he received an application for those grants and gave it to Mr. Pyles. Ms. Denes asked Mr. Pyles if he had received a mini grant for the construction of the walking path around Westwood; Mr. Pyles said yes. Mr. Schneider added that the Health District was looking at giving away grant funds again this year. He reported that he represented Village Council by attending the school district Superintendent final interviews. He further reported that he sat in on the interviews, listened to the questions and also asked questions. He felt that the board would probably announce their decision tomorrow night at the Board of Education meeting. He commended the school board for opening up the interviewing process between local government officials, a group of teachers and a group of parents. He reported that each group had 40 minutes with the candidates and then had a 20 minute question and answer period at the end. He felt that the school board is trying to rebuild the communities trust.
- Mr. Maurer reminded drivers to watch for people on bicycles and motorcycles, as the warmer weather approaches.

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 3rd Reading

Motion by Denes to move the third reading. Mr. Schneider asked Mr. Pyles if the village was signing up for the variable or the fixed rate; Mr. Pyles thought that individual consumer chose the rate. Mr. Wells asked whether or not there was a default; Mr. Pyles said no. Ms. Denes mentioned that the resident was automatically signed up and they do not make contact with the aggregate unless they will be opting out. She suggested tabling the Ordinance until they get an answer. Mr. Schneider reported that he called NOPEC today to see what their rates were. He further reported that their fixed rate is guaranteed to be .002 cents below Columbia Gas Standard Choice which is at .4294 cents, making NOPEC's fixed rate .4274 cents. He reported that the variable, which runs through June, Columbia Gas Standard Choice is .4266 and NOPEC's variable is .563. Four months of individual pricing revealed in November, NOPEC was .59 and Columbia Gas SC was .51; December NOPEC was .51 and Columbia Gas SC was .568; January NOPEC was .58 and Columbia Gas SC was .458 cents. He mentioned that NOPEC is fixed May . June at .544 cents and Columbia Gas SC is fixed May . June at .494 cents. Mr. Schneider suggested tabling the Ordinance for a couple of more readings. He mentioned that he had residents approach him with positive feedback about the aggregate, however, he feels that they should hold off until they can get some more answers. Ms. Dronsfield mentioned that there is no present need for urgency as winter is over. Motion by Wells, 2nd by Denes to table the Ordinance. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~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

3rd Reading

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-14

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD AND CONCLUSIONS OF FACT ON OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE ESTIMATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON OF BARKER STREET FROM HERRICK AVENUE EAST (SR 18) TO APPROXIMATELY 511 FEET NORTH OF HERRICK AVENUE EAST BY GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING AND CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING WATERLINES, STORM SEWERS, SANITARY SEWERS, MANHOLES, CATCH BASINS, PAVEMENTS, SIDEWALKS, SIDEWALK APPROACH RAMP AND DRIVEWAY APPROACHES WHERE NECESSARY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY, APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2015-12

ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 17, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1ST Reading

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

ORDINANCE NO. 2015- 15

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON OF BARKER STREET FROM HERRICK AVENUE EAST (SR 18) TO APPROXIMATELY 511 FEET NORTH OF HERRICK AVENUE EAST BY GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING AND CONSTRUCTING AND RECONSTRUCTING WATERLINES, STORM SEWERS, SANITARY SEWERS, MANHOLES, CATCH BASINS, PAVEMENTS, SIDEWALKS, SIDEWALK APPROACH RAMP, AND DRIVEWAY APPROACHES WHERE NECESSARY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION NO. 2015-02, ADOPTED ON JANUARY 5, 2015, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st Reading

Motion by Hyde, 2nd by Schneider to suspend the rules. 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+.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Denes mentioned that she has noticed a lot of garbage being set out to the curb too early for the first of the month pickup. She reminded residents that the first garbage pickup of the month is for large items, which cannot be at the curb more than 24 hours in advance. Mr. Maurer asked Mr. Furcron to check on the Wenner St. residence as they are beginning to accumulate large amounts of junk again. He asked Mr. Furcron to take the next step as letters have not helped the situation.

9. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor O'Keefe announced that they will be forming a Community Committee to discuss the future use of the S. Main St. property which is now McCormick Middle School. She asked anyone interested in serving on the committee for the future use of the property to please let her know. She mentioned that they will also be accepting ideas from the public and will be having public meetings to discuss its future use.

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