

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

<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>Monday July 20, 2015</b>	<b>7:45 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**

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, Electric Supt. Bealer, Public Works Supt. Brasee, Water/WW Supt. Rosemark, Chief Barfield, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Leyva, Joe Davidson, Richard Bonewit

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** . Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dronsfield to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2015 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting %yes+

4. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Maurer had a couple of questions regarding the bills, Chief Barfield, Supt. Rosemark and Ms. Shaw answered his questions. Motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to approve the expenses and pay the bills. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting %yes+

101 GEN	\$	69,747.71
201 Street CM&R	\$	4,682.12
208 Permissive Vehicle Tax	\$	8,086.40
401 Capital Improvement	\$	14,971.15
501 Water	\$	25,113.65
502 Sewer	\$	14,323.77
503 Elect	\$	54,337.93
***Power Bills	\$	517,817.72
504 Garbage Bills	\$	24,931.47
505 Cable TV Franchise Fund	\$	3,439.57
506 Storm Sewer Capital	\$	863.88
508 Consumer Deposit Fund	\$	1,455.08
Total	\$	739,770.45
Pay 14	\$	97,770.45
Grand Total	\$	837,584.32

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 explained that miscellaneous invoices, noted in her report, were invoices for things other than utility bills. She further explained that she had sent collection letters to those with outstanding bills. She mentioned that she had filed the paperwork for the Cargill/Morton Salt class action lawsuit and was waiting to hear back from the Ohio Attorney General's office.
- Village Manager Pyles . Mr. Pyles reported that he saw a train on the bridge and mentioned that the other line should be open tonight. He further reported that it was a significant milestone as it will allow all of the work to the north to begin. Mr. Pyles addressed a rumor that Taylor St. will become a cul-de-sac after the underpass has opened; he reported that Taylor St. will continue to be a through street after the completion of the underpass. Mr. Wells asked whether or not Mr. Pyles had spoken with the Fire Chief about a possible practice burn for the house at Trails End; Mr. Pyles explained that he had spoken to Chief Wetherbee, who declined, as he was concerned about the smoke being an issue. Ms. Denes asked why the village would pay for the asbestos assessment at the Trails End house; Mr. Pyles explained that it may affect the bid tabulations for the demolition, as contractors have to factor in the worst case scenarios when bidding a job. Ms. Denes asked why the village would pay for the

assessment, when it was cemetery property; Mr. Pyles explained that the property is titled in the village's name. Ms. Denes explained that she is not comfortable with taking on any more of the cemetery's debt. There was some discussion about who the property belonged to and the cost of the assessment. Ms. Dronsfield mentioned that the Cemetery Board had received lower bids last year for the house demolition and further mentioned that she thought the Cemetery Bd. would be willing to pay for the asbestos assessment. Ms. Denes asked why, if the Cemetery Bd. went out for bid last year, the village is now handling it. Mr. Pyles asked Ms. Dronsfield whether or not they had received verbal bids or written bids; Ms. Dronsfield thought that they had received verbal bids. Mr. Pyles explained to Ms. Denes that last year they had discussed salvaging part of the house and after further investigation he had realized that it would be best to have the house demolished. There was some discussion about the Cemetery Bd. using part of the house for a chapel. Mr. Pyles explained that he was going to put the topic on the Public works agenda, where the committee could reject the bids if they wished. Mr. Wells asked Mr. Rosemark if the variable frequency drive which he had mentioned in his report needed to be replaced; Mr. Rosemark explained that he was waiting for the vendor to make an assessment as to whether or not it could be repaired. Mr. Schneider thanked Mr. Pyles for giving him a tour of the underpass.

- Main Street Wellington . Ms. Denes reported that the Cheese Festival was a success and mentioned that the Board will meet on Thursday morning. Mayor O'Keefe thanked the village employees for their help setting up for the festival.

## 6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance . Mr. Hyde reported that the committee had met prior to the Council meeting and will continue their discussion on the collection process at the next meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Police . Mr. Wells reported that the committee will meet on August 3<sup>rd</sup> prior to the Council meeting.
- Public Works . Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee will meet at 6:00 PM on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. She further reported that the Public Works Dept. is working on the waterline installation on Johns St. and they are still pouring concrete on Union St. Mr. Schneider asked what the schedule was for brush pickup; Mr. Brasee explained that they pick up the weeks of the Council meetings, the first full week and the third weeks of the month. Mr. Maurer reported that he spoke with Mr. Brasee prior to the meeting about the road plate on N. Main St., where he found out that road plate is from the school construction. Mr. Maurer asked Mr. Pyles to check with the school on the status of the road plate removal; Mr. Pyles explained that he thought it was a result of the intersection work and he will speak with Mr. Wulfoop about it. Ms. Denes asked Mr. Brasee about a section of street in disrepair on Union St. between Jones St. and Sheila Dr.; Mr. Brasee will look into it.

Utility . Ms. Denes reported that the committee had met prior to the Council meeting and discussed a Lineman pay proposal from Mr. Pyles. Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hyde to add a \$2.00 per hour skilled premium that may be awarded via the merit increase process, for an electric journey man linemen, in the occupational groups, Front Line Managers and Crafts/Trades/Protective, in the Exceptional band of the Wage Chart. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+. Ms. Denes mentioned that Mr. Pyles had given the committee an update on the substation and further mentioned that there was a spec and bid ordinance for equipment on tonight's agenda. Motion by Denes 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to accept the resignation of Kyle Spears from the Electric Dept. effective July 17, 2015. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+

- Ordinance . Mr. Schneider reported that the committee will meet on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and mentioned that he would like to discuss abandon motor vehicles at that meeting. Chief Barfield reported that Zoning Inspector Furcron is having trouble with abandon vehicles that are sitting on private property for long periods of time. Ms. Denes mentioned that she has complained of several; Mr. Schneider mentioned that he had complained of a few also. Ms. Denes asked Mr. Bond whether or not there was a zoning ordinance that addressed the problem; Mr. Bond explained that he had spoken with Ms. Lent on Friday and suggested referring to the Ordinance on junk, and asked her why that ordinance would not

apply to the junk vehicles. Mr. Bond reported that Ms. Lent explained that she would have to speak with Mr. Furcron. Mr. Wells explained that the discussion of the junk vehicles should address the Police Dept. having the authority to remove the vehicles from the site. Mr. Schneider reported that the Ambulance Board had purchased the Lucas 2, chest compression system and mentioned that he had a short video of the demonstration if anyone was interested in watching it. Mr. Maurer mentioned that he attended the demonstration, and gave a brief explanation of how the equipment worked.

## 7. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### ORDINANCE NO. 2015-23

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE AMENDED AND RESTATED PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL Tabled on 6/15/15 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading  
Mr. Wells mentioned that he would like to keep the Ordinance tabled until they could discuss it further at the next Ordinance Committee meeting.

### ORDINANCE NO. 2015-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 521.12 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO GARBAGE, TRASH, AND RUBISH 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

### ORDINANCE NO. 2015-29 (Amended)

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION 134.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO PAYMENT OF BILLS 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Motion by Hyde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to move the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~. Ms. Denes explained that the amendment was the amount which had changed from \$100,000 to \$10,000. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~.

### ORDINANCE NO. 2015-31

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER, FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ELECTRICAL SUBSTATION, AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

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

### RESOLUTION NO. 2015-32

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE NEXUS PIPELINE 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to suspend the rules. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~. Mr. Wells asked Mr. Pyles what the rationale was behind this resolution; Mr. Pyles explained that it is the village's business because, if no one is urging them, with the decision that NEXUS has made, you may one day have a pipeline outside of town. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to approve as read. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~. Ms. Denes thanked Mr. Pyles for the well worded resolution, and mentioned that this is something the village should be keeping an eye on.

### ORDINANCE NO. 2015-33

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN UNCLAIMED MONIES TRUST FUND+ 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

8. **OLD BUSINESS** – Ms. Denes mentioned that she is still having problems with residents in her neighborhood that are parking over the sidewalks. She asked Chief Barfield to speak with her after the meeting about it.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

- Mayor O'Keefe announced that they will be forming a committee to discuss the future use of the McCormick Middle St. property. She mentioned that she has copies of the MOU available for anyone interested.
- A gentleman in attendance, later determined to be Richard Bonewit from 625 N. Main St., expressed concern about the signal installation at the High School drive way and how it would affect his property. After a lengthy discourse from Mr. Bonewit, Mayor O'Keefe suggested that he attend the School Board meeting the following night, as this is a school board matter.
- Ms. Denes mentioned that she would like to see Planning and Zoning reports, and the minutes included in the council packets.

10. **ADJOURN** - Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schneider to adjourn at 8:35 PM