

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

Revised 1/4/16

<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>Monday December 7, 2015</b>	<b>7:37 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 Keith Rowland . Present  
 Councilwoman Helen Dronsfield . Present      Councilman Hans Schneider . Present  
 Councilman Steve Maurer . Present      Council President Guy Wells . Present  
 Others Present . Mayor O'Keefe, Village Manger Pyles, Finance Director Shaw, Law Director Bond, Chief Barfield, Water/WW Supt. Rosemark, Electric Supt. Bealer, Public Works Supt. Brasee, Zoning Inspector Furcron, Clerk of Council O'Brien, Enterprise Reporter Gabe, MSW Director Arntz, Mark Bughman, Bill Berger, Louise Gross, LeRoy Brasee, Linda Navarre, Hailey Brasee, Olivia Bradstock, Joe Davidson, Lisa Davidson, Rhonda Richmond, Floyd Herold
3. **Resolution for Linda Navarre** – Mayor O'Keefe read a resolution for Linda Navarre and thanked her for all of her hard work and years of dedicated service.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** . Motion by Maurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2015 meeting. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~.
5. **FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Ms. Denes had questions regarding the bills; Ms. Shaw, Mr. Brasee and Mr. Pyles answered her questions. Mr. Maurer had questions regarding the bills; Ms. Shaw answered his questions. Motion by Wells, 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	\$	71,852.31
201	Street CM&R	\$	3,731.30
205	Police Pension Trust Fund	\$	5,468.61
208	Permissive Tax	\$	2,197.75
301	SPC Assess Bond Retire	\$	9,938.28
401	Capital	\$	8,718.85
501	Water	\$	27,793.60
502	Sewer	\$	34,741.65
503	Elect	\$	169,498.28
	Power Bills	\$	29,031.50
504	Garbage	\$	4,340.00
505	Cable TV	\$	4,684.68
506	Storm Sewer	\$	3,993.17
508	Consumer Deposits	\$	4,193.14
	Pay 24	\$	91,657.69
	Total	\$	471,840.81

6. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS:**
  - Mayor O'Keefe
  - Law Director Bond . Nothing to report
  - Chief Barfield . Chief Barfield reported that they had a ~~st~~uff the cruiser+event that went very well; he thanked those who contributed. He mentioned that the Auxiliary is

- still looking for volunteers and asked anyone interested to fill out an application.
- Finance Director Shaw - Ms. Shaw mentioned that her report was in the packet and she would be happy to answer any questions. Ms. Denes thanked Ms. Shaw for the mowing report. Mr. Wells mentioned that 10 employees had opted to take a lesser insurance plans which resulted in approximately \$10,000 savings to the village. He mentioned that it was a good savings to the employees also.
- Village Manager Pyles . Mr. Pyles reported that Drug Mart had won the Efficiency Award which is sponsored by the Efficiency Smart program. He mentioned that the village had been approved for Adams St. funding. He further mentioned that there will be assessments made to Adams St. late next year. He reported that the replacement is a \$1.5 million dollar project. The village is getting \$350,000 from state funding, and will be trying to secure some other low interest loans. Mr. Pyles explained that the village affords street replacement projects through the assessment process. Mr. Schneider thanked Mr. Pyles for the luncheon celebration after the underpass opening ceremony. Mr. Wells thanked the villages past and present employees for the 17 years of work leading up to the opening of the underpass. Mr. Pyles reported that the school district informed him that they would not be able to have the contractor salvage items from the McCormick school building as originally thought. He further reported that they will salvage the portals as promised, one complete and one possibly in pieces. Mr. Maurer asked Mr. Pyles when Kelly St. would be completed; Mr. Pyles reported that half of the street had been poured today, and the other half will be poured in 4-5 days. Mayor O'Keefe thanked Mr. Pyles for his hard work on the underpass, the ceremony, and the luncheon.
- Main Street Wellington . Ms. Arntz gave a report for Main Street Wellington. She thanked the village employees for putting the Christmas tree up in the gazebo. She mentioned that the Main St. annual meeting will be held the last Thursday in January at the Elms Retirement Village at 7:00 PM.

## 7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Finance . Ms. Denes reported that the committee will meet December 21<sup>st</sup> prior to council.
- Police . Mr. Wells reported that the committee had met prior to council and discussed the new, New World software. He mentioned that on Wednesday May 11<sup>th</sup>, the Wellington Police Dept. will be hosting the annual Lorain County Police Memorial observances. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to appoint Officer Matt Perkins as a full time Corporal and increase his wages by \$.50, to \$20.46 per hour, effective the next full pay. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to appoint Officer Adam Smosny as part time Corporal and increase his wages by \$.50, to \$20.34 per hour, effective the next full pay period. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+. Mr. Wells mentioned that Mayor O'Keefe will be appointing three new auxiliary officers: Bruce Hughes, Cynthia Bjork, and Scott Purchinsky. Motion by Wells, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denes to adjust the Police Chiefs salary to \$70,000.00 per year effective the first pay period in January. Ms. Denes added that this was also a recommendation from Mayor O'Keefe. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+.
  - Public Works . Ms. Dronsfield reported that the committee had met prior to the council meeting. She further reported that they had discussed quiet zones and Mr. Pyles had reported that the approximate cost for three crossings would be \$250,000 and they will be moving forward with the project into next year. Motion by Dronsfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to end the probationary period of Bryan Doehr and give him a 5% increase from \$17.00 to \$17.85 per hour, effective the next full pay period. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~+. Ms. Dronsfield announced that tomorrow will be the first day for students at the new McCormick Middle School. She reported that grades 4-8 will be attending, and mentioned that the 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be leaving the high school to attend the new school. Mr. Schneider asked whether or

not there will be added patrols at the school entrances, as the new traffic light had not been installed yet; Chief Barfield said they will have it covered. Ms. Dronsfield reported that the curbside leaf collection will be ending on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- Utility . Ms. Denes reported that the committee will meet on December 21<sup>st</sup> prior to the council meeting.
- Ordinance . Mr. Schnieder reported that the committee had met prior to the council meeting and will meet again on January 4<sup>th</sup> prior to council. He mentioned that the Planning Commission meeting minutes were included in the packet. He reported that they were still discussing the solar project and were anticipating breaking ground in the spring.

## 8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

### ORDINANCE NO. 2015-48

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING NECESSARY AMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE § SECTION 125 CAFETERIA PLAN FOR EMPLOYEES AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATED EFFECTIVE DATE 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to move the third reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~.

### ORDINANCE NO. 2015-50

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE DIRECTOR OF LAW 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading

Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wells to move the third reading. Roll call vote was taken with all members voting ~~yes~~.

## 9. OLD BUSINESS

**Vacant Council Position** – Mr. Wells reported that the ad for the vacant council seat had run and the deadline for applications is Noon on December 30<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged residents to apply. He mentioned that today is Pearl Harbor Day, and gave a brief, genuine, review of how it changed the world.

**Underpass** . Mr. Rosemark thanked Kurtis Linden and Andy Pickworth for their continual response to correcting problems throughout the underpass construction. He also thanked Mr. Robert Dupee, as he was crucially important in the grade separation process. He thanked Mr. Dupee for his grit and determination in getting the underpass project off and running.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

**Joe Davidson** – Mr. Davidson addressed council regarding a concern with the Police Department producing a policy he feels is needed to allow former officers to acquire the certification needed to allow for concealed carry by former officers in venues where a civilian concealed carry permit would preclude a firearm. He stated he has tried on multiple occasions to get a response to his request. Mr. Davidson also presented court documents regarding a current officer and expressed concern that background checks should be revealing the type of information he presented and, in his opinion, these types of background issues should be taken into account prior to promotions. Council discussed this issue and did not agree with Mr. Davidson's concerns.

## 11. ADJOURN – Motion by Denes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurer to adjourn at 8:20 PM

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Clerk of Council

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Mayor