

**VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 6, 2022**

The meeting of the Westphalia Village Council was called to order by President Tim Fandel at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance given to the flag.

**Council Members in Attendance:**

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| Tim Fandel, President | Steve Miller, Member | Nort Upson, Member       |
| David Boswell, Clerk  | Bill Schmitt, Member | Kevin Krzeminski, Member |
| Phil Smith, Member    | Jim Pivarnik, Member |                          |

**Guests:**

Tanner Droste, Resident  
Phil Hanses, County Drain Commissioner  
Brant Mercer, Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering  
Craig Pohl and Katie Pohl, Residents  
Nathan Thelen, Resident

**Minutes & Agenda:** Member Upson made the motion, supported by Member Schmitt to approve the agenda and the minutes of the August 1st regular meeting. Motion carried.

**Appointments:** No appointments.

**Guests:**

Phil Hanses, Clinton County Drain Commissioner presented the Council with a proposal to review alternatives to address drainage and flooding concerns in the northeast quadrant of town. Recent record/near record rainfalls have created concerns with the adequacy of the current East Branch of the Thome and Weiber Drain. It was proposed that the County and the Village would work together to have an engineer evaluate the current drain and alternatives to improve drainage and reduce the possibility of flooding. Residents in attendance provided evidence of erosion of the banks of the drain in some locations and resulting increased flooding. A motion was made by Member Schmitt, supported by Member Miller, to approve the proposal from the engineer and proceed with the review. Motion carried.

Brant Mercer, of Fleis and Vandenbrink, provided the Council with an update regarding aspects of the water main update project. The contractor selected by the Village has ordered supplies necessary to begin the project. Alternatives for financing a portion of the project and/or additional segments of the project were discussed. The Village and engineers are awaiting confirmation from EGLE that additional financing will be available in 2023.

Nathan Thelen, resident, requested clarification of provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regarding accessory buildings. Discussion followed. The Council will ask the Planning Commission to review sections of the Zoning Ordinance relative to Accessory Buildings and, if appropriate, recommend possible revisions.

**Water:** No new business.

**Financial:** Expenditures made during the previous month were presented and reviewed. A motion to approve all invoices was made by Member Schmitt, supported by Member Krzeminski. Motion carried.

**Building & Zoning:**

Member Pivarnik presented Application for Plot Plan Approval #22-012 for an accessory building at 411 E. Main Street. The application meets appropriate zoning requirements. Member Pivarnik made a motion, supported by Member Upson, to approve the application. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the division of property at 216 W. Main Street.

Discussion was had regarding the re-zoning of parcels of land in the northeast section of the Village to allow continued development in that area. The Council will ask the Planning Commission to review the zoning and make appropriate recommendations for re-zoning.

**Streets:** No new business.

**Community Service:** No new business. Reminder - Clinton County will be offering a “Free For Fall Collection Event” to residents of Clinton county. The event is being offered as a service to residents of Clinton County to assist in the safe disposal of household hazardous waste and to encourage the proper recycling of electronics/ The event will be held on Saturday, September 24, from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. For more information (including fees which apply to some items) or to make an appointment, please go to [www.clintoncounty.org](http://www.clintoncounty.org) and search for the Department of Waste Management events.

**Planning Commission:**

There was no Planning Commission meeting in September.

Suggestions have been made to the Council and Planning Commission to consider adding Pickle Ball Courts as a recreation alternative in the Village. Research will be made into the feasibility of Pickle Ball Courts. The Council may request that the Planning Commission be involved in the research and decision.

Next Planning Commission meeting will be on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:00p.m.

**Administrative Issues:** St. Mary Parish’s Family Fest will take place on Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24. For information regarding the Family Fest you can visit the parish’s website at <https://stmarychurch.net/> or visit the Family Fest Facebook page.

**Next Council Meeting:**

- Regular Meeting: Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Member Smith, supported by Member Krzeminski. Motion carried.