

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
December 4, 2023

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:

Tim Fandel, President	Kevin Krzeminski	Phil Smith	Jim Pivarnik
David Boswell, Clerk	Bill Schmitt	Steve Miller	Tanner Droste

Minutes & Agenda: Member Krzeminski made the motion, supported by Member Pivarnik to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented and the Agenda for the December meeting. Motion carried.

Appointments:

- LeAnn O'Brien and Craig Pohl were reappointed to the Planning Commission with term expiring in 2026.
- Bill Schmitt and David Boswell were reappointed to the Board of Appeals with terms expiring in 2027.

Guests: Guests in attendance included:

Alex Hanes, DPW Supervisor

Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner:

provided the Council with an update of activities for Clinton County, including: an update on the status of the county-wide broadband initiative, an update on upcoming changes in Public Safety (county jail) and Juvenile Services facilities, changes in the amount of waste that can be landfilled at the Granger facility, application by "Parks & Greenspace" for a grant to keep park waters free of invasive species, and work being done to update the County Recreation Plans.

Water: DPW Supervisor Hanes provided the Council with an update on the water main improvement project. Work to be completed in 2023 has been completed. Work will recommence in April of 2024, including improvements to the water system along Heyer Street and the surface restoration and the repair of lawns disturbed during construction – including repair to lawns that have recently been partially restored.

There is evidence that the pump for the main well may need repair. The situation will be evaluated, and repairs made, if necessary.

Sewer: Bids have been received for the repair of the west lift station. A contractor will be selected, and repairs completed.

Work has begun on the relief drain for the Thome and Wieber Drain on the east side of the Village.

The Village wishes to express its appreciation to Clinton County Drain Commissioner Phil Hanes for facilitating improvements to the drain system in the Village and for working to provide the Village with favorable options for financing the project. The Village values its relationship with the Drain Commission and other operating units within Clinton County.

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

The Revenue and Expenditure Report for the current fiscal year was reviewed to determine if the budget for the fiscal year should be amended. Council also reviewed the fund allocations of various expenses. A change in the allocation of a utility/Consumers Energy charge was made. A budget sub-committee plans to meet to review revenues and expenditures and fund allocations in greater detail and to recommend budget amendments to Council.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission continues to review opportunities for improvements at Droste Park. A sub-committee is being established to ensure that progress continues. The sub-committee will include representatives from the Village and from Westphalia Township. The Planning Commission is considering how to best obtain feedback from residents on what improvements/facilities they would like to see. Also being reviewed are potential costs, availability of grants, etc.

The next Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

Building & Zoning: No applications for Plot Plan Approval were received.

Streets: No new business.

Community Service: No new business.

Parks and Recreation: Discussions continue regarding the potential upgrades to the facilities at Droste Park.

DPW: No new business.

Administrative Issues: Discussion continues regarding the benefits that the Village and residents would receive from the installation of security cameras at various locations throughout the Village. Proposals from two security/camera companies are being reviewed. Discussion regarding security cameras will continue as additional information is gathered.

The schedule of Village Council and Planning Commission meetings for 2024 was finalized. A copy of the meeting schedule is available at Village Hall during regular business hours.

Next Council Meeting: Regular Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Member Smith, supported by Member Schmitt. Motion carried.