

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
*September 3, 2019*

The regular meeting of the Westphalia Village Council was called to order by President Dean Kohagen at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance given to the flag.

**Council Member, Attendance:** Phil Smith                      Dean Kohagen, President                      Sandy Smith, Clerk  
   Steve Miller                      Kevin Krzeminski                      Nort Upson  
   Dave Boswell                      Tim Fandel, Pres. Pro-Tem

**Guests:** Eric & Polly Simon, residents  
                 Patrice Weber

**Minutes & Agenda:** Member Smith made the motion, supported by Member Krzeminski to approve the agenda and the minutes of the August 5, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**Guests:** Residents Eric & Polly Simon were present to discuss a storm water issue in front of their house. The re-grading of the area by the Village DPW to its original state will hopefully correct the problem. Patrice Weber, Owner/Administrator of Portland Assisted Living & Memory Center, shared with the Council her preliminary plans for an Assisted Living Care facility here in the Village. She will keep the Council apprised of progress and provide a timeline for the project as it becomes available.

**Water/Sewer:** The Michigan Rural Water Association will be doing a water/sewer rate study within the next six months. Depending on the findings of the study, rates may need to be adjusted. The Council would also like to garner input from Michigan Rural Water on how the Village should proceed with the issue of delinquent water/sewer accounts. Developing a consistent procedure for handling delinquent accounts will be the focus.

**Financial:** A motion to approve all invoices paid during the month of August for all funds was made by Member Fandel, supported by Member Upson. Motion carried. Copies of the final annual audit have been received.

**Building & Zoning:** Member Boswell presented and made a motion to approve Zoning Permits 19-020, Troy & Jodi Thelen, 121 Maple Street, for a residence. Permit complies with zoning at this time. Member Upson seconded. Motion carried. Planning Commission is working on updating parts of the Village Ordinances, specifically as it relates to pool fencing.

**Streets:** Council continued discussions regarding the feasibility of undertaking Phase II of the Downtown Improvement Project, which is the first block of East Main Street, possibly in the fall of 2020. President Kohagen is currently waiting on a cost estimate from Consumers Energy for their portion of this potential project. Discussion followed.

**Community Services:** September will begin the new recycling schedule. Recycling will now be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> and newly added 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month behind the Village Municipal Center. Hopefully, this will help alleviate the overflow we have been experiencing by having recycling only one weekend per month. Please remember to break down cardboard boxes before placing them in the recycle container. Member Upson made a motion to make a donation to the Pewamo Trailhead project, Member Boswell seconded, motion carried. After additional information is received, Member Fandel made a motion to donate to the Fowler Fire Recovery effort, Member Miller seconded, motion carried.

**Planning Commission:** The next meeting is October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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**Adjournment:** Moved by Member Smith supported by Member Boswell. Motion carried.

**ATTENTION: A few of the new street signs have been stolen. These signs may be returned to the Municipal Center or DPW Building before October 1 without prosecution. If you have any information regarding the stolen signs, please contact the village office at 989-587-4434.**