VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
January 7, 2013

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

Guests, Present: Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner
Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff
Jim Bierstetel, DPW Supervisor

Minutes & Agenda: The agenda was accepted. Member Boswell made the motion, supported by Member Upson to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2012 regular meeting with changes. Motion carried.

Guests: Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff, gave an update on County issues. 2012 car/deer accidents were down by 158 incidents compared to 2011. Larry Drew has been hired as the new County Undersheriff. Locally, it has been quiet. Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner reported that the County Board will be reorganizing in January. No other major county issues to report.

Financial: Member Fandel presented the bills to the Council. Member Krzeminski made a motion to approve with clarifications. Member Miller seconded. Motion carried. The 2013-2014 Employee Compensation Budget was discussed. Member Fandel made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Employee Compensation Budget. Member Smith seconded. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer: An educational field trip for the St. Mary's 2nd and 5th grade classes will be held in the spring as part of the grant received by the Village from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Students will see first-hand how the Village sanitary treatment systems operate to make waste water environmentally safe.

Building& Zoning: Zoning Permit #13-001, 215 Platte Circle, Eric Simon, application for new residence. Application as presented does not meet current zoning requirements. Member Boswell made a motion to deny. Member Krzeminski seconded. Motion carried.

Streets: Please note it is illegal to push snow onto or across the street when clearing driveways and sidewalks.

Community Services: Consumers Energy has contracted with Inspired Green to offer free evaluations of Village resident's homes to check for energy efficiency, comfort, and safety. Founded and located in Grand Ledge, Inspired Green has performed free evaluations in many of our surrounding communities (DeWitt, Portland, Eagle, St. Johns, etc.) as part of the Consumers Energy Home Performance ENERGY STAR Program. Consultants will be going door-to-door in Westphalia the week of January 21-25 to set up appointments for those that want them. There is no obligation or cost. See President's Message for more information or call Scott Wright of Inspired Green at 517-994-8113.

Planning Commission: Member Boswell reported on the December Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission continues its work on updating the Zoning Ordinances. The next Planning Commission meeting is January 14, 2013 (7:00 p.m.). Member Boswell presented the Planning Commissions 2012 Annual Report.

Administrative Issues: There was one correction to the 2013 meeting schedule. The meeting for February will be held on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.

Next Council Meeting: February 11, 2013, Monday (6:00 p.m.)

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