

**VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 3, 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	Tanner Droste, Member	Phil Smith, Member
David Boswell, Clerk	Bill Schmitt, Member	Steve Miller, Member
Jim Pivarnik, Member	Kevin Krzeminski, Member	

**Minutes & Agenda:** Member Smith made the motion, supported by Member Droste to approve the agenda and the minutes of the March 6, 2023 regular meeting. Motion carried.

**Appointments:** There were no appointments.

**Guests:**

Guests in attendance included:  
Alex Hanses, DPW Supervisor  
David Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner

Dave Pohl, County Commissioner, provided the Council with an update on activities at the county level. Items discussed included:

- County broadband initiative
- Funds available to the County to address opioid addiction and prevention
- Funding for Clinton County RESA
- Availability of programs for veterans; contact numbers include (517) 887-4392 and (517) 488-2033
- Transportation services for veterans, available from Clinton Transit. Contact number (989) 224-8127
- Clinton County Clean Community event; April 29, 2023 – by appointment. Contact (989) 224-5186

**Water:** Discussions were had regarding next steps in the water system/water main upgrade project. A pre-construction meeting with representatives of the Village, The Village’s engineering firm (Fleis & VandenBrink) and Nashville Construction has been scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2023.

**Sewer:** Discussions were had regarding the treatment of weeds at the Village’s lagoons. Cost saving options were discussed and will be implemented. Discussions were had regarding options that will address concerns with the adequacy of the Thome and Wieber Drain and its’ ability to handle the increased volume of water from Spring storms. The Village will continue reviewing options with the Clinton County Drain Commission.

**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 Krzeminski. Motion carried.

The Village’s budget for fiscal year 2022 – 2023 was discussed. Member Miller made a motion, supported by Mr. Krzeminski to approve continuation of the fiscal year 2022 – 2023 budget until final figures are available for review and for use in developing the fiscal year 2023 – 2024 budget.

**Planning Commission:**

The Planning Commission is preparing for Cruise-In 2023. The Cruise-In facebook page has been expanded to include a “Cruiser Spotlight”, acknowledging participants in previous events. This new feature had been well received by cruisers and spectators.

The Cruise-In has been added as an event on the PureMichigan site.

Next Planning Commission meeting will be on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:00p.m.

**Building & Zoning:**

- Application for Plot Plan Approval #23-002 for an accessory building at 314 Windward Drive, which had previously been tabled pending additional information, was reviewed. Additional information submitted demonstrates that the building meets Village zoning requirements. Member Pivarnik made a motion, supported by Member Droste, to approve the application. Motion carried.
- Application for Plot Plan Approval #23-006 for a residence and accessory building at 415 Bierstetel Circle was presented. All zoning requirements were met. Member Pivarnik made a motion, supported by Member Smith, to approve the application. Motion carried.

**Streets:** Discussion was had regarding the condition of Village streets. Cold patch is necessary in various locations and will be completed.

**Community Service:** No new business.

**Parks and Recreation:** Residents have requested that the Village consider modification/upgrades to the facilities at Droste Park to increase recreation opportunities for baseball and other sports/activities, including pickleball courts. Recommendations are being reviewed.

Representatives of the Village attended a meeting of the Westphalia Township board to discuss Droste Park and recreational opportunities in the Village and Township. The Township and the Village are working together to provide recreational facilities to the community. The Township has committed to a financial contribution to Droste Park and/or recreation within the Village/Township.

**DPW:** Reminder: effective March 7, 2023, the operating hours for the DPW are 7:00 am until 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday, except holidays.

Discussions were had regarding equipment needs for the Village DPW. No action taken at this time.

**Administrative Issues:** No new business.

**Next Council Meeting:**

- Regular Meeting: Monday, May 1, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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