

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
February 6, 2023

The meeting of the Westphalia Village Council was called to order by President Tim Fandel at 7:05 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance given to the flag.

Council Members in Attendance:

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

Minutes & Agenda: Member Krzeminski made the motion, supported by Member Pivarnik to approve the agenda and the minutes of the January 2, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Appointments: There were no appointments.

Guests: David Pohl, County Commissioner, provided the Council with an update concerning issues the County is addressing. Issues included a planned expansion of electrical transmission lines by ITC, upgrades to the fire suppression system at the County Courthouse, operational issues with Clinton Transit, vendor selection for the county-wide broadband initiative and American Rescue Plan Act funds being made available to restaurants that were impacted by covid.

Water: Discussions were had regarding next steps in the water system/water main upgrade project. A change order addressing certain aspects of the construction of the water main project was presented and approved. Items addressed in the change order included expanding the scope of the project to include Alternate #1 and Alternate #2 (expanding the amount of water main to be upgraded) and a change in the type of gaskets being used in portions of the project, as required by the State of Michigan.

Sewer: No new business.

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

The annual review of the employee compensation budget was conducted. Adjustments to the Employee Compensation Budget were made to adjust for inflation and for changes in the responsibility of individual employees.

Building & Zoning:

Application for Plot Plan Approval #23-001 for an accessory building at 315 N. Chestnut Street was reviewed. Decision tabled pending changes to the Village's Zoning Ordinance.

Application for Plot Plan Approval #23-002 for an accessory building at 314 Windward Drive was reviewed. Decision tabled pending changes to the Village's Zoning Ordinance.

Application for Plot Plan Approval #23-003 for modifications to a porch at 200 W. Pine Street. Motion to approve was made by Member Pivarnik, supported by Member Droste. Motion carried.

Application for Plot Plan Approval #23-004 for a building on the vacant lot on Church Street was presented. Decision was tabled pending receipt of additional information.

Application for Plot Plan Approval #23-005 for a fence at 402 Bierstetel Circle was presented. Motion to approve was made by Member Pivarnik, supported by Member Droste. Motion carried.

Streets: No new business.

Community Service: A recommendation by a resident to increase the number of containers available for drop off of recyclables was discussed. Additional improvements to the recycling site would be necessary to accommodate an additional container. The matter was table for consideration in the future.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Hearing for Monday, March 6, 2023 to receive resident feedback regarding the rezoning of two parcels within the Village and changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Notice of the Public Hearing will be published in the Clinton county News and also will be mailed to residents in the vicinity of affected properties.

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

Parks and Recreation: A resident has requested that the Village consider modification/upgrades to the facilities at Droste Park to incorporate safety measures for baseball games. Additional information will be gathered and a decision on upgrades will be made.

DPW:

DPW staff presented information regarding candidates for the DPW position that will become available upon the retirement of DPW Supervisor Miller.

Administrative Issues: No new business.

Next Council Meeting:

- Regular Meeting: Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Pivarnik, supported by Member Schmitt. Motion carried.