

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
August 1, 2022

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	Steve Miller, Member	Nort Upson, Member
David Boswell, Clerk	Bill Schmitt, Member	Kevin Krzeminski, Member
Phil Smith, Member	Jim Pivarnik, Member	

Guests:

Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner
Tanner Droste

Minutes & Agenda: Member Upson made the motion, supported by Member Schmitt to approve the agenda and the minutes of the July 5, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Appointments: Westphalia resident Jim Pivarnik attended the meeting and presented himself as a candidate to fill a recently vacated position on the Village Council. Discussions regarding Mr. Pivarnik's interest in serving as a Council member and his experience followed. A motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Pivarnik to the Council was made by Member Upson, supported by Member Schmitt. Motion carried. President Fandel (liaison to the Planning Commission) presented Westphalia resident Craig Pohl as a candidate to fill a vacant position on the Planning Commission. Following discussion, President Fandel made a motion to appoint Mr. Pohl to the Planning Commission. Support by Member Miller. Motion carried.

Guests: Clinton county Commissioner Dave Pohl provided the Council with an update of the County's activities. Commissioner Pohl presented information on a county-wide initiative to make broadband available throughout the County and requested the Village's support of the project. The Village Council supports the premise of making broadband coverage accessible throughout all of Clinton Count.

Clinton County Drain Commissioner Phil Hanses provided the Council with information regarding County drains and addressed concerns regarding the adequacy of County drains and retention areas. All drains and retention areas are considered sufficient based on current development within the Village. Drain Commissioner Hanses is obtaining quotes for the review of drains and retention areas by engineers, to assure adequacy in the future. The information will be presented to the Village Council at an upcoming meeting and discussions on how to proceed will take place at that time.

Westphalia resident Tanner Droste attended the meeting as an observer and to present recommendations for the Village's Cruise-In. Mr. Droste assisted with artwork for the Cruise-In 2022 postcard and served as a volunteer at Cruise-In 2022. His volunteerism and observations are appreciated and his recommendations will be acted on by the Village Planning Commission.

Water: The deadlines for bids on the Village's upgrade to the water system are due from contractors and will be opened on Monday, August 8. The Council elected to call a Special Meeting of the Village Council on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting will be to review bids and make decisions regarding bid acceptance and whether or not to proceed with the project. Cost and availability of materials will affect the scope of the project, whether the Village will proceed and the need for future rate increases.

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

Building & Zoning: Member Miller presented Applications for Plot Plan Approvals for: application #22-009, a privacy fence at 500 Rosemont; application #22-010, a roof mounted solar array at 208 Feneis Street; and application #22-011, exterior improvements at 109 W. Main Street. All applications meet appropriate zoning requirements. A motion to approve all applications was made by Member Miller, supported by Member Pivarnik. Motion carried.

Reminder: Village of Westphalia approval and Clinton County Building permits are required for many building, upgrade and replacement projects. Please be sure to obtain required approval/permits for your building projects. If you have questions regarding Village requirements, please contact the Village at (989) 587-4434. Questions regarding County requirements or permits can be directed to the County Building Department at (989) 224-5181.

Streets: Planned street maintenance was discussed, including plans to perform sealing/chip-seal on N. Westphalia Street. Patching of appropriate areas will occur prior to application of chip-seal. Due to increasing cost of materials, the cost of the project was higher than originally expected, but within an acceptable range and within budget.

Community Service: Clinton County will be offering a “Free For Fall Collection Event” to residents of Clinton county. The event is being offered as a service to residents of Clinton County to assist in the safe disposal of household hazardous waste and to encourage the proper recycling of electronics/ The event will be held on Saturday, September 24, from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm. For more information (including fees which apply to some items) or to make an appointment, please go to www.clintoncounty.org and search for the Department of Waste Management events.

Planning Commission: Westphalia resident Craig Pohl has presented himself as a candidate to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. After discussion the Planning Commission unanimously recommended appointment of Mr. Pohl to the Planning Commission. Westphalia resident Tanner Droste attended the Planning Commission meeting with recommendations regarding the Village’s Cruise-In. Mr. Droste assisted with artwork for the Cruise-In 2022 postcard and served as a volunteer at Cruise-In 2022. His volunteerism and observations are appreciated and his recommendations will be acted on by the Village Planning Commission. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be on October 3, 2022 at 6:00p.m.

Administrative Issues: St. Mary Parish’s Family Fest will take place on Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24. For information regarding the Family Fest you can visit the parish’s website at <https://stmarychurch.net/> or visit the Family Fest Facebook page.

Next Council Meeting:

- Special Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm.
- Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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