

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
August 5, 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-Absent Dean Kohagen, President Sandy Smith, Clerk
Steve Miller Kevin Krzeminski Nort Upson
Dave Boswell Tim Fandel, Pres. Pro-Tem

Guests: Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner
Eric & Polly Simon, residents

Minutes & Agenda: Member Boswell made the motion, supported by Member Upson to approve the agenda and the minutes of the July 1, 2019 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Guests: Clinton County Commissioner Dave Pohl updated the Council on a number of issues at the County level. Residents Eric & Polly Simon were present to discuss water issues in front of their house and their neighbor's house. After much discussion DPW will assess the situation and address what needs to be done to correct the situation.

Water/Sewer: DPW Supervisor Steve Miller reported that the new well monitoring controls have been added. 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 sometime next year.

Financial: A motion to approve all invoices paid during the month of July for all funds was made by Member Fandel, supported by Member Krzeminski. Motion carried. Draft of the annual audit has been received by the Council and a completed final audit document should be available soon.

Building & Zoning: Member Boswell presented and made a motion to approve Zoning Permits 19-017, John & Kathleen Eklund, 416 Westphalia St, for an addition; 19-018, Jeremy Miller, 310 Windward Dr, for an addition; and 19-019, Ryan Koenigsnecht, 417 Cedar Lane for an addition. All permits comply with zoning at this time. Member Miller seconded. Motion carried.

Streets: Council discussed 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. Discussion followed.

Community Services: The Village and Westphalia Township are pleased to announce their joint effort in adding another recycling weekend each month. We will have recycling the 1st and newly added 3rd 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.

Planning Commission: In an effort to update the current zoning as it relates to swimming pool barriers, the Planning Commission will be reviewing all zoning ordinances for any other potential updates that may be needed. The next meeting is October 7, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: September 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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