

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
May 6, 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 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, Deputy Dan Spitzley

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

Guests: Clinton County Commissioner Dave Pohl updated the Council on a number of issues at the County level. Deputy Dan Spitzley shared with the Council the enforcement report for the first quarter 2019. Deputy Spitzley also presented a cost estimate for the county to provide security at the car show. Discussion followed.

Water/Sewer: DPW Supervisor Steve Miller presented the lowest bid he received for updating the water alarm system. Steve also presented a bid for new valves needed on the sewer system. Discussions followed. Member Krzeminski made a motion, supported by Member Smith to approve both bids as presented. Motion carried. These expenditures prompted a discussion of current water/sewer rates which were last adjusted in 2012. The Village will contact the Michigan Rural Water Association and request an analysis of our current rate structure in relation to anticipated future expenditures.

Financial: A motion to approve all invoices paid during the month of May for all funds was made by Member Krzeminski, supported by Member Fandel. Motion carried. Clerk Smith presented the 2018-2019 Amended Operating Budget. Member Fandel made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Amended Operating Budget, Member Upson seconded. Motion carried. Member Fandel also made a motion to close the 2018-2019 Operating Budget, Member Upson seconded. Motion carried. The 2019-2020 Budget meeting was scheduled for June 10th at 6:00p.m.

Building & Zoning: Member Boswell presented and made a motion to approve Zoning Permits 19-007, 201 School St., Growing Patch Daycare, chain link fence; 19-008, 201 Gutha Dr, Lee & Holly Schrauben, accessory building, 19-009, 401 Rosemont Dr, Tom & Sue Lyons, accessory building, 19-010, 515 S. Westphalia St, Mike & Jennifer Gabel, accessory building, 19-011, 410 S. Westphalia St, Frank & Terri Trierweiler, accessory building, 19-012, 223 Vidua Circle, Rick & Rachel Schneider, residence. All permits comply with zoning at this time. Motion supported by Member Upson, motion carried. Member Boswell presented Zoning Change 19-001, Pohl Oil/Dan Pohl 301 & 307 S. Westphalia St, from Residential to General Business. Property is contiguous with other General Business zoned property and would bring it into compliance with the current Village Master Plan. Discussion followed. A motion to begin the process to rezone the property was made by Member Boswell, support by Member Upson, motion carried. Clerk Smith to get the appropriate letters mailed and zoning will be presented at the June Planning Commission and Council meetings.

Streets: The DPW has been replacing the old embossed street signs with new reflective ones. If anyone is interest in one of the old street signs please contact the village office 587-4434. The Council will not be charging for the signs, but is suggesting a donation be made to the historical society. Requests may be limited.

Community Services: Member Smith has scheduled the St Mary/Village water study learning day for May 29. Clerk Smith informed the Council of a request to add an additional weekend of Recycling. Discussions followed. Village will discuss with the Township as they share in the recycling cost. Updates to follow.

Planning Commission: The next meeting is June 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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