

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
*August 6, 2018*

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:** Nort Upson                      Phil Smith                      Dean Kohagen, President  
Steve Miller                      Kevin Krzeminski              Sandy Smith, Clerk  
Dave Boswell                      Tim Fandel, Pres. Pro-Tem

**Guests, Present:** Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner

**Minutes & Agenda:** Member Smith made the motion, supported by Member Boswell to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2018 regular meeting and the meeting agenda with changes. Motion carried.

**Guests:** Clinton County Commissioner, Dave Pohl updated the Council on County issues such as, mileage proposal on ballot, positive veterans report for our area, etc. Discussion followed.

**Appointments:** President Kohagen appointed Tim Fandel as President Pro-Tem, Steve Miller as Street Administrator and DPW Supervisor.

**Financial:** Motion to approve all invoices paid during the month of July for all funds was made by Member Fandel. Member Upson seconded. Motion carried. Member Upson made a motion supported by Member Krzeminski to appoint Sandra Smith, Jamie Smith and Dean Kohagen as authorized signers on all 5<sup>th</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> accounts, effective immediately. Motion carried.

**Building & Zoning:** Member Boswell presented Zoning Permit 18-007, 401 S. Willow Street, Chris Wilson, for a pool. Permit meets zoning at this time. Member Boswell made a motion, seconded by Member Smith to approve Zoning Permit 18-007. Motion carried.

**Streets:** Downtown improvement project progressing on schedule. Designated streets have been chip-sealed and will be fog-sealed in the near future.

**Community Service:** Clerk Smith presented the Portland Ambulance contract. The cost per capita has not changed from last year. Member Boswell made a motion to approve the contract. Member Krzeminski supported. Motion carried. Any resident interested in signing up for the Portland Ambulance Emergency Care Plan the forms are in the village office. You may also obtain a copy from the City of Portland website [www.portland-michigan.org](http://www.portland-michigan.org). Granger has informed the Village that the recycling cost will go up from \$47.25/ton to \$80.00/ton due to a downturn in the current recyclables market. The Village splits this cost with Westphalia Township. The Council and Township will need to consider the “cost vs benefit” of this program.

**Planning Commission:** Member Boswell reported that the Village engineer has reviewed the new sub-division plans for the next phase of Vidua Acres. A representative from the engineering firm attended the Planning Commission meeting to clarify their findings. The Commission has asked for changes to be made to the plan before approval is granted. The next meeting is October 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**Administrative Issues:** President Kohagen reported that he is still in contact with the USPS, but does not have any new information to share at this time. The Village Council acknowledged Jim Bierstetel on his retirement after 41-plus years of superior service to the Village. Words can simply not express the depth of our gratitude for all Jim has done for our Village. The Council wishes Jim a well-deserved, happy and long retirement.

**Next Council Meeting:** September 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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