

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 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 Member, Attendance: Tim Fandel, President Sandy Smith, Clerk Phil Smith
Steve Miller Kevin Krzeminski Nort Upson-Absent
Dave Boswell, Pres Pro-Tem Bill Schmitt

Guests: Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner

Minutes & Agenda: Member Miller made the motion, supported by Member Schmitt to approve the agenda and the minutes of the January 3, 2022 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Guests: Dave Pohl shared with the council his February County notes.

Water/Sewer: The survey work for the water main project is complete. The water main improvement project requires our water rates to be increased. The village has received a grant to help fund part of this project and will be able to secure a low-interest loan. The program includes replacement of 11,670 feet of water main that was installed in the 1950's. This is a project the council feels needs to be done in the near future.

Financial: A motion to approve all invoices paid during the month of January for all funds was made by Member Schmitt, supported by Member Krzeminski. Motion carried. Clerk Smith presented the 2022-2023 Proposed Operating Budget. Member Boswell made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Proposed Operating Budget which is the 2021-2022 Operating Budget that was approved with amendments at the September 2021 meeting. Member Smith seconded. Motion carried. The Employee Compensation Budget was discussed in detail. Motion by Member Boswell to approved the 2022-2023, Employee Compensation Budget. Member Smith seconded. Motion Carried. Additional discussion with the Treasurers Compensation was discussed. Member Schmitt made a motion to approve said change. Member Boswell seconded. One abstention. Motion carried.

Building & Zoning: Member Boswell presented Zoning Permits 22-001, 520 N Westphalia St, residence and 22-002, Bob and Shirley Smith, 117 Gutha Drive deck roof. Member Boswell made a motion to approve said permits. Member Schmitt seconded. Motion carried. A Lot separation in Platte Circle was discussed. The Council okayed the split as long as it goes back to the original size lot.

Planning Commission: The zoning ordinance update was approved at the Planning Commission. A public hearing will be held on March 7, 6:00 pm in the village office for anyone wanting to view changes. The Cruise-In is scheduled for June 16th.

Administrative Issues: Reminder – there have been snowmobile complaints as it relates to driving across residents lawns. Please limit the amount of riding time here in the village and be thoughtful as it relates to peoples' property. Member Boswell attend the most recent Portland Ambulance meeting to discuss the increases the area will see with their next contract. There was much discussion. Council feels this is an invaluable service.

Next Council Meeting: March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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