



August 3, 2020

Dear Residents:

COVID-19 continues to change what we used to consider our “normal” routines. Opinions vary greatly regarding the pandemic with some thinking it is a complete hoax and others considering it is a threat to human survival. Like most things, the truth most likely lies somewhere in between. Whatever your opinion, I encourage you to comply with the advice of the health experts.

With difficult decisions being forced upon so many people due to the pandemic, especially those in leadership positions, we need to continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. We hope they make good decisions that help bring the pandemic to a close as soon as possible without being overly burdensome to individuals and businesses.

It is also important that we recognize the extraordinary efforts of so many people during this unusual and difficult time. Health care workers, teachers, police, spiritual leaders, store employees – the list goes on and on – deserve our respect and gratitude for their dedication and sacrifice. Please take the time to thank them when you have the opportunity.

Have you noticed the new Kubota compact tractor purchased by the Village? The new tractor replaces the old New Holland tractor that was badly in need of replacement. The new tractor also has several attachments that will make it much more functional to the Village and should provide many years of trouble-free service. Many thanks to our DPW for testing many different models to come up with the one that meets our needs and represents the best value to the Village.

Congratulations to resident Phil Hanses on his primary victory for the position of Clinton County Drain Commissioner. He has been with the County Drain Commission for 35 years, serving as Drain Commissioner for the last 15 years. With no democratic opponent in the November election, Phil’s primary victory assures him the Drain Commissioner position. The Village appreciates the assistance we receive from Phil and his staff and are pleased to be able to continue working with them in the future.

The 2019 Water Report for the Village has been released and once again indicates that the village has excellent quality water. Copies of the report are available at the Municipal Center. Thank you to our DPW for their continued efforts to test and monitor our water to ensure its safety for our residents.

With school scheduled to start soon, children will be walking and crossing streets more often. Please be aware and use extra caution when driving in town. Make sure to get out and enjoy the warm weather while it lasts!

Sincerely,

Dean Kohagen, President  
Village of Westphalia