

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
December 5, 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 Members in Attendance:

Tim Fandel, President	Steve Miller, Member	Tanner Droste, Member
David Boswell, Clerk	Bill Schmitt, Member	Kevin Krzeminski, Member
Phil Smith, Member	Jim Pivarnik, Member	

Guests:

Dave Pohl, County Commissioner
Phil Hanses, Clinton County Drain Commissioner

Minutes & Agenda: Member Schmitt made the motion, supported by Member Droste to approve the agenda and the minutes of the November 7th regular meeting. Motion carried.

Appointments: President Fandel reappointed all members of the Planning Commission, Board of Review, the Treasurer and Clerk. Member Schmitt was appointed to the Village Council department of Parks and Recreation.

Guests:

David Pohl, County Commissioner, provided the Council with an update concerning issues the County is addressing. Issues included the hiring of a new County Administrator, (John Fuentes), ongoing review of the availability of broadband service throughout the County, the County's purchase of land on Pratt Road to be used as a recreation area, update on the progress of the County Road Commission's construction project and review of operations of the Granger facility on Grand River Avenue.

Phil Hanses, Clinton County Drain Commissioner provided a verbal update on the review of the adequacy of water flow and control provided by the Thome Weiber drain on the east side of the Village. Consideration is being given to alternative for modification to the drain system to better control the flow and disbursement of water and to reduce the potential for flooding within the Village. A formal report and recommendation will be provided at the Village Council meeting on January 2, 2023.

Water: As discussed at prior Village Council meetings and communicated in prior meeting minutes, the Village is implementing new water and sewer rates effective on water bills mailed in December. The new rates are:

Water – base rate: \$24.60 per quarter
Water – usage rate: \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons
Sewer – flat rate: \$13.80 per month (\$41.40 per quarter)

Sewer: Please refer to the section on Water, above regarding new rates for sewer.

Financial: Expenditures made during the previous month were presented and reviewed. A motion to approve all invoices was made by Member Schmitt, supported by Member Smith. Motion carried.

Building & Zoning:

Application for Plot Plan Approval #22-015 for an accessory building at 510 Harwood was presented. Member Pivarnik made a motion, supported by member Miller to approve the application. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the re-zoning of parcels of land within the Village to allow continued development. The Council will ask the Planning Commission to review the zoning and make appropriate recommendations for re-zoning. There are currently multiple zoning issues to be reviewed which may result in changes to the Village's Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning Map. In the event changes are recommended, appropriate notices will be sent to residents and published, as required by Michigan statutes.

Streets: No new business.

Community Service: No new business.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission is currently addressing several issues, including:

- The possibility of a new sign at Droste Park
- Enhancements to the facebook page for the Village's Cruise-In
- Zoning issues, as requested by Village Council
- Additional recreational opportunities/facilities within the Village

Next Planning Commission meeting will be on Monday, January 2, 2023, at 6:00p.m.

Parks and Recreation: No new business.

DPW: No new business.

Administrative Issues: Council reviewed the proposed schedule of meeting dates for regular meetings of the Village Council and Planning Commission for the calendar year 2023. Member Schmitt made a motion, supported by Member Krzeminski to approve the meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting:

- Regular Meeting: Monday, January 2, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Smith, supported by Member Pivarnik. Motion carried.