VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
***COUNCIL MEETING***
***January 3, 2017***

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

***Guests, Present:*** Jim Bierstetel, DPW Supervisor
Dan Spitzley, Clinton County Sergeant

***Minutes & Agenda:*** Member Boswell made the motion, supported by Member Miller to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2016 regular meeting and the meeting agenda with additions. Motion carried.

***Guests:*** Clinton County Sergeant Dan Spitzley shared with the Council the November report, discussions followed. There is a new Sheriff and Under Sheriff in Clinton County.

***Sewer System:*** DPW Supervisor Jim Bierstetel updated that he is still waiting on the part that has been ordered to fix one of the two pumps. The current running pump is working great and will not need any work.

***Financial:*** Motion to approve all invoices paid during the month of December for all funds was made by Member Smith. Member Fandel seconded. Motion carried.

***Building & Zoning:*** Member Boswell presented Zoning Permit 2017-01, James & Leslie Young, Windward Estates, residence. Zoning Permit complies with zoning at this time. Member Fandel made a motion to approve 2017-01. Member Smith seconded. Motion carried.

***Streets:*** The Personal Service Agreement (PSA) proposal from Fleis & Vandenbrink was discussed. President Kohagen will contact Fleis & Vandenbrink to get clarification on several issues. Member Fandel made a motion to approved service agreement with Fleis & Vandenbrink contingent on proper clarification of the issues discussed. Member Smith seconded. Motion carried.

***Planning Commission:*** The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2017. The Planning Commission, along with the Council, is currently working on the downtown business district streetscape project.

***Community Service:*** The empty tanks at the Schafer Petroleum site west of town have been removed. Proper testing is currently being done and results will be shared with the State of Michigan DEQ. A group of St Mary's students was able to walk down and meet with a representative from the company removing the tanks and received a quick lesson on the process/requirements for the removal of petroleum tanks in an environmentally safe manner.

***Administrative Issues:*** President Kohagen presented the new County Sheriff Service Agreement. There are no changes to the contract. Member Boswell made a motion, supported by Member Krzeminski to approve the Sheriff Service Agreement. Motion carried. The 2017-2018 Employee Compensation Budget was discussed. Member Fandel made a motion to approve the Employee Compensation Budget as discussed. Member Boswell seconded. Motion carried.

***Next Council Meeting:*** February 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

***Please Note:*** The Village has received complaints from resident about snowmobiles driving on their property without permission. Please respect the property of others and avoid driving on residential lawns. We also ask that you please refrain from driving snowmobiles on Village sidewalks as it compacts the snow making it difficult to remove.