

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
December 3, 2012

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

Guests, Present:

Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff	Scott Strong, Resident
Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner	Diana Kerbyson, Diana's Restaurant
Mike Engels, Michigan Rural Water Technician	Jim Bierstetel, DPW Supervisor

Appointments: President Kohagen presented candidates Sandy Smith, Wendy Thelen, and Mark Thelen to the Council for re-appointment to the Village Office of Clerk, Treasurer and Assessor respectively. Motion by Member Boswell seconded by Member Krzeminski to appoint Sandy Smith, Clerk; Wendy Thelen, Treasurer; and Mark Thelen, Assessor; with a term of office ending November 2014. Motion carried.

President Kohagen presented candidate Fred Martin to the Council for reappointment to the Village Board of Appeals. Also, Nort Upson was appointed to Village President Pro-Tem. Motion by Member Boswell, seconded by Member Krzeminski to appoint Fred Martin and Nort Upson, respectively. Motion carried.

Minutes & Agenda: The agenda was accepted. Member Boswell made the motion, supported by Member Upson to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2012 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Guests: Clinton County Commissioner Dave Pohl reported on issues at the county level. Clinton County Sheriff Kyle Knight gave his monthly report. Diana Kerbyson reported that Diana's Restaurant will be opening Friday, December 7th with a menu very similar to what it was in the past. The Village Council welcomes Diana back to the community! Please patronize our new business as well as all of our local businesses. Scott Strong updated the Council on the draft *5-Year Recreational Plan* for the Village and provided additional Plan documentation. The Council will continue to review the draft Plan. The Council will also look for sites within the Village that could potentially accommodate tennis courts, if in fact tennis courts are pursued (through state grant programs) at some point in the future. The Council would like to recognize Scott for all the work he has put into this project.

Water & Sewer System: Mike Engels from the Michigan Rural Water Association conducted a Water Rate Study on the Village. Mr. Engels presented his findings and suggestions to the Council for consideration in determining if adjustments to the water and sewer rates are needed. After much discussion, Member Miller made a motion, supported by Member Boswell, to continue the base water rate of \$19 per quarter and increase the per gallon rate to \$1.87 for each 1,000 gallons of water used. Motion passed on a vote of 6 to 1. Member Krzeminski made a motion, supported by Member Upson to adjust the sewer rates to \$33 per quarter. Motion passed. Please see the Presidents message for further details.

Financial: Member Fandel presented the bills to the Council. Member Miller made a motion to approve. Member Krzeminski seconded. Motion carried.

Administrative: Clerk Smith presented the tentative 2013 meeting schedule.

Planning Commission: Member Boswell gave a brief update on the Planning Commission. The next Planning Commission meeting is December 4, 2012 (7:00 p.m.)

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

Next Council Meeting: January 7, 2013 (7:00 p.m.)