

**VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2014**

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

Guests, Present: Jim Bierstetel, DPW Supervisor
 Kate Neese, Clinton County Recycling & Waste Management Coordinator

Minutes & Agenda: The agenda was accepted with changes. Member Krzeminski made the motion, supported by Member Boswell to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Guests: President Kohagen introduced Kate Neese from the Clinton County Department of Waste Management. Due to a request from the Pewamo-Westphalia School District, Ms. Neese is looking to move and possibly relocate the recycling center that is currently located at the High School. During upcoming construction at the High School, the recycling bins will not be accessible. Much discussion followed as Council is aware that many residents use recycling center, however there does not appear to be a good location for it within the Village at this time. Additional meetings will follow with Ms. Neese.

Water System: A letter was received from the States DEQ with regards to the SAW grant application. A random lottery was held and Westphalia did not get picked for funding for this fiscal year. Depending on available future funding we may still receive grant money in a subsequent fiscal year. The mandated five-year inspection of the water tower is due this year. DPW will be working with engineers to get cost estimates.

Financial: Clerk Smith presented all invoices paid during the month of March for all funds. Member Fandel made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Member Miller seconded. Motion carried. President Kohagen updated the Council on a meeting he attended with the Portland Ambulance office. We are currently waiting for the contract and will present it at the next meeting.

Community Services: Discussions were made with regard to solicitors and the Reverse 911 program. Special thanks to the Westphalia Fire Department and the Village DPW for their prompt and excellent service in response to the damage caused to trees and power lines following the high winds that occurred on April 12th.

Planning Commission: Member Boswell reported that he continues to review the Village Attorney's recommendations to the Zoning Ordinance. He will work with the Commission to make any necessary changes. The Cruise-In is scheduled for June 12 and the Facebook page has been updated. The Commission is continuing the Matching Fund Program through 2014 for the downtown businesses. The next meeting is May 5, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

Parks & Recs: The Parks & Recreation softball league meeting will be held April 16th at 7:30 at the Municipal Center.

Administrative Issues: **The Maintenance Department is detecting an increase of grease and heavy paper in the sewer system. This clogs the sewer system. Please do not flush paper towels, shop towels, dryer sheets, or GREASE into the sewer system. This includes toilets and sinks. Please call 587-6906 with any questions.**

Also, there is no burning of trash in town.

Sump Pumps dumping into sanitary sewer is illegal.

Next Council Meeting: May 5, 2014, Monday at 7:00 p.m.

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