

**VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
May 6, 2013**

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: Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff
 Scott Strong, Resident
 Jim Bierstetel, DPW Supervisor

Minutes & Agenda: The agenda was accepted with additions and corrections. Member Upson made the motion, supported by Member Fandel to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2013 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Guests: Sergeant Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff Office, gave an update on County issues. The Sheriff Department along with Pewamo-Westphalia High School recently conducted a “Lock-Down” at the High School. The Lock-Down was conducted between classes. This allowed for a more unexpected exercise. Sgt. Knight noted the wonderful job the students and staff did, and that they should be commended for their quick response time. The halls were cleared within 20 seconds. Congratulations P-W on keeping our kids safe! Resident Scott Strong was in attendance to discuss the future of Tennis Courts. No new update other than President Kohagen and Mr. Strong will continue their work on the Village of Westphalia Five-Year Recreation Plan. Resident’s concerns regarding golf cart safety within the Village were discussed with Sgt. Knight. Please see President’s Message for further details.

Water & Sewer System: Member Smith informed the Council of a St. Mary field trip he is organizing with the Village’s DPW Department. Both 2nd and 6th graders will be touring the water tower, pump house, lagoons, and visiting Stony Creek to see where the safely treated wastewater ends up. **The water and sewer rate changes went into effect in March. The changes will show on the next billing cycle, end of May. The new water rates are \$19 per quarter plus \$1.87 for each 1,000 gallons of water used. Sewer rates are \$33.00 per quarter.** Village water and sewer rates continue to be lower, and in many cases much lower, than those of surrounding communities. DPW Supervisor Jim Bierstetel presented information from Fleis & Vandenbrink on a new waste water program. Council is to review this document and will address it at the June meeting.

Financial: Clerk Smith presented all invoices paid the month of April for all Funds. After some discussion Member Fandel made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Member Miller seconded, motion carried. Member Fandel made a motion to close the 2012/2013 Operations Budget. Member Upson seconded, motion carried. The budget meeting is scheduled for June 10th at 6:30. The Village audit is scheduled for the week of May 13, 2013.

Building & Zoning: Zoning Permit #13-003, 305 Windward Drive, Steve & Terri Ekland, residence. Current zoning permit complies with Zoning at this time. Motion by Member Miller to approve Permit Number 13-003. Member Fandel seconded. Motion carried.

Planning Commission: Member Boswell reported on the May 6, 2013 Planning Commission meeting. Currently the Commission is working on the Cruise-In. The date of the Cruise-In is June 13. The next Planning Commission is June 3, 2013 at 6:00p.m.

Community Services: President Kohagen gave an update on the most recent Historical Society meeting. The Society is working on a brochure which will provide information on the society and their fund raising effort to make the Westphalia Historical Center a reality. They hope to have it available for distribution at the Cruise-in.

Next Council Meeting: June 3, 2013, Monday (7:00 p.m.)

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