VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
December 7, 2015

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, Steve Miller, Sandy Smith, Phil Smith, Nort Upson, Pres. Pro-Tem

Guests, Present: Jim Bierstetel, DPW Supervisor
Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner
Dan Spitzley, Clinton County Sgt.
Paul & Sue Glenesk, Property Owners

Minutes & Agenda: The agenda was accepted with additions. Member Krzeminski made the motion, supported by Member Upson to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2015 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Guests: Paul & Sue Glenesk explained an incident they had on their property within the Village limits. An abandoned well caused a sink hole on their property and the cost to fix the problem was determined to be the responsibility of the property owner and not the Village. Dave Pohl, County Commissioner gave an update on County issues, which included but was not limited to, budget, renovation of Green Haven facility, roof is being replaced on the Sheriff's office, a new tile camera is being purchased for the Office of the Drain Commissioner's Office. Sargent Dan Spitzley updated the Council on larceny from cars in the area and speeding within the Village limits.

Water: During the cleaning of the water tower it was discovered that the condition of its paint was worse than expected. The company contracted to do the cleaning submitted a quote to completely repaint the tower. By having the prep work (cleaning) for repainting done and all the necessary equipment on site, coupled with the unusually mild weather we were experiencing, allowed the contractor to present a very reasonable quote at substantial cost savings to the Village. Council had a special meeting on December 6th to discuss and approve the quote. It was decided to keep the same color, but enhance the tower's appearance by changing the look of the "Westphalia" lettering on the tower. Member Fandel made a motion to approve the quote and keep the same color. Member Upson seconded. Motion carried.

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

Community Services: Clerk Smith submitted a request for donation from Tri-County Office on Aging for their Meals-on-Wheels program. Member Upson made a motion to approve donation. Member Krzeminski seconded. Motion carried. The Historical Society wants to thank Jim Bierstetel and Steve Miller for their help with the Christmas Parade/Tree Lighting. It was a very enjoyable night and we look forward to next year's event.

Planning Commission: The next meeting is January 4, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. The Planning Commission had a representative from Consumers Energy at their most recent meeting. The Commission is currently researching a downtown beautification project. Many questions were asked. More discussions will follow.

Administrative: The 2016 Meeting Schedule was distributed.

Next Council Meeting: January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

NOTE: When using the Fowler recycling site you **must sort recycle items by type** and place them in the proper bins. Unlike our Westphalia recycle site, **the Fowler recycle site does not accept mixed recycling.**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!