VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA COUNCIL MEETING January 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Westphalia Village Council was called to order by President Dean Kohagen at 7:05 p.m. in the Municipal Center and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance given to the flag.

Council Member, Attendance: Tim Fandel - Absent Dave Boswell Dean Kohagen, President

Kevin Krzeminski Steve Miller Sandy Smith

Phil Smith Nort Upson, Pres. Pro-Tem

Guests, Present: Jim Bierstetel, DPW Supervisor

Dan Spitzley, Clinton County Sgt.

<u>Minutes & Agenda:</u> The agenda was accepted. Member Boswell made the motion, supported by Member Upson to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2015 regular meeting. Motion carried.

<u>Guests:</u> Sargent Dan Spitzley shared the Clinton County Monthly Sheriff report with the Council. Discussion followed.

Appointments: The current vacancy on the Planning Commission also created a vacancy on the Board of Appeals. President Dean Kohagen presented and appointed Dave Boswell to the vacant position on the Board of Appeals.

<u>Water:</u> The painting of the water tower is complete with the exception of the lettering. Only part of the lettering was completed due to a change in weather conditions. The remainder will be done as soon as weather permits.

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

<u>Building & Zoning:</u> President Kohagen presented a request for approval of a land division for the property located at 410 S. Westphalia Street. Discussion followed and the land division was approved. Clerk Smith will send a letter to the parties involved acknowledging the Village's approval of the land division request.

<u>Community Services:</u> When using the Village recycling center for cardboard, please be sure to take the time to completely breakdown and flatten all boxes. This allows for much more room in the container. **Reminder**: The Fowler recycle site does not accept mixed recycle. You must separate recycle items and place them in the appropriate bins.

<u>Planning Commission:</u> The Planning Commission is waiting for Consumer's Energy to provide various options and the corresponding cost estimates with regard to the feasibility of moving some of the downtown utilities. Consumer's Energy has indicated that they hope to have some of this information available in time for the February meeting. Dave Boswell presented a plaque of appreciation from the Portland Cruisers to the Village acknowledging our support of their organization over the past few years. The next meeting is February 1, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

<u>Administrative:</u> The 2016/2017 Employee Compensation Budget was discussed. Member Smith made a motion to approve the Employee Compensation Budget as discussed. Member Boswell seconded. Motion carried.

Next Council Meeting: February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

REMINDER: Please be sure to completely breakdown and flatten all cardboard taken to the recycle center.

Happy New Year!!