VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA COUNCIL MEETING March 4, 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 Steve Miller Dean Kohagen, President

Kevin Krzeminski Phil Smith Nort Upson, Pres. Pro-Tem

Dave Boswell Clerk, Sandy Smith

Guests, Present: Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner

Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff

Gordon VanWieren, Attorney Thrun Law Firm, P.C.

Scott Strong, Resident

Jim Bierstetel, DPW Supervisor

Minutes & Agenda: The agenda was accepted. Member Upson made the motion, supported by Member Boswell to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2013 regular meeting. Motion carried.

<u>Guests:</u> Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff, gave an update on County issues. Council had no new issues for Kyle. Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner reported on Rails-to-Trails, animal shelter, Clinton Transit, and on-going negotiations on a 220 acre parcel of property for a potential new county park. Mr. Gordon VanWieren Attorney with Thrun Law Firm, P.C. attended our meeting to introduce himself. He is the Village's new Attorney. Some discussion followed. The Council thanked Mr.VanWieren for attending the meeting. Resident Scott Strong was in attendance to discuss the future of Tennis Courts in the village and potential grants that could be used to help finance such a project. Much discussion followed with regards to location. Location is a large issue as the Council feels that if tennis courts are built at some point in the future, they should be constructed in a park-like area. Member Smith will work on this topic and will report back at a future meeting.

Financial: Member Fandel presented the bills to the Council. Member Krzeminski made a motion to approve, Member Miller seconded, motion carried. Clerk Smith presented the 2012-2013 Amended Budget effective February 28, 2103. Member Boswell made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 Amended Budget. Member Upson seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Planning Commission:</u> Member Boswell reported on the February 11 and March 4, Planning Commission meeting. Please note the Planning Commission will be meeting at 6:00p.m. on the same date as Council. The next meeting is April 8, 2013 at 6:00p.m. The Village's survey results are posted on the Village's website (www.westphaliami.com).

<u>Administrative Issues:</u> President Kohagen gave a Historical Society update (please see the President's message for more information). The annual Portland Ambulance meeting will be held March 14th. President Kohagen will attend. Clerk Smith discussed some changes with the new audit contract. She will be attending a training session and will report back at a future meeting.

Parks & Recreation: The summer softball league meeting is scheduled for April 10th at 7:00p.m at the Municipal Center.

Next Council Meeting: April 8, 2013, Monday (7:00 p.m.)

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