## VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA COUNCIL MEETING April 8, 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 Absent: Steve Miller

Guests, Present: Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff

Scott Strong, Resident

Jim Bierstetel, DPW Supervisor

<u>Minutes & Agenda:</u> The agenda was accepted. Member Upson made the motion, supported by Member Fandel to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2013 regular meeting. Motion carried.

<u>Guests:</u> Kyle Knight, Clinton County Sheriff, gave an update on County issues. 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 a potential location, as this continues to be an issue. President Kohagen and Mr. Strong will continue their work on the Village of Westphalia Five-Year Recreation Plan which must be approved and on file with the state before applications for grant money can be submitted.

<u>Water & Sewer System:</u> 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.

<u>Financial</u>: Member Fandel presented the bills to the Council. Member Krzeminski made a motion to approve, Member Upson seconded, motion carried. The new Portland Ambulance contract effective July 1, 2013 was discussed. The new contract calls for a flat charge of \$7.00 per capita as its basis for all areas served. Member Fandel made a motion to approve contract as presented. Member Boswell seconded. Motion carried. After reviewing the new audit contract from Abraham and Gaffney, Clerk Smith and President Kohagen requested a change in the contract to reduce potential audit costs. The requested changes were accepted by Abraham & Gaffney and a new revised contract was presented to the Council. Member Boswell made a motion to approve the new Abraham & Gaffney contract dated March 14, 2013. Seconded by Member Upson. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission:** Member Boswell reported on the April 8, 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 May 6, 2013 at 6:00p.m.

<u>Community Services:</u> Member Smith updated the Council on a St. Mary field trip to the downtown businesses; he also gave an update on the Clinton County Clean Community Event which is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup>. See Presidents Message for more details.

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

*Next Council Meeting:* May 6, 2013, Monday (7:00 p.m.)

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