

VILLAGE OF WESTPHALIA
COUNCIL MEETING
October 3, 2022

The meeting of the Westphalia Village Council was called to order by President Tim Fandel at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance given to the flag.

Council Members in Attendance:

Tim Fandel, President	Steve Miller, Member	Tanner Droste, Member
David Boswell, Clerk	Bill Schmitt, Member	Kevin Krzeminski, Member
Phil Smith, Member	Jim Pivarnik, Member	

Guests:

Brant Mercer, Fleis & Vandenbrink Engineering
Fredric Heidemann, Thrun Law
Steve Thelen, Resident
Dave Pohl, County Commissioner

Minutes & Agenda: Member Krzeminski made the motion, supported by Member Schmitt to approve the agenda and the minutes of the September 6th regular meeting. Motion carried.

Appointments: Motion made by Member Krzeminski, supported by Member Miller to appoint Tanner Droste, Westphalia resident, to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Member Upson. Motion carried.

Guests:

Brant Mercer, of Fleis and Vandenbrink, updated the Council with the status of financing available for the necessary upgrades to the Village's water system. Fredric Heidemann of Thrun Law presented the Council with a draft of Ordinance #153 Bond Authorizing Ordinance to authorize to finance the project.

Steve Thelen, resident, presented questions relative to the proposed addition to the house/structure located at 508 Rosemont Drive (Austin's House), as well as the use of the house/facility as it relates to permitted uses as defined in the Village's Zoning Ordinance. Discussion followed. The Council's decision is that the proposed addition to the house/structure complies with Zoning. The Council's decision regarding the use of the house/facility is that additional clarification is required. The Village will consult with its attorney relative to the zoning and use of the structure.

Water: Discussion of the status of the Village's water system. Multiple sections of the system are in need of repairs, including complete replacement of some sections of the system. The need for repairs is evidenced by a recently repaired section of the system having excessive rust causing a failure at that point. This specific failure is indicative of system condition and other potential/impending failures.

Member Miller made a motion, supported by Member Krzeminski, to enact Ordinance #153 Bond Authorizing Ordinance to provide financing of the water main upgrade project. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted to enact the ordinance.

Sewer: No new business.

Financial: Expenditures made during the previous month were presented and reviewed. A motion to approve all invoices was made by Member Schmitt, supported by Member Krzeminski. Motion carried.

Building & Zoning:

Member Pivarnik presented Application for Plot Plan Approval #22-013 for an addition to the house/structure located at 508 Rosemont Drive. The application complies with zoning requirements. Member Schmitt, made a motion, supported by Member Miller, to approve the application. Motion carried.

Discussion was had regarding the re-zoning of parcels of land within the Village to allow continued development. The Council will ask the Planning Commission to review the zoning and make appropriate recommendations for re-zoning. There are currently multiple zoning issues to be reviewed which may result in changes to the Village's Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning Map. In the event changes are recommended, appropriate notices will be sent to residents and published, as required by Michigan statutes.

Streets: No new business.

Community Service: No new business.

Halloween Curfew: the hours for Trick-or-Treating in Westphalia will be 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm.

Planning Commission:

The Planning Commission is currently addressing several issues, including:

- The possibility of a new sign at Droste Park
- Enhancements to the facebook page for the Village's Cruise-In
- Zoning issues, as requested by Village Council
- Additional recreational opportunities/facilities within the Village

Next Planning Commission meeting will be on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:00p.m.

Administrative Issues: No new business.

Next Council Meeting:

- Regular Meeting: Monday, November 7, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion made by Member Smith, supported by Member Pivarnik. Motion carried.

Notice: Chosen Vision, LLC, a non-profit provider of adult foster care services is considering providing services via an Adult Foster Care Small Group Home in Westphalia. To help Westphalia residents learn more about the service that they provide and how they fit within and contribute to a community, Chosen Vision is hosting an open house at one of the homes they provide in DeWitt. The open house will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022, from 3:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

The address for the open house is:

1111 S. Turner Street
DeWitt, MI

If attending the open house does not fit you schedule, but you would like to learn more about Chosen Vision, you can contact Tina Schrupp, one of their Home Administrators. Tina would be happy to address your questions via a telephone call or email.

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