Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting July 14, 2025

FINAL MINUTES

13950 W. Pratt Road, Westphalia, MI 48894

Supervisor Thelen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Supervisor Thelen, Clerk Thelen, Treasurer Buckley, Trustee Barker and Trustee Thelen.

ABSENT:

PRESENT: Jamie Trimmer, Kelly Thelen, Jon Thelen, Zach Rudat, Peggy Lidgard, Tim Fandel, Ryan Vance, Randy Bengel

A motion was made by Supervisor Thelen, supported by Treasurer Buckley, to accept the minutes from June 2, 2025, as well as to accept the agenda for July 14, 2025. Motion Carried.

County Update – Zach gave a brief update on the ITC Oneida-Sabine Lake Project. There is a meeting at the County Court House on July 24, 2025 at 9:00 am and open to the public for an opportunity to hear more.

Assessor Update – Peggy let us know that she finished the required classes. She has been working on 2 splits and 25 permits. She is still working through GIS/Google Earth to map out property. She is thinking she may need to go property by property and take measurements. The next Board of Review meeting is on July 22, 2025 and there will be 5 petitions.

Tim Fandel was present to talk about Droste Park and getting some grants to do some updates to the bathrooms and the red pavilion. They are looking to apply for the Consumer Power Grant. They have bids out to have the master plan re-written. Discussion was had about whether the Village or Township should be managing the maintenance. It was also brought up that the Township would be willing to help with the cost of the master plan. The Village is looking at putting together a park board again. Other grants that they are looking at won’t be applied for until sometime in 2026.

Supervisor Thelen asked about 2025 Tax Abatements, and we do not have any.

Supervisor Thelen also brought up about the ITC Oneida-Sabine Lake Project and will forward information to the rest of the Board members so that we all are able to provide feedback. They are looking for feedback by 7/25/25.

Deputy Ryan Vance was present to introduce himself as the new Township liaison and that if we need anything at all that he can be reached by email.

Randy Bengel was present to let us know that Nick Hurren and Eric Hearld have passed phase one of becoming a firefighter. In addition, he provided a request for new gear for them. He also mentioned that we are still being called to Riley runs and said that we may want to reach out to see how long we will continue to do this. They are still working on getting members together to discuss the new truck.

Treasurer Buckley presented the financial statements to all board members. A motion was made by Treasurer Buckley to approve the financial statements, as well as the bills presented for the General and FD funds. Supported by Supervisor Thelen. Motion carried.

Next scheduled meeting is Monday, August 4, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Thelen, supported by Clerk Thelen at 6:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Kristana Thelen, Clerk Troy Thelen, Supervisor