

Village Of Castalia
April 14, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on April 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Castalia Hall located at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Johnson with the following in attendance: Barb Weyer, Si Nicholson, Jake Smith, Cindy Crawford, Georgia Artrip. Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm was in attendance and Financial Consultant Diane Schaefer in attendance via telephone. Also in attendance was Legal Counsel Randy Strickler.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the 3/10/2026 Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the 3/24/2026 Minutes as Amended. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 4/11/2026. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 3/31/2026-4/11/2026 Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Accept the Receipts Dated 3/31/2026-4/11/2026. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

The agenda was amended to include an Executive Session with no business to follow at the end of the council meeting regarding legal action ORC #121.22(G)(3).

Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer stated the Sheriff Department can now be paid since the real estate roll back taxes have been received. Ms. Schaefer stated she will work on the 2027 budget in the future.

Mayor Johnson stated he received quotes from 7L for Pfeil Lane \$51,694.00 and Lucas Street \$46,877. Mayor Johnson stated he received quotes from Erie Blacktop for Pfeil Lane \$56,834 and \$96,305 for Lucas Street. Mayor Johnson stated he felt the Erie Blacktop quote for Lucas Street included the entire length from Pfeil Lane to the Village limits. Mayor Johnson stated 7L will redo the Lucas Street quote.

There was a discussion on the speed changes regarding designating a Business District for Spring Street North to Depot Street and Council would like legal Counsel to generate an ordinance for a Business District. **Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Authorize Legal Counsel to Draft an**

Ordinance to make Spring Street North to Depot Street as a Business District per ORC #4511.01(N)(N). Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson stated the school zone limit flashing sign will be paid by ODOT.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he had one building permit for a shed. Mr. Johnson stated he has received several complaints on various parcels and he is working on them.

Mayor Johnson stated the work on the West Lucas storm drain was completed.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the Village received from the Ohio Department of Commerce a liquor license transfer request for Castalia Grocery, LLC from Castalia Market LTD. **Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion that Council Approves the Liquor License Transfer. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.** Ms. Niehm will sign the notice and return it to the State of Ohio.

Ms. Niehm stated she received the invoice from Hula for the West Lucas Street pipe replacement and will pay the invoice.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion for a Resolution for a Supplemental Appropriation for #1000-730-431 for \$600.00 for the Unit Heater in the Cement Street Building. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the email that the Fiscal Officer received from the Erie County Auditor regarding a Village resident contacting his office and filed a Board of Revision complaint regarding the special assessment on his taxes. The resident told the Auditor that the Auditor's office was withholding information that the resident needed. (The information was previously given to both the resident and the Erie County Auditor's office.) The Fiscal Officer contacted Mrs. Weyer who then called and spoke with the Auditor regarding the matter.

Mrs. Weyer stated a map should be given to the landscaping company doing the Village area yard waste pickup as some residents complained that their yard waste was not picked up on collection day.

Mrs. Weyer stated she might not be able to attend the next meeting.

Mrs. Weyer stated she will help the Fiscal Officer with moving old files into the file room.

There was a discussion on installing bollards at the old Citgo station driveway.

Charles Atkins stated the Ride Across America to meet at the Veterans Memorial on July 19, 2026. Council stated that date was during the Cold Creek Celebration and advised Mr. Atkins to contact someone on the committee for more information.

Mrs. Weyer stated there is a shredding company, Firelands Local that will pick up old records for disposal.

Mrs. Artrip stated she will get more information on the hero flags.

Mayor Johnson stated the barriers by the Lions Club are rotting and need replaced.

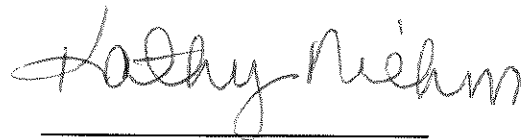
Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Legal Action #121.22(G)(3) With No Business to Follow. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried. Council went into Executive Session at 7:55 p.m.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Exit the Executive Session at 8:34 p.m. and Return to the Regular Session. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Council. Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to adjourn. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



James Johnson
Mayor



Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

