

## VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

### MEETING MINUTES

**January 24, 2023**

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on January 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order followed by Roll Call with the following in attendance: Mayor Kevin Nemitz, President Jim Johnson, Vice-President Si Nicholson, Barb Weyer, Jacob Smith, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Mrs. Artrip arrived at 7:07 p.m.

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the 1-10-2023 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the 1-21-2023 Financial Report. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the Payments Report from 1-09-2023 to 1-21-2023. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the 1-13-2023 to 1-21-2023 Receipts. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Tim Bock, representing Poggemeyer Design Group/Kleinfelder Company spoke to Council in regard to the first project of paving Lester and Adams Street and part two of paving Walnut and Oak Streets. Mr. Bock stated mill and fill would not be a good idea and total new construction would be very costly. There was also a discussion on the Route 269 storm sewer not working correctly. The top priority is to keep water off of the road. Mr. Bock stated they do not have to do the road projects under ODOT standards. Mr. Boch stated he will get back to Council as he has more news to report. A member of the audience, Tim Sessler, asked about the road elevations such as the road being lower than the sidewalks in the area. Mr. Bock responded they will look into the elevations. There was a discussion on if contractors could do side jobs and have residents pay them directly.

Council had a discussion on yard services. Council had previously spoke with Mr. Gysan and Mr. Gysan stated he would like an answer as soon as Council decides to use his service for the new year. There was a discussion on the Castalia Historical Society property removing the mulch from the Gysan bid proposal. There was a discussion on keeping the Village debris pickup. A member of the audience, Bruce Martin, President of the Castalia Historical Society asked Council if the Village would still mow the grass at the location. **Mr. Johnson made a motion to have Gysan's Lawncare do the 2023 Village Lawn Services, excluding work at the Castalia Historical Society. Mrs.**

**Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, abstain; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. The Motion Carried.**

Mayor Nemitz stated the furnace had been installed in the Castalia Historical society building and the plumbing was done and the water can be turned on if needed. Mr. Johnson asked what should be done with the building as the floors are gone, no restroom, no drop ceiling, and no regular ceiling. Mr. Johnson also stated there was a hole cut in the floor and no vents. Mr. Johnson asked Council to think about the building and may need an Executive Session the first meeting in February to discuss the property. Bruce Martin stated the Erie County Water Department had contacted him asking who the plumber was that did the work on the building. (the plumber that did the work was Travis Keller). Mr. Johnson stated to submit the Restore Pro invoice for the damage to the Historical Society building to the insurance. Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated she would submit it to the insurance after the deductible amount was paid by the Village.

There was no Zoning Report as Zoning Inspector, Tom Johnson was not in attendance.

Mayor Nemitz stated he spoke to a representative (Nick) from Ohio Edison regarding past due invoices that were never received at the Village. (The invoices were sent to the Erie County Sheriff's office in Sandusky instead of being sent to the Village). Mr. Nemitz stated the invoices were for traffic lights in the Village and for a light that is on the Village Hall property behind the building. Mayor Nemitz stated he will meet with the representative on Tuesday and report back to Council.

Mr. Johnson stated there is a sink hole on Barden Street and he already spoke to Paul Fox regarding the sink pole. Mr. Johnson stated he also asked Mr. Fox why the Village never received an invoice for the previous work done on Main Street. Mr. Johnson stated the storm sewer on North Washington Street needs cleaning.

Mr. Smith stated there was a blind person residing previously on Cement Street and the sign stating there was a blind person in the area was hit and fell down, the address was 401 cement Street. Mr. Nicholson commented he will locate it and get back to Council.

Mrs. Weyer stated she spoke to John Rogers at the Erie County Auditor's office regarding the amount the Police Levy collects. Mrs. Weyer stated she was told the levy brings in \$30,000 each year. Mrs. Weyer stated the Planning Commission will meet on February 15, 2023 at Village Hall.

Mr. Nicholson stated Bruce Neill cleaned up the trees and removed them and the area looks nice. Mr. Nicholson stated he will ask Mr. Neill for the invoice for his services.


Mr. David Myers mentioned the "No Parking" sign on Barden Street fell down.

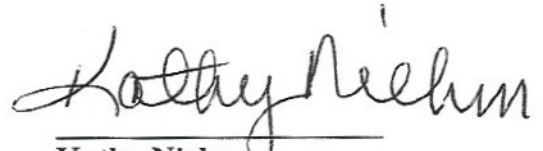
Mr. Johnson stated posted "No Parking" in areas in the Village goes for everyone. Mr. Johnson stated there is posted no parking on the Castalia Historical Society property and people always park there. Mayor Nemitz called Sheriff Sigsworth of the Erie County

Sheriff's office and sheriff Sigsworth suggested putting a chain up to block the driveway. Mrs. Weyer stated the sheriff's office needs to enforce the ordinances the Village has enacted.

**With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.**

  
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Kevin Nemitz  
Mayor

  
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Kathy Niehm  
Fiscal Officer