

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

October 24, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on October 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson followed by Roll Call with the following in attendance: Mayor Jim Johnson, President Pro Tem Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip, Si Nicholson, Cindy Crawford, Legal Counsel Randy Strickler and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

The minutes of the 9/26/2023 and 10/10/2023 have been tabled.

Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 10/24/2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 10/22/23. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to Accept the Receipts dated 10/9/2023 to 10/18/2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson stated the Zoning Inspector, Tom Johnson was absent and there will be no Zoning Department report.

Fiscal Officer, Kathy Niehm stated Council needs to slow down on the spending as there is only \$306,224.77 in funds left until taxes are received in March, 2024. Ms. Niehm stated she will not approve any large purchases/expenses until further notice.

Mayor Johnson stated Council will have the opportunity to approve the Erie County Access Management Manual at the next Council meeting on 11/14/2023. Mayor Johnson stated he will not be at the 11/28/2023 meeting as he will be out of town. Mr. Johnson stated he and President Pro Tem Barb Weyer attended the candidate night at Margaretta Schools last Tuesday.

Mrs. Weyer stated she was asked by a Margaretta Township firefighter about the levy language for police protection. Mr. Strickler stated the language has to be Ohio Revised Code also per Public Entities Pool of Ohio recommendation. Mrs. Weyer stated leaf pickup will start the first Monday in November.

Mr. Johnson stated he will contact Brett Kromer for the keys to the Village garage as his services will no longer be needed.

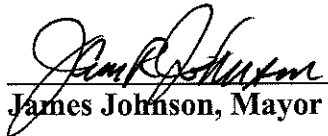
Mrs. Crawford stated she was approached by a resident regarding the crosswalk signal. Mrs. Weyer stated perhaps the Village could apply for a grant for solar powered lights as the Village does not have the funds available to purchase wired lights. Mayor Johnson stated a traffic study will probably be needed. Mrs. Crawford will reach out to the resident to see if the resident will research for a grant.


Mrs. Artrip stated the catch basin by her property is working great, no flooding. Mrs. Artrip stated there was an error with her petition for a Council seat and she would like to stay on Council.

Public Participation:

Joe Greer asked if there was a rain date for Trick-Or-Treat? Council stated there was not a rain date. Mr. Dan Kuhns stated perhaps coaches could remind the student athletes to be careful crossing the streets in the Village.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.


James Johnson, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer