

Village of Castalia
Council Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023

The council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on September 26, 2023 at the Village of Castalia Hall located at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio at 7:00 p.m. Members in attendance: Mayor James Johnson, President Pro-Tem Barbara Weyer, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip, Vice President Si Nicholson, Cindy Crawford, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to approve the 8/22/2023 and 9/12/2023 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Finance Report dated 9/24/2023. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Pay Warrants dated 9/10/2023 to 9/24/2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to approve the Receipts dated 9/14/2023 to 9/24/2023. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated to Council he is concerned with the upcoming election as there will not be enough parking spaces in the Village for residents and poll workers for the number of polling precincts in the Village and the Township. Council will check with the Board of Elections to see if different arrangements could be made.

Mr. Johnson stated he encouraged 402 N. Washington Street to call 911 when things occur in her neighborhood.

Mr. Johnson stated Tim King of the ERPC should have the final Zoning Book revised next week.

Mr. Johnson stated he will be able to paint a yellow stripe on the step leading up to the Village Hall entrance door. An elderly woman fell during the previous election.

There was a discussion as to the specifications of concrete driveways in the Village. Council agreed that the Village should follow the County guidelines. Mayor Jim Johnson stated Council's attorney should write a resolution and have Council approve and then post to the Village website with the application. Mayor Johnson will contact Bob Biglin of the Township and also the County office for more information.

Fiscal officer Kathy Niehm stated she would like to attend the Auditor of State Village Fiscal Officer training in Perrysburg, Ohio on October 17th and she would like to be reimbursed for mileage. **Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm to attend the Auditor of State Village Fiscal Officer Training in Perrysburg and be reimbursed for mileage. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

Ms. Niehm asked Mrs. Crawford to please submit her new email address.

2nd Reading of Resolution 2023-13 Agreement with Margaretta Township

This agreement is made and entered this 19th day of October 2023, between the parties Village of Castalia, a Charter Municipality, organized and existing pursuant to organized and existing under the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. Both Parties are located in Erie County, and the State of Ohio. The Agreement is executed by and through Margaretta's Board of Trustees, and Castalia's Mayor and Fiscal Officer.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion for the Second reading of Resolution 2023-13 Agreement with Margaretta Township. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

There was a discussion on the Lucas Street and depot Street weight limits. Mrs. Weyer asked Mayor Johnson to contact the Village attorney for the first meeting in October.

Mr Johnson reminded Council Oglesby couldn't paint street lines due to the wet weather the day they scheduled for it and will have to reschedule in the near future.

Council members agreed Swan and Spring Streets blacktop looks great.

Mayor Johnson noted he had met with Josh Hula to discuss drainage on Adams, Brailey, Swan, and Lester Streets. Mayor Johnson stated there is a sinkhole on Swan Street and a catch basin will be adjusted near 305 Lester Street. Mayor Johnson will inform the county that on South Washington street when it rains water filters to the back yards.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to authorize Hula Construction for construction repairs on Adams, Lester, Swan and Brailey Streets not to exceed \$15,000. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, abstain; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the length of the Cold Creek Celebration for the year 2024. Mrs. Weyer stated the committee would like the event for 3 days on 7/19/2023 at 12:00 p.m. to 7/21/2023 at 6:30 p.m. **Mrs. Artrip made a motion to approve the Cold Creek Celebration on 7/19/2023 at 12:00 p.m. to 7/21/2023 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

Round Table- Mayor Johnson stated the storm sewers are filled with particles and grit and need to be cleaned. Mayor Johnson stated the OPWC grant for Lucas and Bardwell was submitted yesterday and further stated the ERPC sent an email today stating it felt it wouldn't have enough points. Mayor Johnson stated the Village could try for small government funding for the project.

Mrs. Weyer stated the newsletter has been revised and it will be posted to the website. Mrs. Weyer stated trick-or-treat will be held in the Village on 10/29/2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. If residents are participating, please have the porch light turned on. Mrs. Weyer stated she had received 5 email addresses that wished to have the newsletter sent to them through email. Mrs. Weyer stated Amy from Palmer Energy will be at the October 10, 2023 Village Council meeting

to answer residents' questions and concerns in regards to the Natural Gas Aggregate on the ballot.

Mr. Smith stated he will contact Perkins Township regarding street sweeping.

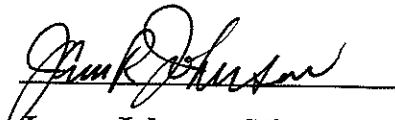
Mrs. Crawford-No report.

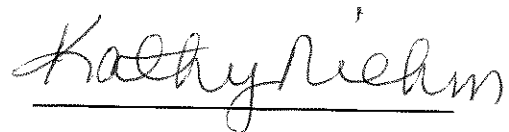
Mrs. Artrip-Her church will not be sponsoring Christmas in the Village this year.

Mr. Nicholson-There was no spraying of the watercress south section from Adams Street to the trestle.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated Gysan mowed the AT&T property.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


James Johnson, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer

