

Village Of Castalia
March 10, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on March 10, 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, Cindy Crawford, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip. Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm was absent. Financial Consultant Diane Schaefer in attendance via telephone. Legal Counsel Randy Strickler was also in attendance.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Excuse Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm from the Meeting. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson introduced Sheriff Sigsworth. Sheriff Sigsworth stated he wanted to check in with Council regarding the Village. There was a discussion on traffic for the new school and Safe Routes to School.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the 2/24/2026 Meeting Minutes as Corrected. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the 2/10/2026 Minutes as presented. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 3/07/2026. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 2/10/2026-3/1/2026. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Accept the Receipts Dated 2/24/2026. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer stated the item listed as Budget Committee was incorrect. Council needs an Audit Committee. There was a discussion regarding an Audit Committee. Mrs. Weyer stated she felt all of the Council members should be on the Committee. **Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Establish an Audit Committee for the Village of Castalia. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Mr. Strickler stated he believed the auditor would like Council to hold quarterly Audit Committee meetings.**

Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaeffer asked Council if they had any questions on the audit adjustments. Ms. Schaefer reviewed the Sheriff contract. Ms. Schaeffer stated the Village could charge the Sheriff for utilities, cleaning, etc. It would need to be a formula percentage. Mr. Johnson asked about where storm sewers can come out of, Mrs. Schaeffer said fund #4901 could be used for storm sewers. There was a general discussion on permanent appropriations. Mrs. Schaeffer stated the Permanent Appropriations are due March 31, 2026. Mrs. Schaeffer also stated she returns to Ohio on April 21, 2026. Mrs. Weyer stated work on the contract with Margareta Township contract should start soon.

There was a discussion on the roads that need paving in the future.

Mayor Johnson stated the Village received an estimate Hula Construction. **Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve to the Replacement of the Storm Sewer Line Under St. Rt. 101 (W. Lucas St.) Not to Exceed \$20,000.00. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.**

Mr. Biglin stated the Village needs a purchase order for various signs needed in the Village.

Mr. Biglin asked if the Village was going to sell the park as there are issues with trash and broken playground equipment.

Mayor Johnson stated the AARP grant has been submitted and he will update the General Assembly grant as well before submitting.

Mayor Johnson stated he spoke with Level Up Landscaping LLC for the debris pick up in the Village. Mr. Johnson stated he went over with the company as to what to pick up in the Village. **Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve Level Up Landscaping LLC for Debris Pickup in the Village at a cost of \$7,000.00 for the Season. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**

ODOT will be here in the Village on March 27, 2026.

Mrs. Weyer stated she is getting overloaded with paper from the Village reports every year. Mrs. Weyer stated we already get the reports emailed to each Council person and the Fiscal Officer has asked if instead of printing a copy for each Council person if she could print one copy for the meeting table if there are any questions. Council was in agreement of that suggestion.

Mrs. Weyer stated there needs to be a meeting regarding what the Village will need to pay regarding the new school, such as signs, etc.


Mrs. Weyer stated the newsletter will include the information regarding the debris pickup.

Mrs. Weyer also needs a statement from the Zoning Department for the newsletter.

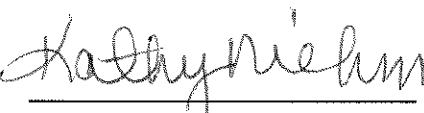
Mr. Smith stated he will place a telephone call into the Division of Wildlife in regard to Cement Street project done years ago.

Mayor Johnson stated he had a packet of information for 711 Main Street for the public records request for Kenneth Lowery. Mr. Lowery gave Mr. Johnson a check for the packet and signed the receipt for the packet of information.

With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Artip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.



James Johnson
Mayor



Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

