

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

October 10, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on October 10, 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, Cindy Crawford, Legal Counsel Randy Strickler. Si Nicholson and Fiscal officer Kathy Niehm were absent.

Mr. Smith made a motion to excuse Mr. Nicholson and Ms. Niehm. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

Due to Ms. Niehm illness the Minutes of 9/26/2023 have been tabled.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 10/8/2023. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 10/3/23 to 10/8/2023 to 9/10/2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to Accept the Receipts dated 9/25/2023 to 10/8/2023. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson introduced Amy Hoffman from Palmer Energy to speak on electric and gas aggregates. Ms. Hoffman stated the gas aggregate will be on the November ballot for Village residents to vote on. If passed, there will need to be 2 public hearings for the gas aggregation and it will go into effect next winter. Ms. Hoffman stated residents can opt-in and opt-out at any time.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he met with Tim King and a draft version of the zoning resolution will be available mid-November. There will need to be 2 public hearings, dates will be in the future. Mr. Johnson stated he is waiting for Lynn King of Erie County to respond to his telephone calls regarding a zoning issue with a resident.

Village Counsel, Randy Strickler stated he is waiting for Charles Bennett (Margaretta Township Counsel) to respond to the language of the Village/Township Cooperative.

**Mr. Smith made a motion to suspend the two-reading rule for Resolution 2022-12. 14 W
Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.**

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Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 2023-12 An ordinance amending ordinance number 2022-12 establishing regulations prohibiting through truck traffic on certain streets within the corporate limits of the village of Castalia and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson stated Council has until November 7, 2023 to submit for a small business loan for the OPWC Small Business Funding for Lucas and Bardwell Streets.

Round Table:

Mayor Johnson stated the toilet has been replaced in the one restroom at Village Hall. Council will not hear until Spring of 2025 about ODOT plans. Mayor Johnson has not heard back from the County on the road rules.

Mrs. Weyer stated the newsletters have been sent to residents of the Village. Mrs. Weyer stated she and Ms. Niehm met with the representative of the Public Entities of Ohio and will distribute a packet of recommendations at the next Council meeting. Mrs. Weyer further stated there will be a Records Commission meeting on 11/14/2023 at 6:45 p.m. for members of the committee. This will be the second Records Commission meeting of 2023, which is required by the State for Villages.

Mr. Smith stated he has not heard back from Brad Link of Perkins Township regarding street sweeping.


Public Participation:

Ken Majoy (previous Police Chief) stated he tried to purchase a cell phone and was told by Verizon that the Village of Castalia had a past due invoice. He stated Kathy Myers was the Fiscal Officer at the time.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.



Mayor James Johnson



Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer