

**Village Of Castalia
August 26, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on August 26, 2025 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: Jim Johnson, Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip, Si Nicholson, Cindy Crawford, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Amending Agenda for Ordinance # 2025-05 (later in the minutes)

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the 8/12/2025 Minutes. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, Dated 8/24/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, Dated 8/12/2025. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, Dated 7/31/2025-8/24/2025. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Authorize the Fiscal Officer To Reallocate Within Funds Legal Level of Control Within Program Codes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion for Supplemental Appropriation:

1000-730-344 -1300.00

1000-740-344 1300.00

2271-740-344 -390.89

2271-110-360 390.89

To Increase Tax Collection Fee Accounts

Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, Yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he spoke to the person who lives above the hardware store and the vehicle in question has a blown transmission. Mr. Johnson stated the McDougall property is cleaned up and he is closing the case file. Mr. Johnson stated he would like the Zoning book done by January 2026 and will need to adopt something regarding Air B&B's.

Mayor Johnson stated ODOT's timeline for State Route 101 is September 9th. A proposal was received for Lucas for \$55,000. Mayor Johnson stated Cement Street is also in bad shape.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Wave the Two Readings of Ordinance #2025-05 and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve Ordinance #2025-05 An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Enter into a Contract with Diane Schaefer for Fiscal Consulting Services to the Village of Castalia and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson; Mr. Smith; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Adjust the Fiscal Officer's Salary From \$1250.00 Per Month to \$625.00 Per Month to Reflect the Fiscal Consultant Being Paid \$625.00 Per Month. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson stated Kelly Ried has resigned from cleaning the Village and Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson has expressed interest in cleaning the Village Hall. There was a discussion that followed on a rate of pay. **Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve Tom Johnson in Cleaning of Village Hall Twice Per Month at a Cost of \$125.00 per Month. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried.** Mr. Tom Johnson was instructed to give the Fiscal Officer an invoice for his services every month.

Mayor Johnson stated the storm sewers will be looked at next week on N. Washington and Depot Streets.

There was a discussion on Safe Routes to Schools regarding sidewalks \$17,750.00. There was also a discussion on a bill that is in the Ohio House currently that will force Village merging with larger governments.


Mrs. Weyer stated she has not heard from Firelands IT regarding out IT plan. Mrs. Weyer also stated Gysan's will not be picking up yard waste during the road paving in the Village.

Mr. Smith stated he will like to do a 2, 3, 5-year planning for roads, tree removal. Etc.

Mrs. Crawford stated she submitted the application to the ODOT Central office.

Mrs. Artrip left the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

With no further business, Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



James Johnson, Mayor



Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer