

## Village of Castalia

### Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2025

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on March 11, 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, Si Nicholson, Georgia Artrip, Cindy Crawford, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Legal Counsel Randy Strickler was also in attendance.

**Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Excuse Jake Smith from the meeting. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the 2/25/2025 Regular Session Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 3/9/2025. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 2/24/2025-3/9/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Crawford made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 2/23/2025-3/9/2025. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson introduced Matt Rocha of Damschroder Roofing to the audience. Mr. Rocha gave a presentation to Council regarding the proposed estimate for the installation of a Duro-Tuff Roof. The cost will be \$39,668.72. The proposed scope of work will include the removal of the old roof, gutter and downspouts, install new 50-mil white, Duro-Tuff PVC, new vents, ISO board, fan-fold separator. There is a 20-year total system no dollar limit warranty. The price includes local permits. The Mayor stated since he will be out of town could Tom Johnson call other local contractors for estimates. Council thanked Mr. Rocha for his presentation.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated a zoning permit has been issued for 314 Lucas Street, the Erie County Engineer approved also.

Mr. Johnson stated the penalty letter for 711 Main Street was ready and he will send to legal counsel for approval. Mr. Johnson stated he will send 3 other property owners code violation letters. Mrs. Weyer informed Mr. Johnson that there is a yard on Rt. 269 and Rt. 101 that has a lot of articles in the yard. Mr. Johnson stated he will investigate it. Mr. Johnson stated he would like the final draft of the Zoning Book by May 1, 2025. Tim Sessler stated he would like to be on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Bob Biglin, Margaretta Road Superintendent stated the Township and Village can get signage grants and he will check into it as the deadline is June 5, 2025. Mr. Biglin further commented he will make an inventory and will check on prices.

Mayor Johnson stated it is great to see the Village and Margaretta Township working together. Mayor Johnson stated when he met with the representative of PEP they noticed one of the bleachers is a tripping hazard.

There was a discussion on compensating Board members. Ms. Niehm stated she contacted OPERS and Village Board members would not have OPERS withdrawn from a check. Mrs. Weyer stated according to the Ohio Revised Code Village Board members cannot be financially compensated. Legal Counsel Randy Strickler stated he will check into it.

Mrs. Weyer stated she spoke with Jeff of Firelands IT after she waited over 48 hours for a return telephone call. He will check with Microsoft about cheaper prices due to the Village is a government. Ms. Niehm gave Mrs. Weyer the documents she needed for Firelands IT.

There was a discussion on the work that is needed in the Fiscal Officer's office due to the leak in the ceiling. Mayor Johnson stated he will contact the insurance company if a claim can be filed for the roof.

**Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Repair the Village Hall Roof not to Exceed \$40,000 Pending Receipt of a Second Estimate and Review with Insurance Company. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson received a call from the Shores and Islands office regarding a bill at the Ohio Statehouse that would take away local government control over vacation rentals, Air B& B's. Mr. Tom Johnson stated he will contact Huron Township for more information.

Mayor Johnson stated there was a sanitary sewer issue at 301 S. Washington Street. Mayor Johnson stated he will be out of the state 3/14/2024-3/24/2024.

Mrs. Weyer stated she needs items for the Village newsletter. Mrs. Weyer also stated Kelly Ried contacted her about the paper towels are missing. Mrs. Weyer mentioned she told Kelly to store the paper towels in the Fiscal Officer's office which is locked.

Mrs. Crawford stated she was contacted by ODOT they would like to have a virtual meeting on 3/27/2025. Mrs. Crawford will contact Kathryn for more available dates.

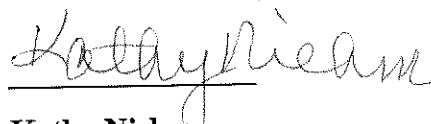
There was a discussion on a grant for the basketball court. Mr. Nicholson will gather information. Mrs. Weyer mentioned basketball courts tend to get a lot of complaints from residents as children play late and are very loud.

**With no further business to come before the Council; Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 P.M.**



**James Johnson**

**Mayor**



**Kathy Niehm**

**Fiscal Officer**