

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Johnson followed by Roll Call with the following in attendance: Mayor Jim Johnson, Jake Smith, Barb Weyer, Cindy Crawford, Si Nicholson, Georgia Artrip, Counsel Randy Strickler and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the 1/9/2024 and 1/23/2024 Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve the Finance report dated 2/11/2024. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to Approve the Pay warrants 1/22/2024 to 2/11/2024. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Accept the receipts 1/31/2024 to 1/31/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Zoning Inspector, Tom Johnson was absent. Mayor Johnson stated Mr. Tom Johnson sent an email and stated there was 1 new home to be built in the Village but no permit has been issued; and the zoning book is 99% finished.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Suspend the Two Reading Rule for Resolution/Ordinance #2024-03. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Approve Resolution/Ordinance #2024-03 An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Mayor and Fiscal Officer to Enter into A Contract with the Erie County Sheriff for Law Enforcement Services to the Village of Castalia and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion on the tree located on the road right-of-way with Grace Lutheran Church. The church wished to pay to the Village of Castalia \$1,000 towards the removal as the tree is dead. After discussion, **Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Mayor to Receive Bids Up to \$3,100 for the Tree Removal on the Road Right-of-Way and to**

Accept Payment from Grace Lutheran Church for \$1,000 for the Tree Removal. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the Village has received a \$1,000 check from the Public Entities Pool of Ohio for a Safety Grant. Ms. Niehm stated Council needed to accept the grant check. **Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Accept the \$1,000 Safety Grant Check from the Public Entities Pool of Ohio to be Used for Safety Purposes. Mrs. Crawford seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.**

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the Village received a refund from the Bureau of Workers's Comp for the True-Up report, and a \$58.00 check from the Sandusky Muni Court for fines. Ms. Niehm further stated the 2021-2022 audit is completed and she will make the adjustments per the auditors' suggestion within the next few weeks. Ms. Niehm stated the January bank statement was completed and balanced.

Mayor Johnson stated this evening there were two Aggregation meetings for Village residents for electric and gas. The electric aggregate is already in place and the gas aggregate will start in November, 2024.

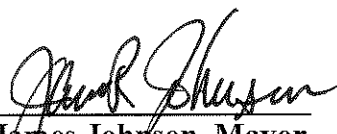
Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Table the Stop Sign/Light Discussion until the Next Council Meeting as to Touch Base with the Sheriff. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.

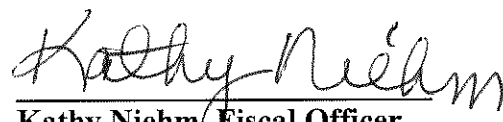
Mayor Johnson stated he has not received any word on the OPWC or the Erie County Foundation grants. Mayor Johnson stated the next election will be March 19, 2024. Mayor Johnson further stated he will not be at the March 12, 2024 Council meeting as he will be out of town.

Mrs. Weyer stated she submitted the minutes to the website.

Mrs. Artrip stated the catch basin located by her property is working great.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.


James Johnson, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer