

Village Of Castalia
September 9, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on September 9, 2025 at 7:05 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, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip, Si Nicholson, Cindy Crawford, Legal Counsel Randy Strickler, Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Revise the Agenda. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the 8/26/2025 Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 9/7/2025. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 8/19/2025-9/7/2025. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Accept the Receipts Dated 8/25/2025-9/7/2025. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he will call to have IT connect the internet connection to his computer in the mayor's office. Mr. Johnson also noted the backup emergency lighting in the Village Hall is not working. Mr. Johnson further stated he will purchase paper towels for the restrooms and will purchase a filter for the drinking fountain. Mr. Johnson will comprise a list of old items that can be disposed and present to Council.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the State of Ohio Auditors were here for the Pre-Audit Conference on September 4th. Ms. Niehm stated she will be on vacation and in Tennessee from September 28th to October 7th and will not have cell service.

Mayor Johnson stated ODOT will be paving Main Street the week of September 15th for 4 days. Ms. Niehm and Mrs. Weyer attended the County Budget Commission Meeting today. Ms. Niehm stated the 2nd half real estate taxes of \$89,944.42 have been received. Ms. Niehm stated check #43481 made out to her for \$94.00 was for reimbursement for her 5-year notary license, BCI check, notary class, and Secretary of State filing fee. Ms. Niehm stated the Village benefited the previous two years from her notary license since it was paid for by the Lorain Public Library.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer to Make Supplemental Appropriations per Attached Report. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, Yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve a Supplemental Appropriation #1000-725-349 for \$2500.00 Fiscal Consulting Fees by Reducing #1000-725-121. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer mention to Council that the Auditors asked Council members to complete the Fraud Assessment form online as soon as possible to assist with the 2-year audit.

There was a discussion on the weeds and grass in the pond area. Home owners can cut the weeds/grass if they wish to do so.

Mrs. Weyer stated there has been no word from Firelands IT and Tom Johnson will contact them when he has them work on his internet connection for his computer. Mrs. Weyer needs information for the Fall newsletter-there was a suggestion on cyber security. Mrs. Weyer stated Gysan's will not pick up when ODOT is paving the roads in the Village.

Mr. Smith stated Council members can send him a list of projects and he can add them to the project list.

Mrs. Crawford state she will not be at the next Council meeting as she will be out of the country.

There was a discussion on Trick or Treat in the Village. **Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve Trick or Treat in the Village for Sunday, October 26, 2025 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**


Tom Johnson suggested having a clipboard for residents to signup for the Village newsletter at election day. Legal Counsel Randy Strickler stated that would be fine.


Kenneth Lowerky, 711 Main Street, stated he purchased a property and will be moving his items to that location.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Enter Into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m. According to ORC Section 121.22(G)(2) Lease or sale of Municipal Property Real Estate. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Exit the Executive Session and Return to the Regular Session at 8:25p.m. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion carried.

With no further business, Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.


James Johnson, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer

