

## VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

### MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2022

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on October 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order followed by Roll Call with the following in attendance: President Jim Johnson, Vice-President Si Nicholson, Barb Weyer, Jacob Smith, Georgia Artrip, Mr. Randy Strickler, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

**Mrs. Weyer made a motion to approve the 9-27-2022 Council Meeting Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a motion to approve the 10-11-2022 Financial Report. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the 9-22-2022 to 10-9-2022 Payment Warrants. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Receipts from 10-1-2022 to 10-9-2022. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.**

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated the zoning inspector is not responsible for weeds, stones, etc., it would be the responsibility of the Village Council. Mr. Johnson stated there is some cleaning up of 711 Main Street. Mr. Johnson also commented on the following: there is a vehicle on stilts on Adams street and the Grahl property on Lucas Street will erect a 2 x 4 sign.

**Ordinance #2022-18 An Ordinance Establishing a Permit for Special Events on the Streets and Property Owned by the Village of Castalia, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to suspend the two-reading rule for Resolution #2022-18. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-18 as an emergency. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.**

Ms. Niehm asked the zoning inspector if he cannot attend a meeting to send Council a list of what he would like Council to know. Ms. Niehm stated she will let the Sandusky Register know of the change of date for the first meeting in November due to the election. Ms. Niehm verified with Council that it was ok to pay the Poggenmeyer invoice for \$266.38 and the 7L Construction invoice for Reed Court for \$2,580.

An estimate was received from the Fremont Fence Company for concrete posts for \$2,175 for barriers on the Dr. Kuns property so no vehicle traffic will destroy the road. Mrs. Weyer stated the Village should not have to pay for something on private property. It was suggested perhaps the cost could be split with the owner. **Mr. Johnson made a motion to table the discussion until a later date. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Jim Johnson stated the storm sewer located by the post office has been completed by Margaretta Township Maintenance Department and it was noted the sink hole located by the church has not been completed.

Mr. Nicholson stated the street painting was missed on Water Street. Mr. Nicholson also stated he outlined all the pot holes. Mr. Johnson stated the Erie Blacktop invoice for South Avenue was ok to pay.

**Mrs. Weyer made a motion to approve the estimate for 7L Construction to pave the parking lot and Sheriff pull-through for \$13,850.00 with verification of scope of work. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes. Motion Carried.** Mr. Johnson will contact 7L Construction tomorrow.

Mr. Johnson stated the milling for Lucas Street will be on Thursday and the paving will be on Friday.

**Mr. Nicholson made a motion to excuse Kevin Nemitz from tonight's meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Johnson stated the road repairs/paving will happen as money allows. Mr. Johnson stated the Village Council is held to a higher standard and have a professional behavior.

Mr. Smith suggested the Council go to committee reports on the agenda. Mrs. Weyer stated if there are committee reports then won't all committees have to meet? Mr. Strickler stated the committees meet as needed only. Mr. Strickler stated the committees also need a quorum to meet. It was decided to keep the "round table" for now and look at it in the new year.

There was a discussion on the Planning Commission. Mr. Strickler stated there needs to be a minimum of 3 people for a quorum.

Mr. Smith asked Mrs. Artrip if she could be the outreach person for Lucas Street for the residents and any other outreach issues. Mrs. Artrip agreed.

Mrs. Weyer stated the newsletter will be sent to all Village residents next week. Council thanked Mrs. Weyer for all her work on the newsletter.

Mr. Strickler stated the Council was very proactive.

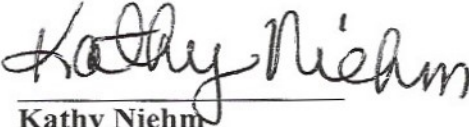
Mrs. Weyer asked Mr. Strickler if and when the Village decides to hire a part-time maintenance person will the Council need to offer health insurance? Mr. Strickler stated no.

Mr. Nicholson stated the Mayor would like to raise the salary of the zoning inspector. Mr. Johnson stated Council members who have run for re-election in 2023 (Mrs. Artrip and Mrs. Weyer) would qualify for new Council raises.

Mrs. Weyer asked Randy Whyde since he plowed snow in the Village if he would ride with Mr. Kromer to help set him up for better success this year.

**With no further business to come before Council Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. All members agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.**

  
James Johnson  
Council President

  
Kathy Niehm  
Fiscal Officer