

Village Of Castalia
August 11, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on August 11, 2026 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Castalia Hall located at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem Barb Weyer with the following in attendance: Georgia Artrip, Jake Smith, Cindy Crawford. Legal Counsel Randy Strickler and Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer were in attendance as well as Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Weyer advised the agenda will need to be amended to include an Executive Session to discuss employment of a public employee under ORC 121.22(G)(1).

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Excuse Jim Johnson and Si Nicholson. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the 7/28/2026 Minutes. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Crawford, abstain; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 8/4/2026. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 7/28/2026-8/3/2026. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Receipts Dated 7/25/2026-7/31/2026. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Crawford Made a Motion to Approve a Resolution for a Supplemental Appropriation for the SR 269 Intersection Project, Account Code #4201-800-347-0000 Planning Consultants \$215,000 and Account Code #4201-800-590-0000 Other-Capital Outlay \$600,000. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Accept the Resignation of Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm (Submitted 7/28/2026) Effective August 31, 2026. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer stated the Mayor will verify the quote received earlier from 7L for the Lucas Street project for possible work to be done in late September or early October. Mrs. Weyer stated

correspondence from Brian Shook indicated he will bring the traffic light switches the next time he is in the area.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated overgrown landscaping in residents' yards is not something Zoning has control over. Mrs. Weyer stated complaints were received on the weeds around the pond and the Trout Club has been contacted.

Ms. Schaefer stated the Budget Commission meeting with Erie County will be August 21, 2026.

There was a discussion on storm sewers, Mrs. Weyer stated the Mayor contacted Cathy Griggs inquiring about a water grant.

There was a discussion on the drainage issue on Depot Street and Mr. Smith stated he has a GoPro camera and will take photographs. It was noted that Hula's estimate for the storm sewer repair was \$34,800. Resident Randy Whyde stated in November of 2018 the area behind the residences on Depot Street were excavated to locate the water issue. Mr. Whyde recommended Bob Biglin contact Josh Hula as he was the one who did the excavating.

There was a discussion regarding the engineering firm selection for the ODOT Safety Project. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Mrs. Weyer stated there was a special meeting last Wednesday regarding the acceptance of the EPIC Grant so the Mayor could sign the agreement and return it to Erie County before the deadline. The Mayor had asked the County if the money could be allocated first for the storm sewer for \$5,000 and \$20,000 for the sidewalks. It was noted that some trees might need to be removed for the sidewalk project from the beauty salon to the school. Mr. Smith suggested contacting Josh Hula for his input on the issue and to also ask the school.

Mrs. Weyer stated the painting of the lines in front of the school are needed again and asked Mr. Johnson for an estimate to have the work done.

Mrs. Weyer stated a Teams meeting was held with the auditor's office and accounting firms for the audits of the Village for the years 2025 through 2030. The accounting firms were from Cleveland and Toledo.

Mrs. Weyer stated Firelands IT was contacted for a new email address for the future Fiscal Officer.

Mrs. Weyer stated she attended the Margaretta Township meeting last week and inquired about the contract between the Township and the Village. The Trustees still need to review the contract. Mrs. Weyer stated she will attend the next Trustee meeting to see if there is any progress on the contract.

Mrs. Weyer stated there will be no recycling by Erie County after September 30, 2026. Mrs. Weyer stated she also has received questions as to why the Village does not have brush pickup in the summer.

There was a discussion on the zoning violation of 711 Main Street. The deadline for assessments to Erie County is the second Monday of September.

Mr. Smith stated he spoke with the Division of Wildlife regarding a grant for Cement Street to have the asphalt taken out.

Mr. Whyde stated there is a sink hole on his property located by his catch basin that needs to be fixed. Mr. Whyde also stated where water is sitting on Depot Street (near the Congregational Church) blacktop needs to be added.

Resident Tim Sessler asked who takes care of the weeds located by the Village sign by 711 Main Street as they are overgrown.

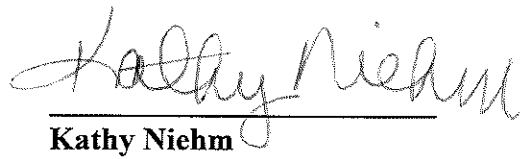
Mrs. Crawford Made a Motion to Exit the Regular Session and Enter the Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. to Discuss Employment of a Public Employee Under ORC 121.22(G)(1) with no business to follow. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Exit the Executive Session and Return to the Regular Session at 9:14 p.m. Mrs. Artrip seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.



**Barb Weyer
President Pro Tem**



**Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer**

