

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on August 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Johnson followed by Roll Call with the following in attendance: Mayor Jim Johnson, President Pro Tem Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Si Nicholson, Georgia Artrip, Cindy Crawford, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Minutes from the 7/11/2023 Meeting. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 8/20/2023. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to Approve the pay warrants, dated 8/2/2023 to 8/20/2023. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Accept the Receipts dated 8/16/2023 to 8/17/2023. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson There will be a Planning Commission meeting on 8/30/2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall, the meeting will finalize the proposed zoning changes and add windmill and solar sections to the regulations. Mr. Johnson stated the permit for the new high school expires on 9/1/2023.

Mr. Johnson stated the Sheriff was called regarding the damage and theft by 4 kids on Cement Street. There was also a discussion on caution lights which was put on hold as the Council needs more information.

Mayor Johnson there were two change orders for the Lester and Adams Street project. Change Order # 1 was \$5,921.35 and Change Order #2 was \$3,800.00.

There was a discussion on raising the catch basin located on Oak and Adams Streets before winter comes.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to accept the quote for Street Painting from Oglesby Construction, Inc. for \$4,750.00 per the estimate. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to accept the quote from Erie Blacktop for the Resurfacing of Swan and Spring Streets for \$48,200.00. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion on the storm cleanup in the Village as there were several trees and limbs down. Thank you to the Margaretta Township maintenance crew for picking up the trees and branches.

Mayor Johnson stated he will speak with Josh Hula regarding the sink hole on Swan Street.

Mayor Johnson read the following:

Proclamation

Whereas, Kenna Stimmel graduated from Margaretta High School in 2022

Whereas, Kenna Stimmel excelled in pole vault in high school and in college at Virginia Tech,

Whereas, Kenna Stimmel is the reigning Pan Am Games Champion 2023,

Therefore, August 16, 2023 is hereby proclaimed

Kenna Stimmel Day in Castalia, Ohio

Round Table:

Mayor Johnson stated he called Columbia Gas regarding the sidewalk on North Washington Street. Mayor Johnson stated Sheriff Sigsworth stated they cannot enforce the weight limits on the Village streets. Council will speak with Attorney Strickler at the first meeting in September. Mayor Johnson stated he signed the documentation cancelling Kevin Nemitz's bond.

Mrs. Weyer stated the sheriff's office and the Erie County Health Department were called regarding the property located at 302 N. Washington Street.

Mr. Smith asked Council when the tailrace would be sprayed for the second time. Mr. Smith stated the roads are a big concern for the Village.

Mrs. Crawford stated she will not be at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Nicholson informed Council of the quote from Gysan's for \$575 for the damage to the Cement Street Park. **Mrs. Artrip made a motion to approve the quote from Gysan's for \$575 for the damage to the Cement Street Park. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.** Mr. Nicholson will give Sheriff Sigsworth a copy of the quote as well.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the quote from Buckeye Tree for \$1,800 for removal of a broken tree at 411 Washington Street. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. David Myers asked about the sale of the Castalia Area Historical Society building. Council members stated the sale of the property was for \$30,000. Mr. Tim Sessler stated he has a water issue with his property. Ms. Kelly Sumner stated she is very disappointed with the paving by her property.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



James Johnson
Mayor



Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

