

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on November 14, 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, Georgia Artrip, Si Nicholson, Legal Counsel Randy Strickler and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone. Mayor Johnson congratulated Mrs. Weyer on her election to Council and further stated how wonderful it was that the Police Levy and the Gas Aggregate issues passed at the election.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to Approve the 9/26/2023 Minutes. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to Approve the 10/10/2023 Minutes. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to Approve the 10/24/2023 Minutes. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve the Finance Report dated 11/12/2023. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants dated 10/24/2023 to 11/12/2023. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Approve the Receipts dated 10/24/2023 to 11/12/2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Zoning Inspector, Tom Johnson stated he will meet with Tim King of the ERPC tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. and he thinks the Zoning Resolution will be ready in January. Mr. Johnson stated to Council he will notify the Sheriff about 4-wheelers and dirt bikes going through the Village early in the morning causing a lot of noise and tearing up lawns.

Mrs. Weyer stated since the gas aggregate passed the Village will need to set up public hearings for residents. Council will discuss as to when to schedule the meetings in the future. **Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Suspend the Two Reading Rule for the Gas**

Aggregate. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Adopt Resolution #2023-15 A Resolution to Authorize the Erie County Commissioners to Act as the Purchasing Agent and Governmental Aggregator for Natural gas Supply for the Village of Castalia and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried. Ms. Niehm will forward a copy to Amy at Palmer Energy.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Suspend the Two Reading Rule for the Amending of Resolution #2022-12 Establishing Regulations Prohibiting Through Truck Traffic on Certain Streets Within the Corporate Limits. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion for Ordinance #2023-16, Amending Ordinance Number #2022-12 Establishing Regulations Prohibiting Through Truck Traffic on Certain Streets Within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Castalia and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion on the OPWC Small Business Funding for finishing the Lucas Street and Bardwell Street. Mr. Johnson stated Ms. Niehm will provide financial documentation.

Mr. Johnson stated he has not heard from Ken Majoy regarding the cellphone dispute.

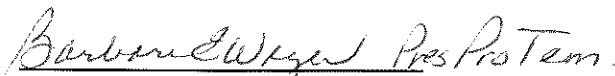
Mayor Johnson asked Council about switching meeting dates for the month of December. **Mrs. Artip made a motion to Change the December 12th meeting to December 5th at 7:00 p.m. and switching the December 26th meeting to December 19th at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.** Ms. Niehm will notify the newspaper, put a sign on the Village Hall door and notify the website of the change. Mrs. Weyer stated she will not be at the December 5th meeting.

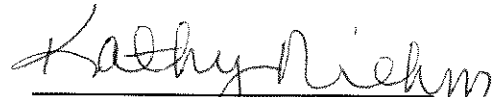
Round Table: Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Strickler to review the Erie County Road Manual for Council. Mrs. Weyer thanked residents for voting for her. Mrs. Weyer stated she spoke with Mike Regan of Sterling Enterprises regarding secure email accounts. It would run approximately \$6.00 per month per account, \$200 to set-up. Mrs. Weyer stated the PEP report needs to be submitted early in December. Mrs. Weyer stated residents are upset with the lateness of the deputies regarding the loud motor bikes. Mayor Johnson stated he will contact Sheriff Sigsworth. Mr. Smith stated he will follow-up with Brad Link of Perkins Township Public Works Department regarding the street sweeping. Mrs.

Crawford stated she spoke with Kathryn Wade of ODOT regarding safety funds are available for signals and crossings the Village could apply for. Mrs. Crawford stated ODOT would need photographs of the inside of the traffic cabinet. Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he can get the photographs. Mrs. Artrip stated the precinct workers at the last election at Village Hall were very loud and it was hard to concentrate.

Public Participation: Mr. Joe Greer stated there is a curfew for children under 18 years old and the parent could be sited and there was an ordinance #92-10 for Noise. Mr. Strickler stated those ordinances were rescinded as the Sheriff was reluctant to enforce them. Tim Sessler stated he contacted Ohio Edison as there were 2 lights out and they were replaced with the new LED lights.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.


Barbara Weyer Pres Pro Tem.
~~James Johnson, Mayor~~


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer

