

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2022

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on August 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Kevin Nemitz, followed by Roll Call with the following in attendance: Mayor Kevin Nemitz, President James Johnson, Vice President Si Nicholson, Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes from the July 26, 2022 meeting. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to approve the Financial Report of August 4, 2022. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Pay Warrants from July 25, 2022 to August 4, 2022. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to approve the Receipt Report from July 24, 2022 to August 1, 2022. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he purchased the LED blinking stop sign from Tapco (an ODOT approved vendor) for the Village. The invoice amount was \$1221.50. Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm will pay the invoice next week. The Zoning Inspector stated Tapco also has signage for crosswalks.

Mr. Steve Sessler made a presentation to Council regarding the Cold Creek Foundation and duck pond. Mr. Sessler stated they received a grant from ODNR for water meters. Mr. Sessler also stated the geese population has been limited the last 3 years. Mr. Sessler stated the ducks are coming back to the pond. Mr. Sessler stated the buffer zone at the duck pond did not work as one side of the pond worked better than the other. Mr. Sessler gave Council a letter for the Village newsletter so residents can be kept up-to-date on what was happening at the duck pond. Council thanked Mr. Sessler and asked if he could come back to talk with Council again.

Mr. Tim Sessler asked what was happening across from the Castalia Market as he stated there were 6-8 vehicles parked there. Mr. Tom Johnson stated he will contact the owners.

There was a discussion on the repaired section of road in front of the Congregational Church on Main Street. Mr. David Myers stated the road is getting worse. Mr. James Johnson stated he will contact Mr. Fox. The agreement with Fox Construction stated it was to be repaired with concrete and it was repaired with blacktop instead.

Counsel Randy Strickler stated he will forward to the fiscal Officer the State of Ohio's suggestion for a Village Records Retention Schedule. Mr. Strickler stated the Council will need to have a Records Retention meeting to approve the schedule and then Council will need to adopt the Records Retention Schedule.

Mr. Jim Johnson stated he met with Eric Dodrill of Erie County Soil & Water. In regards to the detention pond on the land of the new high school. Mr. Johnson informed Council that the detention pond will actually be a grassed pond and the water that will run to it will drain into the ground within 48 hours. Mr. Johnson further stated there will not be a bug or odor problem and there will not be a fence needed due to there will not be a water runoff situation.

Mr. Johnson stated he has not heard back from 7L Construction and he has called several times.

There was a discussion in regards to the Township working with the Village on road paving. Margaretta Township Road Department will be contacted as to an estimate on repairing pot holes in the Village. Mr. Smith will meet with the Township Trustees at their Work Session.

Mr. Nicholson stated he has not received an updated estimate from Kreimes Company for the painting of the streets and crosswalks. Mr. Nicholson will contact them again.

There was a discussion on the boring estimates and Council agreed to wait for the third estimate before making a decision.

There was a discussion on lawn waste bag pick-up in the village. Council decided to table the subject until next year.

Mr. Nemitz stated to Council the catch basin across from Civista Bank has a lot of cracks. Members of Council stated the catch basin was repaired last summer and should not be in that condition.

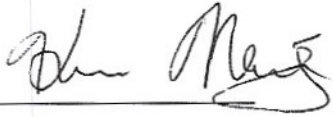
Mr. Smith stated he will meet with Margaretta Township Trustees next Thursday evening at their Work Session to discuss an agreement between the Township and the Village. Mr. Smith stated the Township's new truck is on back order. There was a discussion on the condition of the Village's truck and it was discussed that the Village truck needs to be inspected. Mr. Smith stated he will call Ohio Diesel Company for an appointment.

Mrs. Weyer asked about speed cameras in the Village. Mr. Strickler stated there is litigation in the State of Ohio in regards to the speed cameras and perhaps to contact Judge O'Brien for his input.

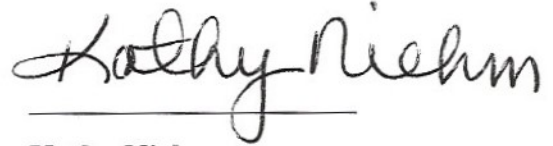
There was a discussion on why Erie County was striping some streets and not others in the County.

Mrs. Weyer stated Council needs a new salary structure for Mayor and Council members.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. All Council members agreed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Kevin Nemitz
Mayor



Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer