

Village Of Castalia
July 14, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on June 14, 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 Mayor Jim Johnson with the following in attendance: Si Nicholson, Cindy Crawford, Barb Weyer, Georgia Artrip, Jake Smith. Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer was in attendance via Telephone. Legal Counsel Randy Strickler was in attendance, as well Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Crawford Made a Motion to Approve the 6/23/2026 Minutes. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Mr. Smith stated he will abstain from voting. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 7/7/2026. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 6/30/2026. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Crawford Made a Motion to Approve the Receipts Dated 6/30/2026. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Bob Biglin stated the storm sewer has been jetted and cleaned out. Mr. Biglin stated the street signs for the speed reduction in the Village have been received. Mr. Biglin asked about the sale of the park. Mrs. Weyer suggested to ask Council as she has suggested it several times before. Mr. Biglin stated it is costing money for maintenance on the park. Mr. Biglin stated the signs for traffic for the Cold Creek Celebration have been installed and the roads will be closed as of 11:00 a.m. on Friday. Mr. Biglin stated there are low branches on Cement and Lester Streets and after Cold Creek his department will cut them down. There is a tree overgrown on St. Rt. 101 and Lucas that blocks the stop sign on a resident's property.

Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Approve a Purchase Order for the Repair of the Street Light at Lucas, Lowell, and Bardwell. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated the door locks for the restrooms will cost \$215.00. **Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Installation on all the Restroom Doors in Village Hall. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the Village never received a certified letter from the residents at 711 Main Street.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the 2027 Village of Castalia Tax Budget as Submitted. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried. Ms. Niehm stated after the meeting this evening she will email the budget to the Erie County Auditor and after the minutes are approved next Council meeting, she will include the budget attached to the minutes.

Mayor Johnson stated he has not heard back from Josh Hula regarding handrails for the steps across the street from Village Hall. Mr. Strickler stated the Village is under no obligation to install more hand railings as there are already 2 handicap ramps. Mr. Biglin stated he knows of someone that does hand railings and could contact him for prices if the Village wanted to install more railings.

Mayor Johnson stated ODOT will be in the Village tomorrow to overview the site and obtain more photographs of the area.

Mayor Johnson stated he requested 100 tons of road salt for the Village.

Mrs. Weyer stated a liability certificate has not been received yet for the Cold Creek Celebration, it usually arrives on Thursday or Friday. Mrs. Artrip will do the float judging for the Cold Creek Celebration. Mrs. Weyer stated she can open the Village Hall on Friday and lock up on Sunday after the close of the Celebration.

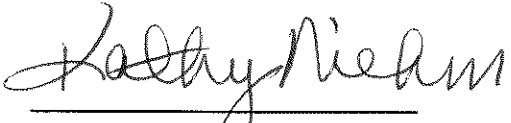
Mrs. Weyer read an example of an email scam and warned Council members they might receive one also.

There was a discussion on Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer's contract which runs from 9/1/2025 to 8/31/2026. Ms. Niehm stated if she had known what she was getting into when she interviewed for her position, she would have never accepted the position as previous Fiscal Officer's were using the wrong account codes, etc. A couple of Council Members asked Ms. Niehm how long she needed assistance from Ms. Schaefer. Ms. Niehm stated things come up once or twice a year and often times UAN makes key stroke changes so having Ms. Schaefer's guidance is an asset.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion: Due to the Expiration of the Contract with the Fiscal Consultant, Diane Schaefer, Council Moves to Restore the Fiscal Officer, Kathy Niehm's Full Salary as of 9/1/2026. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

With no further business to come before the Council. Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to adjourn. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.


James Johnson
Mayor


Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

