

**Village of Castalia  
Meeting Minutes  
April 9, 2024**

The Castalia Village Council met in Regular Session on April 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. located at Village Hall, 126 Main St., Castalia, Ohio. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. In attendance: Mayor Jim Johnson, President Pro Tem Barb Weyer, Vice President Si Nicholson, Cindy Crawford, Georgia Artrip, Jake Smith, Counsel Randy Strickler, and Fiscal officer Kathy Niehm. Mayor Johnson led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the Minutes from the March 26, 2024 meeting. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 4/4/2024. Mr. Nicholson seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 3/31/2024-4/4/2024. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Accept the Receipts dated 3/27/2024 -3/31/2024. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion carried.

Zoning Department- After discussion the resolution for the Zoning Fee Schedule is put on hold. Randy Strickler stated he will not charge the Village to update the resolution. Mr. Johnson stated there have been issues with the judge in municipal court being lenient with offenders. Mr. Strickler stated the Village could go through the Erie County Common Pleas Court.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated she will issue the \$15,000 check to Margaretta Township for the maintenance staff before the due date of April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Crawford stated she did not have new information from the State of Ohio regarding the study from ODOT. Mrs. Crawford stated the estimate from Balconi's for resurfacing the veteran's plaque is \$400.00.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Suspend the Two Reading rule for Resolution/Ordinance # 2024-4. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Approve Resolution/Ordinance #2024-4 An Ordinance Granting Permission to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to Perform a Paving Project on a portion of State Route 101 Known as PID No.119421, Project Name Eri

SR 0101 02.72 within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Castalia, Sharing in the Cost thereof, and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.

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Resolution/Ordinance #2024-5: Mr. Smith made a Motion to Authorize the Fiscal Officer to Contact the Erie County Auditor's Office to Provide Financial Information regarding the Difference in a Replacement levy of 4.66 Mills versus a Renewal Levy of 4.66 Mills and report back to Council. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer stated the Spring newsletters are printed and will be sent soon. Mrs. Weyer asked if anyone had heard of Margaretta Township Fire Department going to a fire district and how this will affect taxpayers. Mrs. Weyer stated the Township should inform the residents.

Mr. Smith stated he will contact Brad Link about the street sweeping for the Village. Mrs. Weyer stated there is a large pothole on Main Street.

Paul Schoeneage stated he had a problem with the handling of the Historical Society and asked about their refund check. Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated she had issued the Historical Society a refund check but it has never been cashed. Mr. Schoeneage stated the insurance companies can handle it.

A resident asked about the resurfacing of St. Rt. 101 in 2025. Mayor Johnson stated the estimate for the Village of Castalia was \$41,000. The resident stated the drains are getting worse and the grates are sinking and one is too high. Mayor Johnson stated he will look at it.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

  
James Johnson, Mayor

  
Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer