

Village Of Castalia
October 28, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on October 28, 2025 at 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: Barb Weyer, Si Nicholson, Cindy Crawford, Jake Smith, and Fiscal Office Kathy Niehm. Georgia Artrip was absent and excused. Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer attended via telephone.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Excuse Georgia Artrip. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the 10/14/2025 Minutes as amended. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 10/24/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 10/21/2025-10/24/2025. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Accept the Receipts Dated 10/12/25-10/21/25. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson introduced Mr. and Mrs. Velez who were representing the Village Pizza House for approval of a transfer of a liquor license for their business. After a small discussion, Council had no objection of the transfer of the liquor license to the Village Pizza House from Mings Garden. **Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Approve the Transfer of the Liquor License to the Village Pizza House from Mings Garden. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson stated Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson was on vacation.

Mayor Johnson stated there was a guardrail accident and Margareta Township Road Superintendent Bob Biglin contacted the insurance company. Mayor Johnson stated there was no word regarding the storm sewer issues in the Village.

Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer stated Council needed to code #3901 for the OPWC loan debt service fund. This is to be used in 2026 to make payments on the OPWC loan and it will be funded by a transfer from Fund #4901 Capital Project (Road Levy). **Mr. Smith Made a Motion**

to Establish Fund Code #3901 OPWC Loan. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Following Supplemental Appropriations:

2101-620-399-0000 Other Contractual Services (\$6,000)

2101-640-399-0000 Other Contractual Services \$6,000

To Transfer Funds from Different program Codes in the Permissive MVF for the payment of Darr and Hula.

1000-110-399-0000 Police Fund (\$2,600)

1000-320-399-0000 Bay Area Tree Care LLC for Tree Removal

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

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated she received a letter from Bill Keller from Arizona who addressed the letter to the Castalia Ohio Chamber of Commerce and included a check for \$1.00 for Blue Hole postcards. Ms. Niehm stated she sent a letter back (including his check) to Mr. Keller informing him there was no Chamber of Commerce and the Blue Hole was closed.

Mayor Johnson stated Legal Counsel Randy Strickler is working on the Noise Ordinance, Credit Card Policy, and the Pay Range Policy.

Mayor Johnson stated the thermostat in Village Hall was relocated in the hall by H&H Plumbing.

Mayor Johnson stated Election Day is Tuesday and Mrs. Weyer will open the Village Hall for the election workers.

Mayor Johnson stated the Village was turned down for the Erie County Community Grant.

Mayor Johnson stated he will be on vacation from 11/26/2025-12/6/2025.


Mrs. Weyer stated she attended the Erie County Commissioners meeting regarding the Homestead Exemption issue and it was approved for 2026. The Village will be short approximately \$6,000.

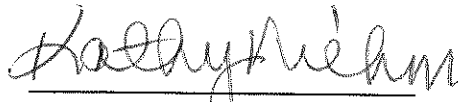
Mrs. Weyer stated she sent Firelands IT an email to set up an email for MS. Schaefer. Mrs. Weyer stated there was no word on their input for cyber security for the Village. Mrs. Weyer stated Counsel, Fiscal Officer, and Zoning Inspector will need to use the Outlook emails as of 2026.

There was a discussion on the natural gas aggregate.

Mrs. Weyer stated she will not be at the December 23, 2025 Council meeting.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.


James Johnson, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer

