

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order followed by Roll Call with the following in attendance: Mayor Jim Johnson, President Pro Tem Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Si Nicholson, Georgia Artrip, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve the Minutes of April 11, 2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Finance Report, Dated April 21, 2023. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, Dated April 5, 2023 to April 21, 2023. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Receipts, Dated April 3, 2023 to April 21, 2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.

There was no Zoning Inspector report as Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson was absent. Mrs. Weyer asked about the random parking in front of the Congregational Church on Main Street. Mrs. Weyer stated Mr. Tom Johnson would like to know what Council would like for him to do about it. A Council member will reach out to the residents. Council decided to table the discussion until the Zoning Inspector is in attendance.

Mayor Johnson stated he has the plans and bid book for the Lester and Adams Paving Project. The bids will be opened on May 4, 2023 and will be awarded on May 9, 2023.

Mayor Johnson stated Mr. Ray Thom contacted him and stated he is no longer interested in the sidewalk project on Main Street across from Village Hall. Mr. Johnson stated he contacted Hula Construction as to obtain a revised estimate for the sidewalk project. Mr. Johnson stated he distributed a letter to the businesses and the Erie County Sheriff regarding the sidewalk project and the elimination of the angle parking.

Mayor Johnson stated he called the Erie County Engineer's office about the drainage issues in the Village but he did not hear back from the office.

Mayor Johnson stated he received a letter from the Castalia Area Historical Society which was not sent certified and he stated the letter was for information purposes only.

Mayor Johnson stated Mr. Gysan spoke to him regarding his company doing the grass cutting, etc. to the CAHS property. Mr. Johnson stated until the property is sold the Village will need Mr. Gysan's service.

Mrs. Artrip asked about a plaque that was on the property. Mr. Johnson will check into it.

Mr. Johnson stated he received a notice from the Castalia Cold Creek Festival in regard to judging the parade; Mr. Johnson stated he will be out of town and cannot attend. Mrs. Artrip and Mr. Nicholson will judge the event.

Mrs. Weyer stated she and Kathy met with David Archer of the Perry Pro Tech Company regarding a copier, fax, and scanner for the Village. Mrs. Weyer gave the details of the various models. **Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Purchase a Ricoh IM C300F Color Copier, Fax and Scanner Outright for a price of \$2,795.30 and a Maintenance Agreement for \$7.00 per month. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.** Mrs. Weyer stated she will contact Mr. Archer to order the machine. Ms. Niehm stated she will need a W-9 form from the company and she will forward a tax-exempt form as well.

Mrs. Weyer stated she needs the new email addresses from the Council members.

Mrs. Weyer stated the Village newsletters were sent out last week. Mrs. Artrip stated she has received great reviews on the newsletters and residents like being informed.

Mr. Smith stated he has not received news from the Township as to the joint venture with the Village.

Mrs. Weyer asked if anyone has noticed pieces of trash on the ground after Republic Services has picked up trash in the Village. Mrs. Weyer stated she has noticed after Republic Services has picked up trash in the Village that there has been trash on the ground in a few areas.

Mrs. Weyer presented a new Event Permit Application and Road Closure Form and gave it to Ms. Niehm.

Mr. Smith stated he will have a new updated finance report at the next meeting.

Mr. Nicholson stated Mr. Neill has completed the tree clean-up in the park. Mr. Nicholson also commented he called Perkins Township regarding street cleaning and was told their machine is down and the Township will contact him when it is up and running.

Mr. Joseph Greer asked Council if he could use the Wayne Myers Park. Located on Cement Street, to take astro-photographs in the evenings. **Mrs. Artrip made a motion to approve Mr. Joseph Greer Using Meyer's Park for Taking Astro-Photographs. Mr.**

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


There was a discussion on the future paving of Route 269. Mrs. Weyer stated the north section was to be done but Council did not know about the south section.

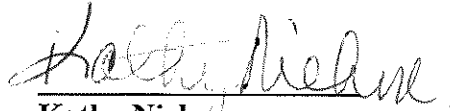
Mrs. Weyer stated perhaps the Erie County Sheriff could attend the June 13, 2023 Council meeting regarding if Council will ask for a renewal of the Police Levy.

Mr. Randy Whitman asked about the trash outside of 314 Lester.

Mrs. Artrip asked about the "Danger" signs at the end of Depot Street as they are in very bad shape.

With no further business, Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to adjourn. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.


James Johnson
Mayor


Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer