

Village Of Castalia
August 12, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on August 12, 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: Jim Johnson, Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip, Si Nicholson, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Also in attendance was legal counsel Randy Strickler. Mrs. Crawford was absent.

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

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the 8/10/2025 Minutes as amended. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, Dated 8/10/2025. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, Dated 7/22/2025-8/10/2025. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, Dated 7/21/2025-7/31/2025. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson stated Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson was absent. Mayor Johnson stated Tom Johnson was interested in the cleaning position at the Village Hall.

Mayor Johnson stated there are storm water issues on West Lucas Street. Mayor Johnson stated he spoke with ODOT and the resurfacing of ST. ST. 101 in the Village will start the week after Labor Day in the Village.

Mayor Johnson stated the Trout Club planted different types of grasses along the duck pond and stream and residents can mow if they want. Mr. Johnson stated native plants are planted.

Mayor Johnson stated he submitted the grant application for the Erie County Community Grant Foundation. If we receive the grant, it will be used for speed limit signs.

Ms. Niehm stated the 2nd half taxes should be arriving very soon and the July bank reconciliation was completed and balanced.

Mrs. Weyer stated she did not hear from Firelands IT. Mrs. Weyer stated the Erie County Auditor and Treasurer are meeting with all government entities regarding funding cuts.

Mr. Kenneth Lowry, 711 Main Street, made comments about his property and asked what the salary of the zoning inspector was.


Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Sale of Property ORC 721.203 and to Discuss Matters of Employment of Public Employees ORC Section 121.22(G)(2) at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Nicholson seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Exit the Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Hire Diane Schaefer as an Independent Contractor Fiscal Consultant with a Pay of \$625.00 per Month for a Period of 1 Year and Authorize Legal Counsel to do Ordinance Effective September 1, 2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried.

With no further business, Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


James Johnson, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer