

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on February 14, 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 Kevin Nemitz, President Jim Johnson, Vice-President Si Nicholson, Barb Weyer, Jacob Smith, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Mrs. Artrip arrived at 7:32 p.m.

Council tabled the approval of the Minutes of 1/24/2023 until the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the 2/8/2023 Financial Report. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Payments Warrants from 1/31/2023 to 2/8/2023. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the 1/23/2023 to 2/8/2023 Receipts. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion Carried.

There was a discussion on the damage to the Castalia Area Historical Building that the Village of Castalia owns. Mayor Nemitz stated the invoice for the furnace totaled \$3375.00 which will be submitted to the insurance company. Mr. Johnson stated there was masonry and floor damage to the building as well as interface cracks. Mr. Johnson provided photos of the damage.

Mayor Nemitz informed Council that he met with the representative of Ohio Edison regarding the invoices/statements that were sent to the Sheriff's office instead of the Village. Ms. Niehm stated she cannot pay late fees, especially since this was not the fault of the Village. **Mrs. Weyer made a motion to pay the Ohio Edison invoices/statements (no late fees or interest) that were previously sent to the Erie County Sheriff's Office in error. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Nemitz stated he spoke with the Ohio Edison representative regarding the traffic light which was not metered and a meter needs to be installed.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated there are cars parked on Barden Street in the road right-a-way. The right-of-way is owned by the Village. He further stated there are cars parked by the fence of the school blocking the sidewalks. Mr. Johnson further stated people are parking on the yellow hash marks which are not parking spaces also. The matter will be further discussed in the future.

Mrs. Artrip arrived at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Jim Johnson stated Barden Street has a sink hole and the Township patched it and it has now reopened, it was discussed that Columbia Gas opened the hole and will hopefully fix it.

Mr. Johnson stated he received 2 emails regarding the ads for the truck and trailer but there was no further correspondence.

Mr. Smith asked if Brett Kromer could look at the sign on Cement Street. Mr. Nicholson stated the signs were moved in front of the salt building. Mr. Smith stated he will have the year end report for the next meeting.

Mr. Nicholson will contact Bruce Neill regarding the report from Public Entities Pool of Ohio for the damaged and rotting tree branches and the repair of the bleacher foot boards and seats.

Mr. Tom Johnson stated an elderly woman fell on the steps across the street from the fire station. Mr. Jim Johnson and Mrs. Weyer both stated that Tim Bock from Poggenmeyer stated the steps will need to be built to code if they are to be fixed. Council attorney, Randy Strickler stated the area in question is in overlapping jurisdictions from the State of Ohio and the Village of Castalia.

Mr. Bruce Martin representing the Castalia Area Historical Society stated he had 6 photos showing the damage in the building. He stated he sent a letter to Council and the Historical Society would like to move back into the building.

Mr. Tim Sessler stated the Castalia signs in the Village are very hard to read. Mr. Nemitz stated he would contact the Trout Club as they handled the signs before.

There were several people in the audience (residents and non-residents) voicing their opinion regarding parking in the Village. Council stressed that where there are No Parking signs there is to be no parking.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept Gysan Landscaping's quote for 2023 and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to Accept Ordinance #2023-03, An Ordinance of the Village of Castalia, Ohio authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a purchase agreement with Kuns, LTD for the purchase of certain real property on Ried Court for roadway purposes and declaring an emergency and to suspend the two-reading rule. Mrs. Weyer seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.


Mr. Johnson made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss disposition of Village property per ORC 121-122 G2. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.

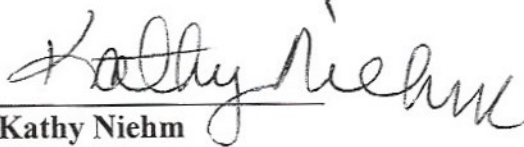
Mr. Smith made a motion to exit the Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. and return to the Regular Council Meeting. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to authorize Council Attorney, Randy Strickler to negotiate the possible sale of property located at 208 Lowell Street, Castalia, Ohio under the terms discussed in Executive Session. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.

With no further business to come before Village Council, Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

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


Kevin Nemitz
Mayor


Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer