

## Village of Castalia

### Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2024

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on August 27, 2024 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: Cindy Crawford, Si Nicholson, Jake Smith, Barb Weyer, Georgia Artrip and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mayor Johnson introduced Eric Dodrill, who is running for Erie County Engineer. Mr. Dodrill thanked Mayor Johnson for the opportunity to speak to Council. Mr. Dodrill stated he had previously work for John Hancock Company, Erie County Soil and Water and Perkins Township and stated why he is running.

**Mrs. Crawford made a Motion to Approve the 8/13/2024 Regular Session Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 8/22/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 8/12/2024 to 8/22/2024. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Smith made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 8/11/2024-8/22/2024. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated the issue with the resident that has the "35 MPH" speed limit sign in the road right- of- way will need the Village attorney to contact them to remove it.

Mayor Johnson stated the 2 issues on the November ballot for the Village have been accepted by the Board of Elections. Mayor Johnson stated he contacted Alex Jones for verification.

Mayor Johnson stated ODOT will allow the Village to pay the \$64,000 for the Main Street project in 2025.

Council members signed the paperwork for the Erie County Community Investment Grant, \$54,819.58.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated she will need to attend the Auditor of State Fiscal Officer training in October, the fee is \$100. Ms. Niehm stated she was unable to attend last year as she was in the hospital. The training is mandatory.

Ms. Niehm stated the representative from the copier company came out to see if the slow internet connection could be improved. The Village switched to fiber optic and since then the copier has been running very slow.

Ms. Niehm stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> half real estate taxes had been deposited and were included in the deposit report for this evening.

Ms. Niehm stated Council needs to have a resolution giving the Fiscal Officer permission to have the Auditor's office charged the following property owners for mowing their properties.

**Mrs. Weyer made a Motion: Resolution #2024-10 Authorize the Fiscal Officer to Submit to the Erie County Auditor's Office Submission of Zoning Charges Against the Following Properties for Mowing:**

**216 E. Lucas St., Parcel #31-00004.00 Holly Agsten, \$125.00**

**206 Water St., Parcel #31-00346.00, Miriam Schwochow, \$150.00**

**Empty Lot, Parcel #31-00347.000, Miriam Schwochow, \$150.00**

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

Ms. Niehm will forward the information to the Auditor's office.

Mayor Johnson stated he has not heard back from Josh Kaiser regarding the gutters. Mr. Nicholson asked why he did not advise Council if there was an issue with the gutters. Mr. Nicholson stated he should have contacted Council if there was an issue.

Mrs. Weyer asked to contact the cleaning person as the trash and cleaning were not done this week. Ms. Weyer will contact Mr. Strickler and see if she can be terminated.

Council asked to have a Work Session before January to work on the budget in November.

Mrs. Crawford stated she was in contact with Kathryn Wade from ODOT and Ms. Wade asked to meet with Council members September 24<sup>th</sup> or the first week in October at the intersection of Main Street and St. Rt. 269. Council asked to meet with her October 1, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Mrs. Artrip asked if the posting of signs at the end of Depot Street had been installed. Mayor Johnson stated no.

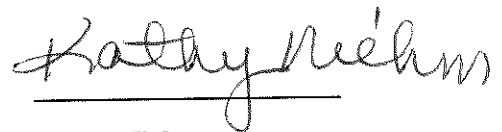
Larry Krough, 304 E. Lucas Street, asked about street paving in the Village. Mayor Johnson responded ODOT will be doing the S. Washington Street and the Village will be responsible for \$64,000.

**With no further business to come before the Council; Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.**



**James Johnson**

**Mayor**



**Kathy Niehm**

**Fiscal Officer**