

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

March 12.02024

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on March 12, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall located at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Johnson followed by Roll Call with the following in attendance: Mayor Jim Johnson, Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Cindy Crawford, Si Nicholson, Counsel Randy Strickler, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Mayor Jim Johnson led the Council and audience with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to excuse Georgia Artrip from tonight's meeting. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Mayor Johnson stated Mrs. Artrip's daughter had passed away. Mayor

Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Approve the 2/27/2024 Minutes. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.

Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve the Financial Report, Dated 3/6/2024. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.

Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, Dated 2/29/2024 to 3/6/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, Dated 2/29/2024 to 3/6/2024. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.

Mayor Johnson asked Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson for his report. Mr. Tom Johnson stated he will need a new email address for the Village's Zoning once he retires from the fire department.

Zoning Inspector Johnson gave an overview of the issues with the local courts and zoning procedures. Mr. Johnson also asked Counsel Randy Strickler how the zoning fees document was coming along. Mr. Strickler stated he will write it up and get to Council.

Zoning Inspector Johnson stated 711 Main Street has not improved, it looks like a junk yard, as Mr. Johnson stated items had been moved around on the property. 315 Adams Street property is up for auction again.

Zoning Inspector Johnson asked about the painting of parking spaces in the Village. Mr. Johnson stated he could check on the pricing to have parking spaces painted in the Village if Council wanted him too. **Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Authorize Tom Johnson to Paint Over lines for Parking Spaces in the Village. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.**

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm Stated the Village had received a check for restitution of a juvenile case for \$91.67. Ms. Niehm also stated the February bank statement had been reconciled to the penny. Ms. Niehm stated she needs to wait until she gets assistance from Bob Day before she can make the necessary adjustments required by the auditor's office.

Mayor Johnson stated he recommends the ODOT project for SR 269 and SR 101 should proceed. The estimated amount the Village would need to pay is \$41,000. Mayor Johnson also explained the Ohio House Bill 370 if enacted, would prevent the State of Ohio to charge local governments for paving projects. Mayor Johnson will keep Council updated.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Table the Discussion on the ODOT Paving Project until the First Meeting in April. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Mr. Strickler stated he will have the document(s) to Council in time for the meeting.

Mrs. Crawford stated Kathryn of ODOT did not have new information regarding the stop light and sign on Main Street/ SR 269.

Mayor Johnson stated Tim King of ERP suggested to the mayor to check into a 1% income tax for the Village. Mayor Johnson he researched RITA and informed Council that there is a lot to do to set up a 1% income tax. Mayor Johnson stated the Village does not have a Tax Department and the Village Fiscal Officer only works part time. Council members stated they were not interested in a 1% income tax.

Mayor Johnson stated the Village did not receive a new OPWC grant or a small government loan for road paving.

Mayor Johnson stated he spoke with an engineer to review Lucas and Bardwell Streets for paving.

There was a discussion checking the drainage and catch basins on Lester and Adams Streets as well as Oak and Walnut.


Mrs. Crawford checked into what maintenance would be necessary for the veteran's plaque on the exterior of Village Hall. Mrs. Crawford stated she was informed as to use a soft tooth brush and dish soap. Mrs. Crawford stated she will contact Balconi's for their suggestions.

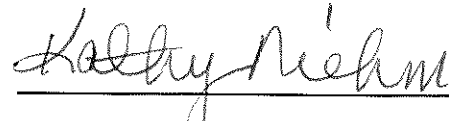
There was a discussion on the noise ordinance in the Village.

Mayor Johnson informed Council of the audit meeting he, Mrs. Weyer and Ms. Niehm attended. Mayor Johnson stated the auditor explained the adjustments that needed to be made from previous Councils. Mayor Johnson stated the Fiscal Officer wanted to have a clean slate so she volunteered to do the adjustments which were before her term started.

Mrs. Weyer stated she needs information for the Village newsletter as soon as possible. Mrs. Weyer stated she will have the schedule for Village yard waste posted on the website. Mrs. Weyer stated Mr. Smith will have an article in the newsletter regarding the Village roads.

With no further business to come before Council; Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.


James Johnson, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer