

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2022

The Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on January 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Village Hall located at 126 Main street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Mayor James Johnson and followed by the Roll Call with the following in attendance: Mayor James Johnson, Kevin Nemitz, Silas Nicholson, Jake Smith, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Nancy bath was excused from the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Silas Nicholson and James Johnson were sworn in for their 4-year term by Robert Day.

Si Nicholson moved and Georgia Artrip seconded to appoint Kevin Nemitz to the open Council seat (unexpired term). Vote: All were in favor, motion carried.

James Johnson moved and Georgia Artrip seconded to elect Kevin Nemitz to President Pro-Tem. Vote: All were in favor, motion carried.

Robert Day sworn in Kevin Nemitz as Village Councilman. Per Village Charter: President Pro-Tem automatically becomes Mayor of the Village of Castalia.

Mayor Nemitz read a letter from Jake Smith stating he would like to be on Village Council.

James Johnson moved, Silas Nicholson seconded to appoint Jake Smith to the Village Council. Vote: All were in favor. Motion carried.

Robert day swore in Jake Smith as a Councilman.

Georgia Artrip made a motion to appoint James Johnson as President of Village Council. Silas Nicholson seconded the motion. Vote: All were in favor, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2022-01

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES/OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF CASTALIA, STATE OF OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

James Johnson moved to approve Resolution # 2022-01 seconded by Silas Nicholson. Vote: All were in favor, motion carried.

There was a discussion as ODOT will not be able to service the t4traffic lights in the downtown area of the Village.

There was a discussion of the American Rescue Act in regards to COVID money.

There was a discussion on sidewalk repairs

Gysan's Lawn Service submitted a proposal for 2022 for their services to the Village. The proposal will be tables until a future meeting.

Audience member Barb Weyer stated the snowplow driver pushed snow in her driveway. Ms. Weyer also stated there is someone flying a drone during the daytime again around Lions Park. She notified the Sheriff's office.

Ms. Weyer asked the status of the website. Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the website was moving along and that prior to her becoming the Fiscal Officer there was nothing done on the website. Ms. Niehm stated it would take some time as the website is brand new and there are several items that need to be forward to Claire at Regan Computer so she can enter it on the

Ms. Weyer stated she thought Council members should be paid more.

There was a discussion on the "green arrow" on the traffic lights. The timing is too fast.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the Village purchased the domain name for the website and notified Claire Regan. Ms. Niehm stated she need agenda items by noon on Thursday in order to generate the agenda for the Council meeting.

Zoning Inspector stated he issued a building permit for Mr. Sessler. Mr. Johnson stated there is a junk car on Lester Street. The owner stated she will remove it in the Spring. Mayor Nemitz stated there is a junk car with flat tires at the old flower shop.

Silas Nicholson stated there is debris onsite of the Castalia Market and he will notify the owner.

Tommy Johnson stated he has made a 4th attempt in regards to the property located at 711 Main Street and he will need to contact Sandusky Municipal Court to start the process again.

Randy Strickler, Legal Counsel, stated with the Covid Act funds if a government does not use the funds they need to return to the government. There was a discussion that all three restrooms in the Village Hall need to be updated.

ROUND TABLE

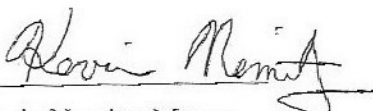
James Johnson stated all the Christmas decorations were put back in the barn and he would like to thank the Margaretta Township firefighters for their assistance. Mr. Johnson congratulated Mayor Nemitz and he will assist him if he has any questions.

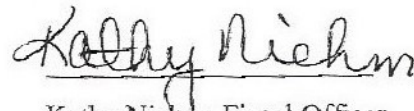
Georgia Artrip stated the snowplow driver did not plow Reed Court, a resident had contacted her about it.

Si Nicholson stated the park needs cleaning and the ballfield fence needs to be repositioned as the wind took it down.

Mayor Nemitz stated the Village Hall will be cleaned on the 2nd and 4th week of the month.

It was agreed by the members of the Council to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Kevin Nemitz, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer