

**Village Of Castalia
November 18, 2025
Meeting Minutes**

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on November 18, 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: Barb Weyer, Si Nicholson, Cindy Crawford, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip, and Fiscal Office Kathy Niehm. Legal Counsel Randy Strickler was also in attendance. Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer attended via telephone.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the 10/28/2025 Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 11/13/2025. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 10/31/2025-11/3/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Accept the Receipts Dated 10/15/25-11/10/2025. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer gave an overview of the current audit and OPWC grant. Ms. Schaefer also stated the procedure regarding the sale of equipment, i.e., Capital Project Fund.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Suspend the Two Reading Rule for Ordinance #2025-11, An Ordinance Regulating Noise from Passenger Cars, Motorcycles, or other Devices Using Internal Combustion Engines Operating Within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Castalia and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2025-11, An Ordinance Regulating Noise from Passenger Cars, Motorcycles, or other Devices Using Internal Combustion Engines Operating Within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Castalia and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Suspend the Two Reading Rule for Resolution #2025-7, A Resolution Adopting a Cybersecurity Policy for the Village of Castalia, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Adopt Resolution #2025-7, A Resolution Adopting a Cybersecurity Policy for the Village of Castalia, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Suspend the Two Reading Rule for Ordinance #2025-9, An Ordinance Re-Establishing the Rate of Compensation For the Position of Zoning Inspector For the Village of Castalia, Ohio Repealing and Replacing Ordinance Number 2022-21 and all Other Previously Enacted Ordinances and/or Resolutions Inconsistent Herewith, and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

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First Reading of Ordinance #2025-10 An Ordinance Amending Section Two of Ordinance Number 2023-5, Relative to the Salary Arrangement for the Mayor of the Village of Castalia, Ohio and Repealing and Replacing Section Two of Ordinance Number 2023-5.
The seconded reading will be at the November 25, 2025 meeting.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Suspend the Two Reading Rule for Resolution #2025-8, A Resolution Establishing An Annual Blanket Purchasing Certificate For Each Account Code Declaring An Emergency. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes, Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Adopt Resolution #2025-8, A Resolution Establishing An Annual Blanket Purchasing Certificate For Each Account Code Declaring An Emergency. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes, Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson stated he does not have an update on the various storm sewers and catch basins in the Village. Mr. Johnson thanked the residents of the Village for voting in favor for the levy. Mrs. Johnson also congratulated Council members: Jake Smith, Cindy Crawford, and Si Nicholson of their re-election to the Council.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Move the 12/23/2025 Council meeting to 12/16/2025 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

Mrs. Weyer stated the newsletters have been sent, via postage and email. Mrs. Weyer will also have a January newsletter regarding the bill in the State legislature for disbanding villages. Mrs. Weyer also stated she has not heard from Firelands IT.

There was a discussion on the Cement Street park costing the Village money for upkeep and in the future look at selling the park as there is currently little use of the park by the public.

Mr. Smith stated he will update is budget spreadsheet.

Mrs. Crawford thanked the residents for approving the levy. Mrs. Crawford stated she has no update from ODOT.


Mr. Nicholson mentioned the gas leak on Lester Street.

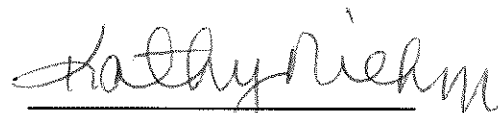
Beth St.Clair, resideing at 117 Depot St. and Steve Cooley, also residing at 117 Depot St. stated they have had water in their basement and want to know what Council is going to do to fix the issue. Scott Miller, who resides at 211 Depot St. also stated he was had water in his basement and wants something done to resolve the problem. Mayor Johnson stated he will contact Bob Biglin and have him look into the issue.

There was a discussion on the fire extinguishers in the Village buildings as they will need to be updated. Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated the debris in the maintenance building located at 314 Cement needs cleared out. **Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Remove the Old Spoiled Debris That is No Longer Needed. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he received notification from a realtor regarding billboards on Rt. 101 South and across from The Market. Mr. Johnson also stated the old Citgo gas station is for sale for \$85,000.

With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.


James Johnson, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer

