

Village Of Castalia
June 9, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on June 9, 2026 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: Si Nicholson, Jake Smith, Cindy Crawford, Barb Weyer, Georgia Artrip. Legal Counsel Randy Strickler was in attendance. Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer was in attendance as well as Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mayor Johnson stated the agenda will need to be amended to include Resolution to Establish Fund #4201 SR 269 Intersection Project and Resolution #5-2026 Declaring Intent to Proceed with Election on the Renewal of a Tax Levy for Roads.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the 5/26/2026 Minutes, as corrected. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 6/7/2026. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Crawford Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 5/29/2026-6/7/2026. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the Receipts Dated 5/12/2026-5/24/2026. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve a Resolution to Establish Fund #4201 for the State Route 269 Intersection Project to Track Revenue and Expenses Connected with the ODOT Project. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.

Margaretta Township Road Superintendent Bob Biglin stated the price for the reduced speed signs for the Business District will be \$103.50. The locations of the signs will be by the church and bank, by Adams Street, and the white church coming into the Village.

There was a discussion on the traffic light that was hit by a truck in the Village. Fresch Electric was able to make the repairs. And Ohio Edison turned the electric service back on for the traffic light. Mr. Biglin did not have an invoice for the repairs.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated the resident at 111 Jefferson Street had the grass cut and the trailer removed and the case is closed for that property. There was a discussion on a residence for sale in the Village that has a Mother-in-Law Suite and the residents would like the zoning

changed. There was also a discussion on the old Citgo gas station on St. Rt. 269 regarding barriers. Mr. Johnson will do a records request with the sheriff's office for accident reports in that area.

Mrs. Schaefer stated she will work with the Fiscal Officer for the 2027 budget with the highest costs for the projects that Council wants to do for the next year.

Mayor Johnson stated regarding the ODOT Safety Project he would like Council's permission to ask Tim Bock for assistance in the application. **Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Authorize Mayor Johnson to Sign the LPA Application. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.**

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve Ordinance/Resolution #2026-5, A Resolution Declaring the Intent to Proceed with Election on the Question of the Renewal of a Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for Providing for the General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges Within the Village of Castalia. 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 prepare the documents for the Board of Elections.

There was a discussion on the Peddler Form for the Village of Castalia and it was decided to table the discussion for a later date.

Mrs. Weyer stated Cheryl Parker submitted the event form and the event fee for the Cold Creek Celebration and gave to Ms. Niehm. Ms. Niehm will deposit the check.

Mrs. Weyer stated Ms. Niehm contacted Firelands IT as the Village has not received a W-9 form from them and the Village also needs the actual invoices as Ms. Niehm does not have access to the payment portal. Ms. Niehm stated she has left voice mails as well as emails to Firelands IT and has not heard back.

The 2027 Budget Hearing will be June 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall and Ms. Niehm has placed the AD in the Sandusky Register.

There was a discussion on the Signage for S. Washington Street for the school. **Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve Mosser Construction to Install the Signage on South Washington Street for the School with an Estimate of \$4,800. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.**

Mrs. Weyer stated the Village website will need to be ADA compliant due in 2028.

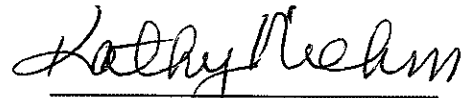
Mr. Smith stated the voice mail for the Mayor and Zoning Inspector is operational. Mr. Smith stated he might not be at the June 23, 2026 meeting.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he might be out of state due to family in the future.

With no further business to come before the Council. Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.



James Johnson
Mayor



Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

