

## **Village of Castalia**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**October 22, 2024**

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on October 22, 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: Jim Johnson, Cindy Crawford, Barb Weyer, Georgia Artrip, Jake Smith, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Si Nicholson was absent.

**Mrs. Artrip made a motion to excuse Mr. Nicholson. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Amend the Agenda to Include in “Old Business” “ I. Ordinance #2024-12A”.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the 10/8/2024 Regular Session Minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 10/19/2024. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 10/15/2024-10/18/2024. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 10/15/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he sent a letter to the owner of the truck on Pfeil Lane. Mr. Johnson stated there are a lot of items across the street from the Castalia Market and the owner has until the first day of Spring. Mr. Johnson stated he painted the white lines on the street in front of the school and crosswalks and a motorist drove through it.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated at the Fiscal Officer training she attended a big portion of the seminar was cyber security and fraud. Ms. Niehm stated the Auditor office suggested no cash, only accept money orders or checks. Ms. Niehm stated she preferred no cash. Ms. Niehm stated it was also discussed since newspapers are not well read to have announcements at 5 public places: Village Hall Door, Post Office, Bank, Cold Creek Coffee Shop and Castalia Market. Ms. Niehm stated she received the W-9 form and the PEDA-KN Form from Kelly Ried. Ms. Niehm stated she will be out of the state 10/28/24-11/4/24 and will not have access to the internet. Ms. Niehm stated she had submitted for ads in the Sandusky Register for the Work Session meeting and the Zoning Planning Commission meeting. Ms. Niehm stated she ordered the new UAN computer and printer and they will arrive sometime in February. Ms. Niehm stated she will keep the monitor she has now and the computer can go in the Mayor’s office. Ms. Niehm stated she received a notice for a liquor permit and she forwarded it to the Sheriff. The Sheriff stated they will handle the liquor permits. Ms. Niehm stated Kelly Ried’s contract needs to state she is an Independent Contractor not an employee.

Mayor Johnson stated the new Village Hall cleaner, Kelly Ried stated the Village needs a new sweeper and mop heads.

**Mr. Smith made a Motion to pay Kelly Ried for cleaning and reimbursement of supplies per approved bid contract and additional cleaning as needed. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a Motion to Suspend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance #2024-12A and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve Ordinance #2024-12A, An Ordinance Amending Ordinance Number 2024-12, Establishing A Speed Limit for Pfeil Lane, A Public Street Within the Corporate Limits of the Village of Castalia, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried. Ms. Niehm stated she will forward a copy to the Erie County Sheriff and to the Sandusky Municipal Court.**

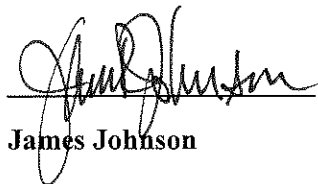
Mrs. Weyer stated the fall newsletter is complete and mailed, Mrs. Weyer stated she had an issue with paying for the postage for the newsletter and had to contact the Castalia Post Office to get it completed. Mrs. Weyer will forward the newsletter to Claire to post to the Village website. Mrs. Weyer stated she will contact Amy with Palmer Energy again regarding the aggregate. Mrs. Weyer attended the latest Township meeting and listened to the presentation from Firelands IT, who advised that government officials should have free email addresses. Their services are available 24/7 and bill by increments of 15 minutes.

Mr. Smith stated he will be out of the U.S. and not able to attend the Work Session.

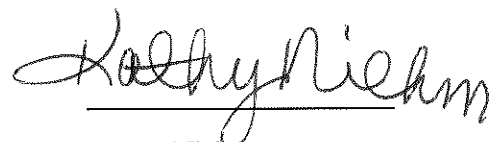
Mrs. Crawford stated Balcony's asked her if she washed the Veteran's sign. Mrs. Crawford stated she washed the plaque and the stain came right back. She will contact Balcony's as the paint is chipping off.

Mrs. Artrip stated she was concerned there are trees on Rt. 269 and Rt. 101 that are hanging over the road. Ohio Edison will be contacted regarding the trees.

**With no further business to come before the Council; Mr. Weyer made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.**



**James Johnson**  
Mayor



**Kathy Niehm**  
Fiscal Officer