

Village of Castalia
Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2025

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on February 25, 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: Jim Johnson, Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Si Nicholson, Georgia Artrip, Cindy Crawford, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Approve the 2/11/2025 Regular Session Minutes. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 2/23/2025. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 2/18/2025 to 2/23/2025. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 2/13/2025 to 2/18/2025. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

There was a discussion on the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting for a storage center on Lucas Street. Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson is concerned about the water run off on the property. Mr. Tom Johnson stated a zoning permit will not be issued unless Erie County approves a Stormwater Permit. Mr. Johnson stated Gene Windau has resigned from the Board of Zoning Appeals and an alternate is needed. Mr. Johnson stated he is drafting letters for the Castalia Market and for an older junk yard; both will have 30 days to move/repair parcels.

Mayor Johnson stated the post that was hit by Dr. Kuns office has been straightened by the Township Road Department. Mr. Smith stated it should have been replaced. The Township has been cold patching in the Village.

There was a discussion on payments for the ZBA and Planning Commission members and it was tabled for more information.

Mayor Johnson stated waiting for the Council attorney regarding 711 Main Street.

Mayor Johnson stated Erie Blacktop's price is the same as last year.

Mayor Johnson stated the Erie County Board of Elections will use the building again for the next election which will be May 6, 2025.

President Pro Tem, Barb Weyer passed out a list of unvoted increases from the Erie County Treasurer.

Mrs. Weyer stated she and Kathy Niehm met with Firelands IT last Tuesday and distributed packets to Council members. Mrs. Weyer will follow up with Firelands IT for more information.

It was agreed upon by Council to have Mrs. Weyer get more information on the different plans from Firelands IT.

Mrs. Weyer stated the Fiscal Officer's office ceiling has water stains and is very unprofessional looking. **Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to have Tom Johnson Investigate the Cost of Repairs for the Ceiling, Painting, Carpet Tiles. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**

There was a discussion on Bed and Breakfast establishments, Air B&B's and short-term rentals in the Village.

Mr. Smith stated he will reach out for more information on grants for the tail race.

Mrs. Artrip asked about the Village streets sweeping. Mr. Smith stated he will call to schedule.

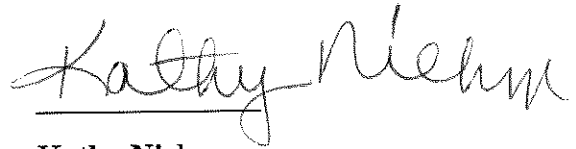
There was a discussion on the recent tree trimming by the electric company in the Village. Mayor Johnson will check into it.

With no further business to come before the Council; Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



James Johnson

Mayor



Kathy Niehm

Fiscal Officer