

Village of Castalia

Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2025

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on February 11, 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, Cindy Crawford, Legal Counsel Randy Strickler and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Mrs. Artrip arrived during the meeting. Mayor Johnson stated the agenda will be amended for an Executive Session with no business to follow regarding To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code later this evening.

Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Approve the 1/28/2025 Regular Session Minutes, as amended. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 2/9/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 1/26/2025 to 2/9/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 1/30/2025-2/9/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson stated Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson will not be in attendance for the meeting. Mayor Johnson stated Mr. Johnson wishes to send the resident at 711 Main street a statement showing what the daily fines are the zoning department. Mr. Strickler stated a letter should be sent to the resident stating what he owes for November and December 2024. It was a general consensus of Council to do so on a case by case basis.

Mayor Johnson stated the Board of Zoning Appeals meeting will be held on 2/18/2025 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson stated the Margaretta Township Road Department has done a great job with plowing the snow, they also use a brine mixture. Mayor Johnson stated there were a few social media complaints and both he and Mr. Biglin commented and asked residents to come to the meetings.

There was a discussion about the snow parking ban and Council discussed repealing the ordinance and deal with a case by case basis. Mr. Strickler stated he will get to Council before the next meeting an ordinance to repeal Ordinance #2024-13 for the snow parking ban.

Regarding the payment to Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission members payments, Ms. Niehm will contact OPERS for their input.

Mayor Johnson stated there will be a Blue Ribbon Committee meeting this evening with Erie County. Mayor Johnson stated the Village of Castalia already works with Margaretta Township and the situation is working great. Mrs. Weyer stated when will the school funding be handled? 48% tax base in the Village goes for the school.

Mayor Johnson stated he will re-submit the Erie County Foundation Grant application again since he received new information. Mayor Johnson stated he will meet with the PEP representative on March 4, 2025 for a Risk Control meeting.

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Mrs. Weyer asked Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson to do a new email to BZA members and property owners notifying of the BZA meeting.

Mrs. Weyer stated she and Ms. Niehm will meet with the representative of Firelands IT next Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Smith stated he will have a new budget spreadsheet soon and he will give his questions to Mrs. Weyer for the IT meeting.

Mrs. Crawford stated should have the draft study done by 2/21/2025.

Mr. Nicholson and Mrs. Artrip did not have comments for the round table discussion.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion at 7:52 p.m. to Enter Into an Executive Session with no business to follow to Consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing by division (G)(1) of section 121.22 of the Revised Code. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.

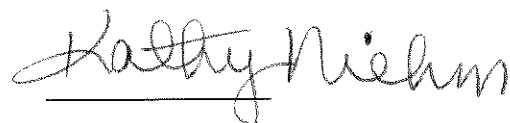
Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Exit the Executive Session and Enter the Regular Session at 8:07 p.m. Mr. Smith Seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

With no further business to come before the Council; Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.



James Johnson

Mayor



Kathy Niehm

Fiscal Officer