

RESOLUTION 2023-15

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE ERIE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS THE PURCHASING AGENT AND GOVERNMENTAL AGGREGATOR FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLY FOR THE VILLAGE OF CASTALIA AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

The Village Council of Castalia, Erie County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, at the office of the Village Council with the following members present:

Mrs. Arttrip                      Mr. Nicholson                      Mrs. Crawford  
Mrs. Weyer                      Mr. Smith

Council Person Arttrip moved the adoption of the following resolution:

**Whereas**, on November 7, 2023, the residents of the Village of Castalia voted in favor of natural gas aggregation to improve purchasing leverage and offer reduced natural gas generation rates to residential and small business consumers within the corporate limits of the Village, and,

**Whereas**, the Erie County Board of Commissioners have offered their services to act on behalf of the Village of Castalia, Erie County as the governmental aggregator; and,

**Whereas**, the Council has determined that having one centralized aggregator will provide for the most expeditious manner to handle any issues arising in the process of natural gas aggregation supply to the Village of Castalia; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF CASTALIA, STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** The Council of Village of Castalia hereby authorizes the Erie County Board of Commissioners to act as the governmental agent for purchase and aggregation of natural gas supply for the residents and small business consumers of the Village of Castalia.

**Section 2.** The Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Erie County Board of Commissioners, 2900 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, Ohio 44870 as soon as possible.

**Section 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Village, and that all formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code section 121.22.

**Section 4.** The Council has determined that the commencement of the aggregation of the natural gas supply for the residents and small business consumers of the Village of Castalia as soon as possible is directly related to the immediate preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the Village of Castalia. Therefore, the Council hereby declares that an emergency now exists, and as such, this Ordinance shall be adopted as an emergency measure to take effect immediately upon its adoption and due authentication by the Mayor and the Fiscal Officer, respectively.

Council Person Nicholson seconded the above resolution and the vote upon its adoption resulted as follows:

Mrs. Artip, yes.

Mr. Nicholson, yes.

Mrs. Weyer, yes.

Mr. Smith, yes.

Mrs. Crawford, yes.

Considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

Paul Johnson  
Mayor

Attest: Kathy J. Niehm  
Village Fiscal Officer

I, the undersigned, Fiscal Officer of Village of Castalia, Erie County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy from the official record of said Village Council adopted at its regular meeting on November 14, 2023.

Kathy J. Niehm  
Fiscal Officer, Village of Castalia  
Erie County, Ohio