

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

March 28, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on March 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order followed by Roll Call with the following in attendance: Mayor Kevin Nemitz, President Jim Johnson, Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Si Nicholson, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to excuse Georgia Artrip. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to Amend the March 28, 2023 Agenda to include Resolution/Ordinance # 2023-04 Agreement Between the State of Ohio Department of Transportation and the Village of Castalia, Ohio for Sign Installation and Maintenance. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried and the item was added to the agenda.

Ms. Niehm stated the Agenda should also be Amended for the Finance Report Dated 3/28/2023 and the Receipt Report Dated Period Ending 3/28/2023. Johnson made a motion to Amend the Agenda for the Finance Report Dated 3/28/2023 and the Receipt Report Dated with Period Ending 3/28/2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023 Minutes. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, Abstain, Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 3/28/2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants from 3/13//2023 to 3/26/2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Accept the Receipts from 2/21/2023 to 3/12/2023. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Johnson made a Motion to Approve Ordinance/Resolution #2023-04 Agreement Between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation and the Village of Castalia, Ohio For Sign Installation and Maintenance for the U.S. Bicycle Route Signage Program. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried. Ms. Niehm

stated she will complete the paperwork and submit to the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation tomorrow morning.

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Tom Johnson, stated he has sent two certified letters to Mr. Stout and Mr. Lowry regarding their property. If the two individuals do not respond within 30 days from the receipt of the certified letter he will send another notice. Mr. Tom Johnson also stated work is being done on the Village Zoning Book and the next Planning Commission meeting will be April 19, 2023. Mr. Johnson stated he would like to have a draft by the Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Johnson is also looking into the zoning specification for farm animals and he will check with the Village of Berlin Heights for their classification.

Mr. Jim Johnson stated he contacted Poggenmeyer/ Kleinfelder Company and there will be a meeting this Thursday at 10:30 a.m. regarding road resurfacing of Lester Street and Adams Street. The Village will probably need to loan to finish the project. Mr. Bob Biglin, Road Superintendent for Margareta Township stated the Township wanted to do Lucas and Bardwell Streets in 2024 under OPWC and if the Village and Township worked together the project would get more "points" for a grant. Mr. Biglin stated there would need to be a traffic study done by both the Township and the Village. Mr. Biglin stated the Village should contact Tim King of Erie Regional Planning as he can ask for a traffic study. The traffic study would need to be completed before the end of this year's school year.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Accept the Estimate from Hula Construction for the Sidewalk/Steps on Main Street Located in Front of the Businesses for \$33,000 to Also Include the Steps at Village Hall. Mrs. Weyer seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Nemitz stated he spoke with the insurance company and the Village should receive in 7-10 days a check for the damage of the Castalia Historical Society Building.

Mr. Nemitz stated he called the Erie County Engineer regarding drainage but he did not receive a call back. Council suggested if the Engineer does not call back to call the Erie County Commissioners office.

Mrs. Weyer stated she checked and most villages the size of Castalia pay their council members between \$70.00 and \$90.00 per month. Mrs. Weyer suggested Council to raise pay to \$100.00 per month and pay the Mayor \$300.00 per month. Mrs. Weyer stated all email correspondence should go to the Fiscal Officer as invoices and other correspondence was sent to the Mayor and was not followed up on to the appropriate person. **Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Raise the Amount Up to an Additional \$50.00 Per Month for Council Members (for a total of \$100.00 per Month per Council Member) and Raise an Additional \$50.00 Per Month for the Mayor (for a Total of \$300.00 per Month). Mr. Smith seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Nemitz stated he spoke with Mrs. Hamill and she would like to have the plaque presentation on April 24, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Nemitz will contact her and also contact the Sandusky Register and Ken Majoy to see if they can attend the ceremony.

Mr. Nemitz stated he has seen golf carts riding on the Village streets and he will call the Sheriff to have his staff look out for golf carts on Village streets.

There was a discussion regarding the police levy.

Mr. Johnson stated Mark Stacy (highest bidder) picked up the truck the Village had for sale and he stated he is happy with the truck.

Mr. Smith asked if Mr. Fox can look at the ditch on Adams and Lester Streets. Mr. Smith asked if the Mayor could call Mr. Gysan about spraying around the pond.


There was a discussion on addressing a "No Parking" in downtown in the future and a "No Overnight Parking" in the Village during bad weather in the winter.

Mr. Smith suggested getting a list together of items the Village needs done by the Erie County Sheriff Department.

Mrs. Weyer asked for suggestions for the website and the Spring newsletter. Mrs. Weyer stated the minutes and ordinances are on the website.

With no further business, Mr. Johnson made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Kevin Nemitz
Mayor

JAMES R JOHNSON

Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer