

**Village of Castalia**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 24, 2024**

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on September 24, 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, Si Nicholson, Barb Weyer, Georgia Artrip and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

**Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to excuse Jake Smith from the meeting. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the 9/10/2024 Regular Session Minutes. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, Abstain; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 9/21/2024. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 9/9/2024-9/14/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 9/14/2024-9/21/2024. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he sent letters to 711 Main Street. regarding the objects in the resident's yard. The first letter was sent 4/28/2024 and an additional letter in May. Mr. Johnson stated he looked at the property today and noticed on the right (East) side of the property there is new items in the yard. The resident has not cleaned up his property to the satisfaction of the zoning inspector. Mr. Johnson stated he will send a new letter the first week in October and will give him until 10/15/2024 and he will recheck after that date. Mr. Johnson stated there is still a truck parked on Pfeil Lane and he sent a letter to the owner. Mr. Johnson stated he will paint the parking spot lines on a Sunday (across from Village Hall).

There was a discussion on pedestrian cones for the school crosswalks. Bob Biglin stated the crosswalks need painting. Mr. Biglin stated poles would probably cost \$400.00 for the crosswalks and signs (cones) \$70.00. **Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Authorize Bob Biglin to get prices of the special signs for the crosswalks and not to exceed \$1500.00. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**

Mayor Johnson reminded Council of the ODOT meeting uptown on 10/1/2024 from 2:30-3:30 pm.

Mr. Johnson stated there will need to be a Planning Commission meeting regarding the new Zoning Books. Mr. Johnson did state Mr. Tim King from Erie Regional Planning approved the Zoning Book. Mr. Johnson stated there was a lot split on the Winkel property.

There was a discussion on Air B&B's in the Village. More information to come at a later date.

Mayor Johnson stated he contacted ODOT and ODOT does not need a traffic study to change the speed limit to 15 MPH per ORC 4511.21 for Pfeil Lane. **Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to have Counsel Randy**

**Strickler write a resolution to change the speed limit of Pfeil Lane to 15MPH per ORC 4511.21. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.** Mayor Johnson will contact Mr. Strickler to write the resolution.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm she will attend a mandatory Fiscal Officer training from the Ohio Auditor's Office in Perrysburg on October 10, 2024. She was unable to attend last year due to being in the hospital. Ms. Niehm stated she will be out of the state on vacation from October 28-November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ms. Niehm will advertise in the Sandusky Register the ordinance for the upcoming election.

Mayor Johnson stated he accepted the resignation of the cleaning person, Victoria Leibacher. Mayor Johnson stated he received 2 letters of interest for the cleaning of the Village Hall to be done before each Council meeting; Mikayla Hundley for \$120.00 per month and Kelly Ried for \$ 100.00 per month. Mrs. Weyer stated Ms. Ried is a full-time employee of Margaretta Township and is already bonded. Mrs. Weyer asked Mrs. Artrip to compose a cleaning list for the new cleaning person as a list was never given to the previous cleaning person. **Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to hire Kelly Ried as the new Cleaning Person as a 1099 position, effective October 8, 2024. Mrs. Artip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.** The list will need to be given to Ms. Ried prior to her first cleaning of Village Hall.

Mrs. Weyer stated she would like input for the newsletter before the next Council meeting. Mrs. Weyer stated the leaf pickup in the Village ends the end of November first part of December. Items are to be in paper bags only, no containers.

Mrs. Crawford stated the veteran plaque has already started turning color and she will send a photo to Balconi's for their input.

Tim Sessler asked about the sink hole on Depot Street. Mr. Biglin stated he will look at it on Friday.

Mr. Biglin stated Margaretta Township received a grant from the EPA for a brine system and they will use the Village truck for that. Mr. Biglin stated brine melts the snow and ice quicker. Mr. Biglin stated the old spreader is junk and the lawnmower is junk also. Mayor Johnson stated they should be scrapped. **Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Scrap the old Spreader and Lawnmower. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.** Mr. Biglin will get a receipt for scrapping the 2 items.

Mr. Biglin stated the Township will receive a grant for new trash cans and he would like to store them in the Village building. Council agreed.

**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**