

**Village Of Castalia**  
**July 8, 2025**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on July 8, 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, Si Nicholson, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip. Also in attendance was Legal Counsel Randy Strickler Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Cindy Crawford was absent.

**Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Excuse Cindy Crawford. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Approve the 6/10/2025 and 6/24/2025 Minutes. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, Dated 7/6/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, Dated 6/24/2025 to 7/6/2025. Mr. smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, Dated 6/30/2025 to 7/1/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the 2026 Preliminary Budget. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.** Ms. Niehm stated she will forward the Preliminary Budget to the Erie County Auditor's office as it is due July 20, 2025.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he previously gave the owner of 406 N. Washington Street a 30-day notice that everything in the yard needed to be cleaned up and on Tuesday he will start charging \$150.00 fine per day until it is cleared of debris. Mr. Johnson stated the car at 328 Adams Street is now in the residence garage so the case can be closed.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the June bank statement has been completed and balanced.

**Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve Resolution #2025-04, A Resolution declaring the Intent to Proceed with Election on the Question of the Renewal of a Tax in Excess of the Ten-Mill Limitation for Providing for the General Construction, Reconstruction, Resurfacing, and Repair of Streets, Roads, and Bridges Within the Village of Castalia. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson stated he will contact Bob Biglin regarding the storm sewer maps of the Village. Mayor Johnson stated 6 invoices were received for salt for 2025. Margaretta Township will pay 70% and the Village will pay 30%. Mayor Johnson stated he ordered 100 tons of salt for this coming winter. Mayor Johnson will email the invoices to Mr. Biglin at Margaretta Township. Mayor Johnson stated he has not received an estimate for the striping of the roads from 7L Construction.

Mrs. Weyer stated she received a telephone call from Kelly Ried stating the waxing of the floors of the Village Hall should be professionally done. Mrs. Artrip stated she will get estimates. Mrs. Weyer stated Ms. Ried will wash the windows prior to July 17<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Weyer stated she was in contact with the IT company regarding issues with Outlook email. Mrs. Weyer asked Mr. Strickler if expenses for catch basins and signs could come out of the Road account. Mr. Strickler stated they could. Mrs. Weyer asked Mr. Strickler about the Charter information that the Secretary of State's office needed. Mr. Strickler stated he will submit the information to the Secretary of State's office after his vacation. There was a discussion on U Turns in the Village. Mr. Strickler stated since there is not an ordinance the signs can be taken down.

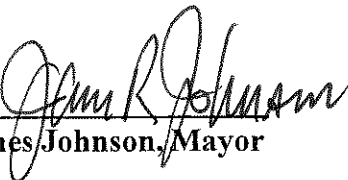
Mrs. Artrip asked about Village residents driving on the roads with golf carts that are not street legal. Council members stated the Sheriff's office should be contacted if a resident is seen driving a golf cart that is not street legal. Mayor Johnson stated he will post the ordinance in the Castalia Market, post office and Civista Bank.

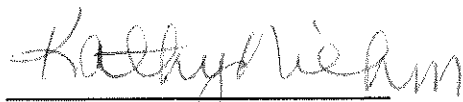
Mayor Johnson stated he called to have the creek sprayed.

Mr. Denny Loroff stated he would like to see Council members attend the Cold Creek Celebration. Mr. Tim Sessler asked about the double poles from Ohio Edison. Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated Ohio Edison will not remove them.

Mr. Lowry, 711 Main Street, stated he will contact Serving Our Seniors to set up a meeting with them and Mayor Johnson regarding his property and he would like his wife to attend also. Mayor Johnson informed Mr. Lowry if his property is not cleaned up the Village will turn the daily fines over to the Erie County Auditor which will make it more complicated for him.

**With no further business, Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.**

  
James Johnson, Mayor

  
Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer