

Village of Castalia

Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2024

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on June 25, 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: Mayor Jim Johnson, Cindy Crawford, Si Nicholson, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip, Barb Weyer and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Approve the 5/28/2024 and 6/11/2024 Minutes. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 6/23/2024. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 6/10/2024 to 6/23/2024. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Weyer made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 6/10/2024 to 6/16/2024. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson distributed information for the grant from Erie County and a discussion followed.

Mr. Smith made a Motion for the Approval of the Mayor to Apply for the Grant from Erie County with the Best Available Estimate that also goes with the Additional Contracting Work, Not to Exceed \$25,000 as the Village Contribution. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson reported that Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson would not be in attendance. Ms. Niehm asked if he submitted a report. Mayor Johnson stated he did not receive a report.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the May bank reconciliation was complete and balances. Ms. Niehm stated the levy information had been submitted to the Board of Elections by the Mayor. Ms. Niehm reminded Council that before a grant application can be submitted Council needs to approve it. Ms. Niehm reported she completed the form from the post office granting the Village a no-charge post office box.

Mayor Johnson stated he has not received information from ODOT on when the Business District speed limits were changed. There is new signage for traffic on Washington and Main Streets.

Mayor Johnson stated the Sheriff is ok with changing the speed limit on Pfeil Lane to 15 MPH.

Mayor Johnson also asked Margaretta Township to remove the "Children Playing" signs from Adams and Lester Streets and Harrison Lane.

Mayor Johnson stated the dead trees will be removed on 6/26/2024.

Mrs. Weyer stated she attended the Margaretta Township meeting last Thursday and the Township will have on the November ballot a ½ Mill Road Levy, 2 Mill Fire Levy, and a ½ Mill Cemetery Levy.

Mr. Smith stated the street sweeping has been done in the Village by Perkins Township. Mr. Smith suggested reaching out to the Sandusky Library for grant information.

Mrs. Crawford stated she had heard from her source at ODOT that the Village will need a Pedestrian Study and there will be no fee for the engineer.

Mr. Nicholson gave information on his research for the basketball court. Council agreed if there is not a grant available the Village will not go ahead with the replacement.

Mrs. Crawford stated the Veterans sign was back from Balconi's. Mayor Johnson stated Mr. Biglin from Margaretta Township will locate the needed items to reinstall the plaque on the front of the Village Hall.

Mrs. Weyer stated the upcoming closing of certain roads for Norfolk & Southern railroad crossing work: Skadden Road, Mason Road, Old Bardshar Road.

With no further business to come before the Council; Mr. Smith made a Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Barbara Weyer, Pres Pro Tem

~~James Johnson, Mayor~~

Kathy Niehm

Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer