

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on June 13, 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 Jim Johnson, President Pro Tem Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Si Nicholson, Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm, and Council Attorney Randy Strickler. Georgia Artrip was absent.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to excuse Mrs. Artrip from the Council meeting. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Approve the Minutes of May 23, 2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Finance Report, dated June 6, 2023. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated May 25, 2023 to June 6, 2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to Approve the Receipts, dated May 22, 2023 to June 6, 2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson informed Council members and the members of the audience that there were two interested candidates for the open seat on Council; Joe Greer and Cindy Crawford. Both candidates introduced themselves. Mayor Johnson stated Council received the candidates resumes and asked to review for the next meeting.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson updated Council on the various violations in the Village and stated one resident on Lucas Street corrected their violation and stated another resident has 30 days to move cars and trucks from their property.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated she received notification from the Erie County Engineer's office for the 2024 Salt Bid. In 2023 the Village requested 100 tons. **Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Bid for Calendar Year 2024, 100 Tons of Salt. Mr. Nicholson Seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion Carried.**

There was a discussion on the electric aggregation and gas aggregation. Council gave the documents to Attorney Strickler for his review and Council indicated the gas aggregation will need to be on the November ballot.

Mayor Johnson stated there will be a pre-construction meeting on June 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. with the Gerken Construction and Kleinfelder for the Lester and Adams Street paving project. Mayor Johnson further stated the project should start on July 5, 2023.

Mayor Johnson stated North Washington Street was resurfaced by ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation).

Ordinance # 2023-05
Mr. Smith made a Motion to Adopt the Changes of Compensation for Council Members. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Attorney Strickler indicated to Council they did not need to have a third vote on the changes of compensation for Village Council members.

Zoning Inspector Johnson stated there were 50 tons of wood chips on Cement Street and they need to be hauled away. Mr. Henry Brisker stated he needs wood chips for his property and Council member Mrs. Artrip told him to come to the Council meeting tonight. Mr. Brisker stated he has the equipment to haul the wood chips and would like the wood chips. **Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Make the Wood Chips Surplus and Available to Village Residents at No Cost. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.** Council indicated if any wood chips were left a notice will be placed on the Village website.

Ms. Cheryl Parker, representing the Castalia Cold Creek celebration, submitted to Council an application and a \$300.00 check for the fees for the event, which will take place on July 14-16, 2023.

Due to the upcoming August Election, **Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Change the First Council Meeting of August, to August 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.** Ms. Niehm will notify the newspaper and closer to the time of the meeting will put a notice on Village Hall door. Mrs. Weyer will also have it added to the Village website.

Mayor Johnson stated Darr Cleaning will do the North Washington Street sewer cleanup. Mayor Johnson also stated he received a telephone call from Vasu Communications, Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson told Mayor Johnson he took care of the matter.

Mayor Johnson stated Brett Kromer informed him he was interested in being a handy man for the Village. Mrs. Weyer stated Council should wait until the Margaretta Township Trustees have made a decision on working with the Village.

Mrs. Weyer stated Council needs Attorney Strickler to provide to Council ordinances for the police levy and for the utility aggregation. Mr. Smith stated for the police levy it should be a renewal not an increase. **Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Authorize the**

Village Solicitor to do a Resolution of Necessity for Renewal of the Police Levy for the Village of Castalia. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer stated there will be a Planning Commission Meeting on August 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Smith stated he will have an updated finance report for the next Council meeting.

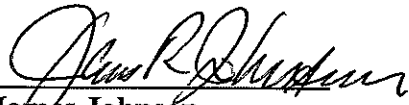
Mr. Nicholson stated Mr. Cook ^{OK M} will start the repair to the picnic shelter soon. Mr. Nicholson also stated Mr. Neil ^{will} has removed the tree on Water Street. There was a discussion on falling pine trees on private property. Attorney Strickler stated he will review the Property Maintenance Code. Mr. Nicholson stated he will ask Mr. Neil for an estimate for the property in question but will instruct Mr. Neil to not go on the property. Zoning Inspector Johnson stated he will give information to Attorney Strickler and will send the property owner (who lives out of the area) a violation and include photographs of the pine trees.

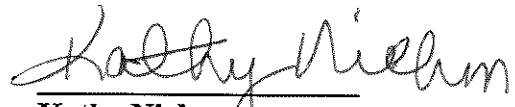
Mr. Henry Brisker stated there was a great improvement to the downtown area of Castalia.

Mayor Johnson stated he will contact the current cleaner for Village Hall to see why the windows have not been washed and part of the floor is also dusty.

With no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Nicholson made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.


James Johnson
Mayor


Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

