

Village Of Castalia
June 24, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on June 24, 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, Cindy Crawford, Georgia Artrip. Also in attendance was Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mayor Johnson stated the Minutes for the 6/10/2025 Meeting have been tabled until the next meeting.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, Dated 6/24/2025. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Yeas, unanimous.

Mayor Johnson stated there were no Pay Warrants to approve at this meeting.

Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, Dated 6/24/2025. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

There was a discussion on the paving project of Lowell, Bardwell, and Lucas Streets in the Village. Mr. Bob Biglin stated his department will close the roads at 6:30 a.m. and the paving should be completed by Friday. Mr. Biglin stated the State will be paving Rt. 101 after Labor Day and the paving should last about 1 week. Mr. Biglin is looking into the potholes behind the restaurant as well as the one on Bardwell.

Mrs. Weyer stated regarding the IT Plan, she and the Mayor will meet with Jeff of Firelands IT sometime to discuss the Village plan.

Mayor Johnson stated he sent letters to Representative Swearingen and Senator Gavarone stating the Village's opposition on House Bill 335 of the elimination of inside millage and how this will hurt small villages like the Village of Castalia.

Mrs. Weyer stated she has not heard any word on Safe Routes to Schools. Mrs. Weyer stated the Secretary of State's office contacted the Village as they need the updated Charter.

Mr. Smith stated he emailed the budget spreadsheet to Council.

Mrs. Crawford stated she emailed the ODOT draft of the safety application to Council members and she would like Council to review and respond back to her by July 9th. Mrs. Crawford stated

she will not be at the July 8th, August 12th, or the September 23rd meetings as she will be on vacation.

Mrs. Artrip stated she had a resident contact her stating their water tasted funny. Mrs. Artrip was told to have the resident contact the Erie County Water Department. Mrs. Artrip stated there is also a resident that drives a golf cart on Village streets without a license plate or lights. Mrs. Artrip also asked about the Village Hall floors as the floors need stripped and waxed. Mrs. Weyer stated Kelly Ried will clean the windows before the Cold Creek Celebration.

Mr. Nicholson stated the tail race needs sprayed again.

Ms. Niehm stated she is retiring from the Lorain Public Library System on Monday.

Mrs. Weyer stated she could not locate an ordinance on U-Turns in the Village.


Resident Steve Cooley stated the storm sewers at 117 Depot Street needs to have work done. Mr. Biglin stated he will contact Randy Whyde as he did a lot of research on the storm sewers in that area.

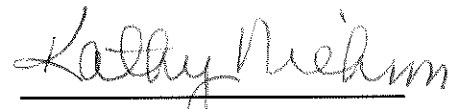
Mr. Kenneth Lowry, 711 Main Street, stated he has not had time to work on his property as there was a death in his family.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he has closed the case of 306 N. Washington Street as the there was no answer at the door and the Erie County Health Department has no complaints on the property. Mr. Johnson stated there is a junk car at 328 Adams Street. Mr. Johnson stated at the Dennis McDougall property there are 2 dumpsters full and Mr. McDougall is in a nursing home and was told the property will be for sale. Mr. Johnson stated at 206 S. Water Street the large lot was mowed but the house lot was not mowed but he asked Gysan's to mow it. Mr. Johnson stated he wants the house condemned.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson presented Council with the Permit Fee Report and Zoning violations for 1/1/2025-6/1/2025.

With no further business, Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.


James Johnson, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer