

Village Of Castalia
May 26, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on May 26, 2026 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: Si Nicholson, Jake Smith, Cindy Crawford, Barb Weyer, Georgia Artrip. Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer was in attendance as well as Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the 5/12/2026 Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 5/24/2026. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 5/12/2026-5/24/2026. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Crawford Made a Motion to Approve the Receipts Dated 5/12/2026-5/24/2026. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Suspend the Two Readings Rule for Ordinance #2026-4 Declaring the Necessity for the Renewal of a Two and Three Quarter (2.75) Mill Tax Levy for Road and Bridge Construction and Repair Authorized by Section 5705.19(G) of the Ohio Revised Code Requesting the Erie County Auditor to Certify to the Council of the Village of Castalia, Ohio and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that would be generated by the Renewal of Said Levy. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2026-4 Declaring the Necessity for the Renewal of a Two and Three Quarter (2.75) Mill Tax Levy for Road and Bridge Construction and Repair Authorized by Section 5705.19(G) of the Ohio Revised Code Requesting the Erie County Auditor to Certify to the Council of the Village of Castalia, Ohio and the Dollar Amount of Revenue that would be generated by the Renewal of Said Levy, and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.

Ms. Niehm will forward the ordinance to the Erie County Auditor.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Adopt Ordinance #2026-2 An Ordinance Establishing the Area from Spring Street in a Northerly Direction to Depot Street as a Designated Business District Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 4511.01(NN) and Establishing a 25 Mile Per Hour Speed Limit Within Said Business District. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried. Ms. Niehm will forward the ordinance to the Sandusky Bay Law Library, Sandusky Municipal Court, and to the Erie County Sheriff.

Mayor Johnson stated the storm sewers on Washington and Depot Streets need to be cleaned in the last section.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he needs to purchase cleaning supplies and toner for the printer. Mayor Johnson discussed with the Sheriff regarding ongoing restroom concerns. The Sheriff addressed with the deputies and they were advised of future action by the Village if it continues.

Mr. Johnson stated he purchased stickers to hang documents on the hall windows as tape leaves residue. Mr. Johnson further stated he will repair the flower bed in front of the Village Hall. Mr. Johnson further informed Council the water fountain has an issue and Council will need a plumber for the repair. Mr. Johnson stated he will also install a sensor in the women's restroom as the light stays on continuously.

Mr. Johnson stated the grass on Jefferson Street that was a violation has been mowed, the trailer was still in the yard.

Mrs. Schaefer stated the budget needs submitted by July 20, 2026 and Council will need to approve the budget at the July 14, 2026 meeting. Mrs. Schaefer stated she needs the list of projects from Council so the budget can be prepared.

Ms. Niehm stated Firelands Local LLC picked up 2 boxes of copies of documents for destruction.

Mr. Smith stated there are now 2 VOIP lines for voice mails for the Mayor and Zoning Inspector. Mr. Smith stated no physical phones are needed for this service. Mrs. Weyer stated all personal telephone numbers will be taken off of the website and replaced with the two new numbers for the Mayor and Zoning Inspector.

There was a discussion on ODOT with more information to come. Mayor Johnson will contact ODOT for more information. Mrs. Crawford will contact her representative at ODOT also to see if she can provide more information.

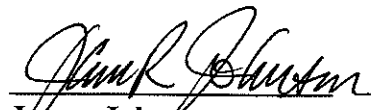
Mrs. Weyer stated she sent Bob Day the word documents for the contract with Margareta Township. Ms. Niehm stated she will need an invoice from Margareta Township for each payment.

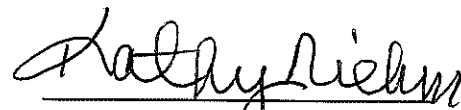
There was a discussion on the new school signs with more information to come.

There was a discussion on the installation of veteran flags in the Village. Per Mrs. Artrip, the cost is \$80.00 per flag. Mrs. Artrip will contact the representative for more information.

Mrs. Weyer stated Shannon from Cold Creek Coffee Co. inquired and encouraged Council to let her know if we Council knew of Village residents in their late 90's and older to celebrate them for the America 250 during the Cold Creek Celebration.

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. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


James Johnson
Mayor


Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

