

Village Of Castalia
May 12, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on May 12, 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. Legal Counsel Randy Strickler was in attendance as well as Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the 4/28/2026 Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, abstain; Mrs. Artrip, abstain; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Crawford Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 5/7/2026. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Crawford Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 4/30/2026-5/7/2026 Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

There were no Receipts to approve at this Council Meeting.

There was a discussion on a VOIP system for telephone calls to the Village. It was discussed that Buckeye Broadband has a service and since the Village already has internet service there will be a discount if the Village would go through Buckeye Broadband. Mayor Johnson stated he had received a telephone call from a prisoner regarding information on his cellphone. Mr. Smith stated he will contact Buckeye Broadband for more information and pricing.

First Reading-Ordinance #2026-2, 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. The second reading will be at the 5/26/2026 Council meeting.

Mr. Bob Biglin stated the Village needs to install Business District signage as well as 25 MPH signage regarding said Business District.

Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Suspend the Two Reading Rule and Declare as an Emergency for Ordinance #2026-3, Requesting the Erie County Auditor to Assess Lots and Lands of the Village of Castalia for the Lighting of Streets, Alleys, Public Ways and Other Public Places and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve a Resolution for a Supplemental Appropriation for Account #1000-730-352 for the Property Insurance for \$2,221.00. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried. Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm will enter in UAN.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve a Resolution for a Supplemental Appropriation for Account #2011-630-420 Operation Supplies and Materials for the Salt purchased from Morton Salt. Mrs. Weyer seconded the Motion. Ms. Niehm stated she had just received the invoice. **Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, Yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson stated the Village was not approved for the storm sewer grant from AARP. Mr. Biglin stated the resident on Depot Street still has water in their basement. Mr. Biglin stated the sink hole by Ransom's Funeral Home has been filled in.

Mayor Johnson stated he will contact Erie County for more information regarding a 629 Roadwork Grant, which is a reimbursing grant.

There was a discussion on the book mobile. **Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Book Mobile to be in the Village June, July, and August. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**

Mayor Johnson stated the South Washington bridge had a lot of scum in the water. Mayor Johnson contacted the Trout Club as well as the State of Ohio.

Mr. Nicholson stated the Watercress needed spraying again.

Mrs. Weyer stated she contacted Rumpke Trash Removal as the Village Hall's trash has not been picked up for several weeks. Rumpke customer service stated there was a new driver in the area and they will instruct them to pick the Village's trash up.

Mrs. Weyer stated there are 2 boxes of no longer needed paper from the Fiscal Officer's office and Firelands Recycle in Norwalk has a service that will document the destruction of the paper and submit a receipt. Mrs. Weyer stated the 2 boxes were from when the F.O. was hired until now. There was also a discussion on perhaps the Village could use a shredder at some point.


There was a discussion on removal of Council's cellphones off of the website.

The Memorial Day Service will take place on Monday, May 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

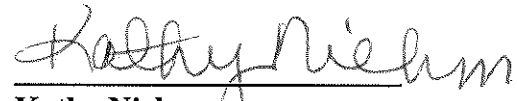
Council has not received a form from the Cold Creek Celebration yet for this year.

Mrs. Artrip stated the Veteran's banners cost \$80.00 each and are 2 feet by 4 feet. More information to come.

With no further business to come before the Council. Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



James Johnson
Mayor



Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

