

**Village Of Castalia**  
**June 23, 2026**  
**Meeting Minutes**

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on June 23, 2026 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, Cindy Crawford, Barb Weyer, Georgia Artrip. Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer was in attendance as well as Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Mr. Smith was absent.

Mayor Johnson stated the agenda will need to be amended to include a resolution for a Hazard Mitigation Assistance Plan.

**Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the 6/9/2026 Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 6/21/2026. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 6/14/2026-6/21/2026. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the Receipts Dated 6/9/2026-6/17/2026. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Adopt as an Emergency the 2026 Update of the Erie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.**

Mayor Johnson stated Bob Biglin was on vacation.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated there was a mess in the women's restroom at Village Hall; The Sheriff has been contacted and has informed his officers that they are not to use the restroom facilities at Village Hall. Council agreed that locks will need to be installed on all restroom doors and instructed Tom Johnson to install the locks.

Financial Consultant Diane Schaefer stated the budget needs adopted by July 15<sup>th</sup> and filed to the County by July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Johnson stated he has not received an update from ODOT. Mayor Johnson stated he will be out of town from Thursday through Sunday.

Mrs. Weyer asked Council members if they would like to contribute to the parade prize to submit the money to her. Mrs. Artrip and Mr. Nicholson agreed to be judges for the parade this year.

Mrs. Weyer stated a resident informed her of the mess a semi-truck made on his land cutting into the road right of way on his property.

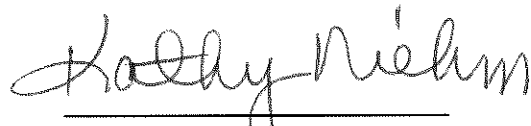
Mrs. Weyer stated the Ohio Auditor informed the Village of an IPA accounting firm doing the next audits for years 2026-2030. Mrs. Weyer stated the last IPA audit was very expensive. Mrs. Weyer completed the survey by the Auditor's office and Ms. Niehm will submit to the State. Council agreed that they preferred to have the regular Auditor's office do the audits.

Mrs. Weyer stated she is sorting through the old ordinances, 400 of them. And will put them in the file cabinet when she is done.

In the audience, Toby and Connie Harkness stated her father fell and broke his ankle and they would like to see more hand rails installed on the sidewalks across from Village Hall. Tom Johnson stated the steps are ADA compliant. **Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Mayor to get more information on hand rails for the sidewalks across the street from Village Hall. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**

**With no further business to come before the Council. Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.**

  
James Johnson  
Mayor

  
Kathy Niehm  
Fiscal Officer

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2026 UPDATE OF THE ERIE COUNTY  
NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.**

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Board of Commissioners has previously approved the Erie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan and said plan has been recently updated; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Ohio Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have approved the updated Erie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Erie County Board of Commissioners has recently adopted the 2026 updated Erie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council has been informed by the Ohio Department of Public Safety that in order for the Village of Castalia to receive Federal mitigation funding in the event of a natural hazard, it must adopt the Erie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE  
OF CASTALIA, ERIE COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** The Council hereby adopts the 2026 update of the Erie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Village of Castalia, Ohio.

**Section 2.** That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Ordinance were taken in an open meeting of this Council; and that all deliberations of this Council and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

**Section 3.** The Council has determined that the adoption of the Erie County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Village of Castalia, Ohio is directly related to the immediate preservation of the public safety and general welfare of the Village of Castalia, Ohio. Therefore, this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and as such, this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and due authentication by the Mayor and Fiscal Officer respectively.

  
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Mayor

Attest:

  
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Village Fiscal Officer

Adopted: June 23, 2026

