

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

June 27, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on June 27, 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, Georgia Artrip, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mayor Johnson stated the agenda will be amended to add Electric Aggregation resolution later in the meeting.

Mayor Johnson stated 2 residents of the Village expressed interest to be Council members. Mayor Johnson stated after much deliberation he would like to appoint a lifelong resident, Mrs. Cindy Crawford. Ms. Crawford was sworn in by Mrs. Artrip.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Approve the Minutes of June 13, 2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, abstain; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, abstain. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Finance Report, dated June 18, 2023. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, abstain. Motion Carried.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated June 7, 2023 to June 18, 2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, abstain. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Approve the Receipts, dated June 7, 2023 to June 18, 2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, abstain.

Mayor Johnson stated Council would be voting on the electric aggregation for the Village this evening. On November 8, 2011 the residents of Castalia voted for electric aggregation.

ordinance # 2023-06
Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve Authorizing the Erie County Commissioners To Act As The Purchasing Agent and Governmental Aggregator For Electric Power For the Village of Castalia. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, abstain.

Motion Carried. Ms. Niehm stated she will email the documents to Amy Hoffman of Palmer Energy.

Mayor Johnson stated the Zoning Inspector, Tom Johnson was not able to attend tonight's meeting and has no report for Council.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated she has a list of the documents that the auditor needs for the 2021-2022 audit. Ms. Niehm stated she will be very busy over the next few weeks getting the documents assembled for the auditor. Ms. Niehm also stated she had a mishap with the new copier vs the old copier as several checks did not print correctly and she had to void the checks and re-issue. Ms. Niehm further stated all voided checks are marked void in three places as well as the signature line is cut out and all voided checks are kept for documentation.

Mayor Johnson stated the tail race has been cleaned and the stream is flowing and it will be sprayed later and raked.

Mayor Johnson stated he will telephone the County about the drainage issue in the Village. Mayor Johnson stated there was a pre-construction meeting last Thursday for Adams, Lester, Walnut and Oak Streets project. Mayor Johnson stated the major storm that came through the Village on 6/15/2023 created a lot of damage; and he wanted to thank Margaretta Township for all of their work with the debris. Margaretta Township will send us an invoice for their work.

Mayor Johnson stated he is waiting for the ODOT maintenance agreement for snow and ice removal on State Routes 101 and 269. (After the meeting Ms. Niehm picked up the agreement at the post office and put it in Mr. Johnson's mailbox.)

Mayor Johnson gave an update on the Barden Street sink hole. Mayor Johnson also stated he asked the Cleaning person to wash the windows inside and out.

Mrs. Weyer welcomed Mrs. Crawford to Council. Mrs. Weyer thanked Mayor Johnson for the great article about the Village in the Sandusky Register. Mrs. Weyer encouraged Council members to use the same informant posted on the Village website about the Lester, Adams, and Oak Streets information on their social media as residents need to be informed as to what is going on in the Village.

Mr. Smith stated the Margaretta Township Trustees will have a Work Session in the near future regarding working with the Village.

Mrs. Crawford stated she wanted to thank Council and the Township for their work after the storm. Mrs. Crawford stated she is happy to serve on Council.

Mrs. Artrip asked about the petitions and when they are due to the Board of Elections.

Mr. Nicholson stated Oglesby Construction will contact him for estimates. Mr. Nicholson stated Mr. Cook will get back to him on estimates also. Mr. Nicholson will contact Bruce Neil for quotes on the trees that need removed.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Tim Sessler asked about the electric aggregation.


Mr. Don Hoffman thanked Council on the storm cleanup. Mr. Hoffman stated he has lived in the Village for many years and he was wondering if the Village will have a police department in the future. He has a complaint as there is no actual police department in the Village and how does speed get controlled. Mayor Johnson stated he showed the traffic study to the Sheriff and that same night Sheriff Sigsworth stated there was a Village resident going over 75 mph and was ticketed. Mayor Johnson stated he will pass on the comments from Mr. Hoffman to the Sheriff's office.

Mr. Randy Whyde asked about the monument box on North Washington Street Mrs. Weyer stated the contractor stated there are areas needing to be touched up and it is one of the areas mentioned.

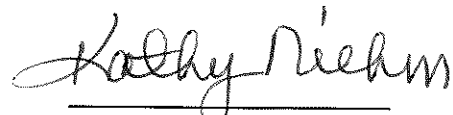
Mr. Bill Weichel asked if Council received Mr. Kuebler's letter. Mayor Johnson stated no comment.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



James Johnson
Mayor



Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

