

# VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

## MEETING MINUTES

**March 14, 2023**

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on March 14, 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 Kevin Nemitz, President Jim Johnson, Barb Weyer, Georgia Artrip, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. **Mrs. Weyer made a motion to excuse Jake Smith and Si Nicholson as they are absent. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to Amend the Agenda and move the Executive Session to the end of the meeting to Discuss the Purchase/Sale/Disposition of Property for Public Purpose. (G)(2) of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Opening of Bids for the 2004 F550 Truck with Snow Plow: Brett Kromer \$2,255; Mark Stacy \$6,563; Emergency Remarketing \$2,070. Mr. Johnson made a motion to award the winning bid of \$6,563 to Mark Stacy. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Mr. Johnson stated the Fiscal Officer will contact Mr. Stacy.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Minutes from the 2/14/2023 and 2/28/2023. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Approve the 3/.12/2023 Finance Report. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants from 2/26/2023 to 3/12/2023. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Accept the Receipts from 2/21/2023 to 3/12/2023. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.**

Zoning Inspector, Tom Johnson was not in attendance. Mr. Jim Johnson stated Mr. Tom Johnson had concerns with the sidewalks/ stairs across the street from the fire station as there have been many people have fallen due to the steps. Mr. Jim Johnson was in contact with contractors for an evaluation on how to bring the steps up to code. Mr. Johnson stated Thom Construction suggested 3-4 steps and change the parking to parallel parking. Mr. Johnson stated Josh Hula suggested to also remove the lower step.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the Village Hall steps and ramp were snow covered and very slippery when she worked on Sunday. Mr. Nemitz stated he will call Mr. Kromer tomorrow to remind him to salt the area. Ms. Niehm stated this was the second time she worked on a weekend and no salt was applied

Mr. Nemitz presented an invoice from CTL for boring, \$4,282 on Lester/Adams. The invoice was dated 12/21/2022 for services for 10/30/2022 to 11/26/2022. The invoice was sent to the Mayor's email address. Ms. Niehm stated she has not received any correspondence or invoices from CTL.

There was a discussion on the Castalia Area Historical building due to the flooding in the building. Mrs. Weyer stated it is not an easy decision to make regarding the building.

There was a discussion on the compensation of elected officials. Mrs. Weyer suggested \$100.00 per month for Council salary. Mrs. Weyer stated she researched the Ohio Municipal League and found that governments the size of Castalia pay between \$75.00 to \$100.00 per month to Council members. Mr. Randy Strickler, attorney for the Village stated there needs to be 2 readings for approval of compensation of Council members. Mr. Strickler suggested waiting until the April/May meetings.

**Round Table:** Mr. Johnson stated there are several sink holes on Barden Street. Mr. Johnson stated the Township will speak with Columbia Gas in regard to the sink holes. Mr. Nemitz stated the Lions Club will sand blast and paint and reinstall the historical signs in the Village. Mrs. Weyer stated there will be a Planning Commission meeting reviewing the zoning book on 3/22/2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. The Randy Hamill family has asked if they can put a plaque out by the tree in front of Village Hall. Mr. Nemitz will contact the family. Ms. Niehm suggested to the Mayor to call the Sandusky Register for a photo for the newspaper. There was a discussion on the street lighting assessments as the former fiscal officer, Cathy Myers, did not follow through with notifying the Erie County Auditor's office to collect the assessments. Mrs. Weyer asked Council members for input for the Spring Village newsletter. Mr. Johnson will contact Poggenmeyer regarding drainage.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Tim Sessler stated he did not want any of the options the engineer offered at his property located at 103 Lester Street as he does not want grass by his sidewalk.

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to enter into Executive Session to Discuss the Purchase/Dale/Disposition of Property for Public Purpose. (G)(2) of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code at 8:27 p.m. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to exit the Executive Session and Return to the Regular Session at 8:39 p.m. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.**

Mr. Johnson made a motion to Authorize Mr. Randy Strickler as Council for the Village of Castalia to Enter into a Sale of the old Ohio Bell/ATT Building, located at 208 Lowell Street. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Terminate the Lease with the Castalia Area Historical Society. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried. Ms. Niehm will issue a check to the Castalia Area Historical Society for the advance payment of rent totaling \$5.00. Ms. Niehm will also send a letter to the Castalia Area Historical Society stating the termination of their lease with the Village of Castalia.

With no further business, Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

  
Kevin Neuhitz James R Johnson  
Mayor

  
Kathy Niehm  
Fiscal Officer