

# VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

## MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on July 25, 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, Cindy Crawford, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mayor Johnson stated the agenda needs to be amended to add a gas aggregation resolution later in the meeting this evening. **Mrs. Artrip made a motion to amend the agenda to allow the resolution for the natural gas aggregation. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Ms. Niehm stated she was not able to have the previous meeting minutes done in time for the meeting tonight as she has been very busy with the audit.**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Finance Report, dated July 23, 2023. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated July 12, 2023 to July 18, 2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve the Receipts, dated July 11, 2023 to July 20, 2023. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes.**

Mayor Johnson stated the Zoning Inspector, Tom Johnson could not attend the meeting this evening so there will be no Zoning report.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated tonight will be the second reading of the gas aggregation resolution. Ms. Niehm stated she sent the electric aggregation information to the Erie County Commissioners office. Ms. Niehm stated she will send the amounts to the Erie County Auditor's office for the collection of the expense for the high weeds/grass at 206 Water St. and 315 Adams St. Ms. Niehm stated she deposited the check from the insurance company for the refund for the sale of the dump truck which was taken off of our insurance.

Mayor Johnson stated Tim Bock was happy with the Lester and Adams repaving project. There will be a walkthrough of the two streets with a punch list and if residents are having an issue with the recent paving they can notify the Village in writing.

There was a discussion on the recent storm cleanup and tree removal.

Mrs. Weyer stated the monument in the road at the corner of N. Washington and Adams Streets needs more concrete.

**Mrs. Weyer made a motion for Resolution # 2023-08, Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Affect A Governmental Natural Gas Aggregation Program with Opt-Out Provisions Pursuant to Section 4929.26 of the Ohio Revised Code, Directing the Erie County Board of Elections to Submit A Ballot Question to the Electors. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.** Mayor Johnson will take all the paperwork to the Erie County Board of Elections so that it can be placed on the November ballot.

Mayor Johnson stated the Village is applying for an approximate grant in the amount of \$7,000 from the Erie County Community Foundation for flashing speed limit signs to make the Village and the neighborhoods safe. Mayor Johnson stated if the Village receives the grant it would be used for four speed signs that can be moved from location to location, in high traffic volume areas prone for speed violations, providing drivers and visitors into Castalia with reminders of speed limits and minimizing adverse impacts on pedestrians and other drivers.

There was a discussion of the drainage issues on Barden Street and the sink holes by State Route 101.

Mr. Smith gave highlights of the agreement with the Village and Margaretta Township. It will be for a three-year renewable agreement to provide the Village with snow and ice removal and general maintenance issues. **Mrs. Weyer made a motion to authorize Council person Jake Smith to draw up an agreement and present to the Village's legal counsel, Randy Strickler. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.**

Mayor Johnson stated Margaretta Township is taking the lead on the OPWC grant.

Resident Kelly Sumner stated her house is located on the corner of Walnut and Adams Streets and she has issues with her driveway since the paving was completed on Adams Street.


Mrs. Artrip thanked Randy Whyde and Joe Greer with the help of the setup and take down of the barrels and barricades for the Cold Creek Celebration that was recently held in the Village. All of Council thanked Mr. Whyde and Mr. Greer.

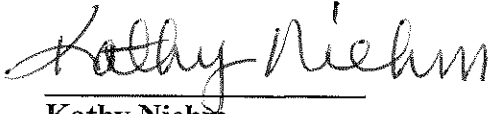
Mr. Tim Sessler stated he also has an issue with his driveway and a ditch after the recent street paving was completed. Mr. Sessler asked if the paving company doesn't fix it who will? Mayor Johnson stated the Village will fix it and he further stated Mr. Tim Bock will do the walkthrough with Mayor Johnson and other Council members.

Mr. Dan Kuhns stated he was a plastic pipe that has wires coming out of it near his property and he stated no one knows what it is for and he noticed it last week when he mowed his lawn. Mr. Smith suggested to Mr. Kuns to get an electrician to test the wires.

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

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

  
James Johnson  
Mayor

  
Kathy Niehm  
Fiscal Officer

