

## VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

### MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on January 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Hall at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Johnson followed by Roll Call with the following in attendance: Mayor Jim Johnson, Jake Smith, Barb Weyer, Cindy Crawford, Counsel Randal Strickler and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. Mr. Nicholson was absent.

**Mr. Smith made a motion to amend the agenda. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Margaretta Township Fiscal Officer, Mr. Bob Day gave Mrs. Barb Weyer the Oath of Office for her term for Council from 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027.**

**Mrs. Crawford made a motion to Appoint Georgia Artrip as a Council member. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Mrs. Artrip was sworn in and her term is from 1/1/2024 to 12/31/2027. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a motion to excuse Mr. Nicholson from the meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Approve Resolution/Ordinance #2024-01, An Ordinance to make permanent appropriations for current year expenses-other expenditures of the Village of Castalia, State of Ohio for the calendar year 2024 and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the 12/19/2023 Minutes. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve the Finance report. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Pay warrants 12/23/2023 to 1/8/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to Accept the receipts 12/19/2023 to 12/31/2023. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to Appoint Barb Weyer as President Pro Tem. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried. Mrs. Weyer thanked Council.**

Zoning Inspector, Tom Johnson gave his report. Mr. Johnson stated Tim King of the Erie Regional Planning Commission is reviewing the Zoning Book and fee schedule. Village Counsel, Randy Strickler stated a fee schedule for fines would need to be listed in the Zoning ordinance book. Mr. Johnson stated he will contact Tim King for more information. Randy Strickler told Mr. Johnson to get a copy of the City of Sandusky's Zoning book and give to him to review, Mr. Johnson stated he would get a copy to Mr. Strickler. Mr. Johnson stated there was an inquiry for RV and boat storage in the Village. Mr. Johnson stated C-2 was a very limited area in the Village.

Mayor Johnson stated he submitted the 2024 Erie County Community Grant application and the Village should know more by April.

There was a discussion on the proposal from Gysan's Lawn Care for 2024 for \$12,245.00. Council indicated to eliminate service in March and December. **Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Amend the proposal so as not to exceed \$12,245.00 for 2024-yard waste pickup. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.**

Randy Strickler stated he sent a letter to the Castalia Area Historical Society stating the CAHS never received written permission from Council to spend money on the building.

**Mr. Smith made a motion to suspend the two- reading rule for Ordinance #2024-02, An ordinance establishing regulations and a permit requirement for the construction of driveways within the corporate limits of the Village of Castalia, Ohio; adopting the Access Management Manual of Erie County, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to Approve Ordinance #2024-02 an ordinance establishing regulations and a permit requirement for the construction of driveways within the corporate limits of the Village of Castalia, Ohio; adopting the Access Management Manual of Erie County, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.** Mayor Johnson stated he will ask Mrs. Weyer to add it to the Village website.

Mr. Bob Biglin, Margaretta Township Superintendent stated crack seal costs \$1,250.00 for a pallet and the Village will need 4 pallets. There was a discussion on the new stop signs the Village purchased that the Township will install throughout the Village. Mr. Biglin stated there was 55 tons of salt in the Village salt barn and it was transferred to the Township salt barn.

Mayor Johnson stated he previously gave his goals for 2024 to Council, signage and crack seal.

Mayor Johnson stated there will be two Aggregate meetings on 2/13/2024 at 6:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Johnson reminded Council ethics while they are in office.

There was a discussion on the parking lot at the old CAHS, the school felt the fee was excessive. Mrs. Weyer stated Council wants to help the school but Council also needs to pay the Zoning Inspector's salary, pay for parking lines to be added, and for the software program for the Zoning Department. Mayor Johnson stated the School should have come to Council to voice their concern. Mrs. Weyer stated the Village waived the fees for the ball diamonds. Mayor Johnson stated the check should be deposited from the school.


Mrs. Weyer stated she scanned all the minutes and ordinances to Claire to add to the Village website. Mrs. Weyer stated she needs the verbiage for the website regarding the driveway permits.

Mr. Smith stated he has a preliminary budget for 2024 and he needs highlights for what roads are to be focused on for 2024.

There was a discussion on the ODOT traffic signals and Mrs. Crawford stated she sent the photographs to her contact at ODOT.

**With no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Artrip made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

  
James Johnson, Mayor

  
Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer