

**VILLAGE OF CASTALIA COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 24, 2022**

The Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on May 24, 2022 at 6:01 p.m. in Village Hall located at 126 Main St., Castalia, Ohio. The following members were present: Mayor Kevin Nemitz, President James Johnson, Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip, Vice President Si Nicholson was absent.

**Mrs. Artrip made a motion to excuse Mr. Nicholson from the meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. The motion carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2022 meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. The motion carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. The motion carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the pay warrants from April 27, 2022 to May 21, 2022. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. The motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the receipts from April 25, 2022 to May 23, 2022. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. The motion carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Ordinance #2022-05 Village of Castalia Grants Consent to the Director of ODOT to Complete Pavement Resurfacing During the Summer of 2023-2024, approve consent with information provided to the Mayor from which intersection and to provide authority for the Mayor to sign consent; and to suspend rules for an additional reading as this is an emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. The motion carried.**

Council welcomed Ms. Cheryl Parker representing the Cold Creek Celebration Committee. Ms. Parker asked Council what they needed from her committee in regard to the celebration. Ms. Parker stated the celebration will take place July 16-17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Johnson asked when roads in the Village will be closed. Ms. Parker stated setup will be on the Friday evening before and they will need barricades. Ms. Parker asked if the contestants for the Queen contest could use the Village Hall to change their clothing. Council stated it will need to be in writing. Mr. Johnson stated they should also put in writing for which roads need to be closed, when barricades are needed, access to Village Hall, access for the float, etc. Council stated before the setup Council will need a Certificate of Liability. Council also instructed Ms. Parker to contact the Erie County Sheriff's office. Ms. Parker also stated they would like to have the stage in front of Village Hall.

Mr. Johnson stated there were errors on the ordinances that Counsel (Mr. Strickler) provided to the Village. Fiscal Officer will contact Mr. Strickler about it.

Mr. Strickler is reviewing the Records Retention Schedule.

Mr. Johnson stated he will contact Mr. Fox tomorrow as to when the sink hole will be repaired located by the church. Mr. Johnson further stated the sink hole is getting worse.

Mr. Johnson stated 7L Construction rode through the Village and rated the roads as to need of repair.

There was a discussion on the ownership of Pfeil Lane. Mr. Strickler suggested calling the Recorder's office as to find out the exact ownership. Mrs. Weyer stated the snow would still need to be plowed on the road for liability if it isn't a dedicated road.

There was a discussion on collaborating with Margaretta Township in regard to snow plowing and other matters.

Mayor Nemitz stated he received an agreement from Ohio Edison First Energy in regard to LED street lighting replacements. The cost to repair one streetlight is \$209. To change all of the streetlights in the Village would cost \$22,500, 108 lights. The third option is when a light would need replaced the replacement will be a LED light. With this option the cost will go down. Council suggested the third option.

**Mr. Smith made a motion to accept option number three with Ohio Edison First Energy to replace streetlights with LED lights when the original lights burn out and to wait until the Village receives the road repaving dollar estimate. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. The motion carried.** Mayor Nemitz will contact Ohio Edison First Energy tomorrow.

Mayor Nemitz stated he contacted Perkins Township in regard to painting the crosswalks in the Village and he has not received a call back. He will contact Matt Rogers with Erie County.

Council had a discussion in regard to the dumpster from Cyclone. It was decided that pick up will be monthly.

Mr. Johnson reminded Council that May was Military month.

Mr. Smith asked the Fiscal Officer about the insurance overpayment that the previous Fiscal Officer made. Ms. Niehm stated it was taken care of and she paid the difference for this year's payment.

The Village Planning Commission meeting will take place on June 6, 2022 at Village Hall.

Council had a discussion on the traffic study completed by the Margaretta School System in regard to Route 269 and Route 101 3-way stop. Council asked what the best way for the intersection as the Village does not have the funds to submit for a traffic study. It was suggested to contact Carrie Whitaker and Tim King at Erie Regional Planning in regard to Routes to Schools. There was also a discussion on the entrance and exit of the Board of Education location as the SRO officer will manage traffic at the new school. Council had a discussion on the proposed donut shop at the old Citgo gasoline station in the Village. Council agreed that legislators need to be aware of what is transpiring with this matter.

Mrs. Weyer suggested there needs to be a replacement in place for a recording secretary when there are meetings that the Fiscal Officer cannot attend due to having a full-time job. Mrs. Weyer suggested Kelly Ried as she is the recording secretary for several Margaretta Township committee meetings.

**Mrs. Weyer made a motion to hire Kelly Ried as a substitute recording secretary for Village meetings at a rate of \$25 per meeting. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. The motion carried.**

Mrs. Weyer stated there are several nuisance properties in the Village that need contacting. The addresses are: 211 Main, corner of Market and Jefferson, and 711 Main. It was stated that the Fire Chief, Tom Johnson manages the nuisance complaints.

Mrs. Weyer stated she will have the names of the Planning Commission and the Zoning committees added to the Village website.

There was a discussion on the sale of the left-over road salt to Brett Kromer. Fiscal Officer will contact Randy Strickler to do a resolution for Council.

Mrs. Weyer stated she would like Mr. Strickler to review the lease at the next Council meeting with the Castalia Historical Society. It was discussed that the Society needs to pay for the building maintenance. The Village also needs a Certificate of Liability. Mayor Nemitz stated the Village should sell the property. Mrs. Weyer stated the lease is paid until 2027.

Mrs. Artrip stated Monday is Memorial Day and the service is at 10:00 a.m.

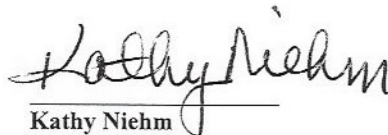
Audience member, Mr. Tim Sessler inquired about Cement Street. Randy Whyde inquired about doing a count for a road study.

**With no further business to come before the Council, Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Kevin Nemitz  
Mayor



Kathy Niehm  
Fiscal Officer