

Village of Castalia

Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2024

The minutes were taken from a recording.

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on June 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Castalia Hall located at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Johnson with the following in attendance: Mayor Jim Johnson, Cindy Crawford, Si Nicholson, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip and Barb Weyer. Also, in attendance was Counsel Randy Strickler. Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm was absent.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to excuse Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm who was ill from the meeting. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to table the approval of the Minutes of the 5/28/ 2024 meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 6/9/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 6/1/2024 to 6/9/2024. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 5/31/2024 to 6/9/2024. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Crawford made a Motion to Adopt Resolution #2024-7, Declaring the Intent to Proceed with Election on the Question of the Renewal of a Tax Levy in Excess of the 10 Mill Limitation for Providing for Current Expenses as Authorized by Section 5705.19(A) of the Ohio Revised Code; and Certifying the same to the Board of Elections of Erie County, Ohio. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion carried. Council will instruct Fiscal Officer Ms. Niehm to process the paperwork and submit to the Erie county Board of Elections.

There was a discussion on the condition of trees located at 136 Main Street and 202 Main Street. **Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Removal of 2 Trees and stumps located at 136 Main St. and 202 Main Street, not to Exceed \$1,800. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he met with Tim King of ERPC and the Zoning Book is finished and there needs to be a Planning Commission meeting first before the book can be approved. Council would like the draft available on the website.

There was a discussion on the traffic light on Main Street and St. Rt. 269. There will be a sign stating right turn on red after stop and must yield to pedestrians.

Mayor Johnson stated he had not received yet new information on drainage.

Mayor Johnson stated there will be an invoice coming for repair of the Sheriff's door at Village Hall. There was a discussion on doing a traffic study for speed limits on South Washington as Mayor Johnson stated a resident asked about speed limits. Mayor Johnson and Mrs. Weyer both stated they are not in favor of a traffic study at this time due to the upcoming construction of a new school facility.

Mrs. Weyer stated she will reach out to members of the Planning Commission regarding the new Zoning book.

Mrs. Weyer stated ODOT needs to be asked when Business District speed limits were changed and why? Mr. Whyde (in the audience) stated he did not know when they were changed or why.

There was a discussion on residents growing marijuana since it is now legal in Ohio. Mayor Johnson previously asked the Sheriff and he was told adults are allowed to have 6 plants each. When asked if the Village needed an ordinance regarding the marijuana, Mr. Strickler stated it would help the Sheriff to enforce the regulations.

Mr. Smith stated he has not received new information from Brad Link of Perkins Township regarding street sweeping in the Village.

Mrs. Crawford stated she corresponded with Kathryn Wade of ODOT regarding a study and fee proposal. Mrs. Weyer asked Mrs. Crawford to check regarding a fee.

Mrs. Artrip stated she spoke with Nick of Ohio Edison and he passed the request on to the safety department at Ohio Edison.

There was a discussion on basketball courts. There was a suggestion to ask community companies to possibly make donations of labor and materials but there was no decision made this evening.

A resident asked if a Neighborhood Watch could be implemented in the Village. Mrs. Weyer stated she researched it and there is a lot of work that needs to be done and she cannot take on another project. It was suggested perhaps a community member or resident could take the lead on a Neighborhood Watch program.

Mrs. Weyer stated there was a power outage on Lester and Adams Streets on Saturday caused by squirrels. Ohio Edison installed a "bird guard" so hopefully it will not happen again.

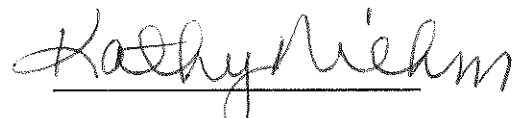
Tim Sessler stated there is a lot of junk located behind the market. Mrs. Weyer stated the Zoning Inspector will notify the owner of the Market.

Denny Loroff suggested moving the speed trailer to Main Street as people are driving faster than 35 MPH in the Village.

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



James Johnson, Mayor



Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer