

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

July 11, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on July 11, 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, Counsel Randy Strickler and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mayor Johnson stated the agenda will be amended to add Electric Aggregation resolution later in the meeting.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Minutes of June 27, 2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Finance Report, dated July 5, 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. Weyer made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated June 27, 2023 to July 3, 2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Receipts, dated June 27, 2023 to June 30, 2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, abstain.

Mr. Smith stated the Cold Creek Foundation Project is for the improvement of the water quality from here to the Sandusky Bay and the Foundation is looking for a grant and they would like the Village Council for a letter of support and there would be no money expense from the Village. **Mrs. Weyer made a motion to approve a letter from the Council in support of the Cold Creek Foundation efforts to approve the water quality from here to the Sandusky Bay. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.**

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson gave his report to Council. He stated he has sent a 2nd notice to the owners of 711 Main St. and he will need to send a 3rd notice before it can go to court. Mr. Johnson stated the truck has been moved. Mr. Johnson stated there is a large tree down on North Washington Street. Mr. Johnson further stated there are trees overgrown on the road right of way at the end of Depot Street.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated she emailed the electric aggregate documents to Amy at Palmer Energy.

Ms. Niehm stated she has pulled documents for the audit and Bob day will help her with any questions.

Ms. Niehm stated she is waiting for a W-9 form from Darr Cleaning.

Mrs. Niehm stated she has posted on the Village Hall door and sent a notice to the Sandusky Register that the 8-8-2023 meeting has been moved to 8-1-2023 because of the special election for State Issue 1 on that day.

Ms. Niehm stated Randy Strickler will do the resolution for the street lighting assessment that is due to the Erie County Auditor's office in September.

Mayor Johnson stated the Lester an Adams Streets update is Gerken will do it tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Mrs. Weyer called Republic Services as trash will need to be picked up before 8:30 a.m. due to the paving project.

Mayor Johnson stated Jeremy Blakely of Erie County has been contacted regarding the stormwater issues and the sink hole.

Mayor Johnson stated the flashing lights and barrels will need to be put up for the Cold Creek Celebration and Mr. Johnson also stated the Village Hall will be open for the Queen contestants to change their clothes.

Mayor Johnson stated he spoke with the Sheriff about the speeding situations in the Village and have deputies located at different locations throughout the Village. Sheriff Sigsworth told Mayor Johnson he is not in favor of speed cameras. Sheriff Sigsworth told Mayor Johnson that the County is looking for a grant for a flashing sign that would notify drivers how fast they are going on the street.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Suspend the 2 Meeting Rule for Ordinance # 2023-7 Police Levy. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes, Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve Resolution #2023-7, a Resolution Pursuant to Section 5705.3 of the Ohio Revised Code Declaring the Necessity for the Renewal of an Existing Two (2.0) Mill Tax Levy for Police Protection as Authorized by Revised Code 5705.19(I): Requesting the Village of Castalia, Ohio and the Dollar amount of Revenue That Would be Generated By the Renewal od Said Levy and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson yes, Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve Resolution #2023-08, A Resolution Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Affect a Governmental National 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. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith stated he had a meeting with the Margaretta Township Trustees at their Work Session and stated the meeting went very well regarding the Township working with the Village.

Mayor Johnson stated the liquor permit for the Cold Creek Celebration has been received by the Township.

Council would like residents to not blow grass onto the roads as it is a driving hazard. Mr. Strickler stated a law officer would need to see a resident blow the grass into the street in order to write a ticket. Mr. Strickler stated it should be noted on the website.

Mr. Smith stated he has updated the financial report for all Council members.

Mrs. Artrip stated she and Mr. Nicholson will judge the cold Creek Celebration parade.


Mr. Nicholson stated Greg Cook has started work on the picnic shelter and the foundation is in. Mr. Nicholson also stated there has been graffiti on the picnic tables and Mr. Tom Johnson will be contacted to review the camera footage to see who did it.

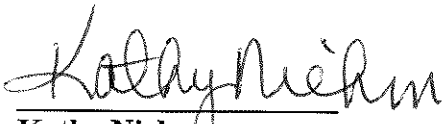
Mayor Johnson stated the Council is doing great team work.

Mr. Glenn Kuebler representing the Castalia Area Historical Society asked if the CAHS building had been sold? Counsel Strickler stated he is negotiating the contract.

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 8:22 p.m.


James Johnson
Mayor


Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

