

## **Village of Castalia**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**December 10, 2024**

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on December 10, 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: Jim Johnson, Cindy Crawford, Barb Weyer, Jake Smith, Si Nicholson, Georgia Artrip, Counsel Randy Strickler, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

**Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the 11/26/2024 Regular Session Minutes. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 12/9/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 12/3/2024-12/9/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 12/3/2024. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson was absent. Mayor Johnson stated the truck has been removed from the Agsten property.

Mayor Johnson informed Council of the \$1,000 PEP Plus Grant through the Village insurance carrier.

**Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Apply for the \$1,000 PEP Plus Grant through the Council insurance carrier. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**

There was a lengthy discussion on enacting a snow emergency ban on streets in the Village of Castalia. Attorney Randy Strickler stated to check previous ordinances to see if there was such an ordinance. Mr. Bob Biglin stated the snow plows have a difficult time snow plowing when cars are parked along the street, Barden Street is one particular street. It was decided the Mayor will send a letter to the resident on Barden Street informing the resident to not park along the street during a snowfall. Mr. Biglin also suggested enacting an ordinance for no parking when snowfall exceeds 1 ½ inches. **Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Authorize Attorney Randall Strickler to Draw up an Ordinance Prohibiting parking on all Village Streets when Snow Fall Exceeds 1 ½ Inches and to do so as an Emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.**

Mr. Biglin asked that Townsend School not put up crossing signs when it is snowing. Mr. Biglin stated the Margareta Township Trustees wished to invite the Village Council to their Christmas party on 12/19/2024. Mr. Biglin stated Margareta Township has a new employee who started this past Friday. Mr. Biglin stated he will get prices for signs and posts for new signs on Village streets. Mr. Biglin presented to Council an estimate to repair Bardwell Street for \$8616.04 from Margareta Township.

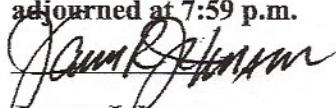
Mayor Johnson stated the Wreaths Across America ceremony will be held this Saturday at Noon at the Margareta Township Cemetery. Mr. Johnson stated the watercress has been sprayed. Mr. Johnson stated he has not received information from the Sheriff regarding purchasing drones.

Mayor Johnson stated he received the estimate from Gysan Lawncare for \$12,245.00 for Village debris pickup for 2025. **Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Accept the Estimate from Gysan Lawncare for \$12,245.00 for Pick Up of Village Debris for 2025. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.** Mayor Johnson will notify Gysan Lawncare. Mayor Johnson will also ask Mr. Gysan for an estimate on how many dumps per week.

Mrs. Weyer stated she will wait until the new year to contact Firelands Computer for an estimate of their services. Mrs. Weyer stated she will have the minutes and ordinances put onto the website.

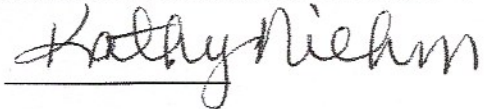
Mr. Smith stated he will have a new report for Council at the next meeting.

**With no further business to come before the Council; Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.**



James Johnson

Mayor



Kathy Niehm

Fiscal Officer