

Village Of Castalia
May 13, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on May 13, 2025 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, Barb Weyer, Si Nicholson, Jake Smith, Cindy Crawford, Georgia Artrip arrived at 7:30 p.m., Legal Counsel Randy Strickler was in attendance, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

The agenda has been amended.

Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Approve with the Correction the Minutes of the April 22, 2025 Meeting. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, Dated 5/11/2025. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, Dated 4/22/2025-5/11/2025. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, Dated 4/25/2025-4/30/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Biglin stated he will have more information at the next meeting but he stated they can get rid of the Village's plow and tailgate as scrap. Ms. Niehm stated she will need a list to enter into the minutes and also have for the auditors.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated she was able to file the ARPA/Covid report. Ms. Niehm stated the April bank reconciliation was completed. Ms. Niehm received word from the state auditor's office the next audit will take place sometime after June. Ms. Niehm stated the UAN computer transfer has been completed.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Adopt Resolution #2025-02 A Contract Made Between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, 1980 West Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43223, and the Village of Castalia for the Improvements of S. Washington Street (SR 101) to Main Street (SR 101) to Tiffin Avenue (SR 101) to George Street (SR 101) to the Sandusky County Line from S.L.M. 2.72 to S.L.M. 2.76, Including Erosion Control Upgrades, Partial Depth Pavement Repair, Pavement Repair and Pavement Markings, Lying Within the Village of Castalia for a Cost of \$72,388.84. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes.

Motion carried. Ms. Niehm will prepare the documents and send to the State of Ohio along with the check.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Suspend the Two Reading Rule for Ordinance #2025-03. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Adopt as an Emergency Ordinance #2025-03 Pursuant to Section 5705.03 of The Ohio Revised Code Declaring the Necessity for the Renewal of a One (1.0) Mill Tax Levy for Road and Bridge Construction and Repair, as Authorized by Section 5705.19(G) of the Ohio Revised Code; Requesting the Erie County Auditor to Certify to the Council of the Village of Castalia, Ohio the Total Current Tax Valuation of the Village of Castalia, Ohio and the Dollar Amount of Revenue That Would Be Generated by the Renewal of Said Levy, and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Nicholson Seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.

Ed Kurt, Keegan Hall, Brian Sutorius, and Diane Keegan, were in attendance representing Margaretta schools. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the construction fee wavier request by the school. **Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Table the Decision on the Fee. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.**

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Rescind the Decision to Table the Construction Fee Wavier Request for Margaretta Schools. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Wave the Construction Fee to Margaretta Schools. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion carried. Ms. Niehm returned the check to the representative from Margaretta School.

Mrs. Weyer stated she has not heard back from the IT company regarding our website.

Mr. Kenneth Lowry, 711 Main St., stated his feelings regarding charges brought against him By the Zoning Department. Council thanked him for his input.

Mrs. Weyer stated Jan Jenkins asked if Council will be donating towards trophies for the Cold Creek parade this year.

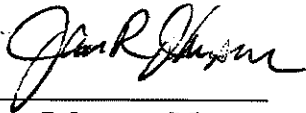
There was a discussion on ODOT signage, more information to come in the future.

Zoning Inspector, Tom Johnson, stated the area located across from the Castalia Market has been moved. The area located at Dennis McDougall's residence has not had much progress.

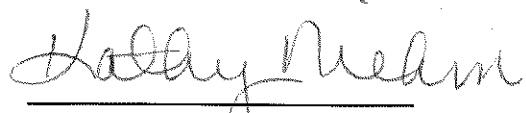
Mr. Nicholson Made a Motion to Enter Into Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. according to ORC 121.22G2 Sale or Purchase of Public Property With No Business to Follow. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, Yes; Mrs. Weyer; Mrs. Artrip; Mrs. Crawford. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Exit the Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith Made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



James Johnson, Mayor



Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer

