

Village of Castalia

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024

The Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on May 14, 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, Georgia Artrip, Cindy Crawford, Si Nicholson, Jake Smith. Barb Weyer was absent. Also present were Counsel Randy Strickler, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Amend the Agenda. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Excuse Mrs. Weyer from the meeting. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the 4/9/2024 and 4/23/20/24 Minutes. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 5/8/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 4/30/2024 to 5/8/2024. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 4/15/2024 to 5/8/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he sent several letters to resident regarding property code violations.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the bank statement for April had been completed and balanced.

Mayor Johnson stated he had a resident ask about street berms. **Mrs. Crawford made a Motion that Changes to street berm had to be with grass and dirt. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

Mrs. Crawford stated Kathryn from ODOT recommended no green turning signal to be used on the traffic light on Main St. and State Route 269. Mayor Johnson stated he will contact John Shank to change the signal and ask Margaretta Township for a sign indicating "Right Turn on Red After Stop". Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated a traffic study needs to be done during the summer.

Mayor Johnson asked Council to review the estimates from 7L and Erie Blacktop.

Mayor Johnson stated he received an estimate from Josh Hula, JMJ Incorporated LTD for S. Washington Street drainage-catch basins. **Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Accept the Estimate from JMJ Incorporated LTD Not to Exceed \$ 23,730.00. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.**

There was a discussion on the International Property Maintenance Code that was presented to Council. **Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Suspend the Two Reading Rule for Ordinance #2024-6. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.**

Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Accept Ordinance #2024-6, An Ordinance Establishing a Penalty for a Violation of the International Property Maintenance Code as Previously Adopted by the Village of Castalia and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson stated he received an estimate from Josh Kaiser for cleaning gutters and installing gutter guards at the Maintenance Garage and Salt Building for \$1,712.80. **Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Accept the Estimate from Josh Kaiser for Cleaning of Gutters and Installing Gutter Guards at the Maintenance Garage and salt Building. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.**

There was a discussion on the letter received from the Castalia Area Historical Society. Council Randy Strickler stated he will send a letter again to the CAHS.

Mayor Johnson stated the Village has an old lawnmower not in use. Mr. Strickler stated the lawnmower should be offered to Margaretta Township.

Mr. Smith stated he will contact Brad Link regarding street sweeping in the Village.

Mrs. Artrip stated she has not heard back from Nick at Ohio Edison.

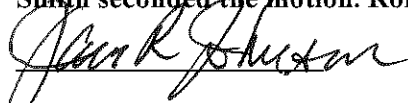
There was a discussion on basketball courts being set up on Cement Street. Mr. Nicholson stated he will make telephone calls.

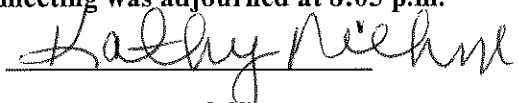
Public Participation

Donna and Burl Nesbit, 212 Lucas Street, asked when Pfeil Lane will be repaved? Mrs. Nesbit stated Pfeil Lane turns into a river when it rains. She is concerned with the speed limit as there are a lot of kids. Mrs. Nesbit stated 25 MPH is too fast as it should be 15 MPH. Mayor Johnson stated Council will look into it. Mr. Smith suggested speaking with Margaretta Township installing "Children Playing" signs in the area.

Randy Whyde stated there needs to be a grate for the sink hole located by his house.

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 8:05 p.m.


James Johnson, Mayor


Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer