

Village of Castalia

Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2025

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on January 28, 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, Jake Smith, Si Nicholson, Georgia Artrip. Cindy Crawford and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm were not in attendance.

Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Approve the 1/14/2025 Regular Session Minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 1/26/2025. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 1/26/2025. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 1/15/2025-1/26/2025. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to excuse Cindy Crawford and Kathy Niehm from the meeting.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he does not have access to a working computer for the Zoning Department and will need to purchase a laptop and accessories for the Village use. Mr. Johnson stated he would like to purchase and ask the Village to reimburse him.

Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to have the Zoning Inspector purchase a laptop computer and accessories not to exceed \$1,000. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Johnson to turn the receipts in to the Fiscal Officer and she will reimburse.

Mr. Tom Johnson asked Council for their input on paying the Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members. There was a short discussion on the matter and there was a suggestion of \$25.00 per meeting. It was decided that the matter would be tabled until the next meeting as to ask input from legal counsel and the Fiscal Officer.

There was a discussion on if the Zoning Inspector should send a statement to the resident that has violation penalties on their property. Table the matter until discussion with legal counsel at the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson stated he will set up a new email address: zoning.castalia@gmail.com

There was a discussion on the snow ordinance and it was decided to table the matter until further input from the Sheriff.

Margaretta Township Road Superintendent Bob Biglin stated new posts and signs need to be ordered as current ones are not light reflective. Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Biglin to get prices on signs and posts.

Mr. Biglin stated the brine system, which was purchased with Perkins Township saves on the use of salt. Mr. Biglin stated in the future the system will need valves and hoses as they become worn.

Mayor Johnson stated he sent letters to state officials stating the Council was not in favor of the renaming of a road in the Village after Scott Gast who previously passed away. Mayor Johnson stated he also sent a letter to George Gast stating Council was not in favor of he renaming of a Village street,

Mayor Johnson stated the heating issue with the Cement Street building has been resolved. There was an error with the thermostat.

Mr. Johnson stated he ordered salt that was to be divided between the Village and Margaretta Township. Mrs. Weyer stated she had no complaints on the recent snow plowing in the Village and she stated it looked good.

Mrs. Weyer stated she received (as did Council) an invitation to one of the Blue-Ribbon Committee's meetings. She stated she attended and the three Erie County Commissioners, the Erie County Treasurer and other members of area government entities were in attendance. The summary of the meeting was that local governments need to combine services. Mrs. Weyer stated the Village already does that with our agreement with Margaretta Township.

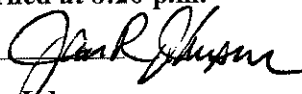
Mrs. Weyer asked Council if anyone had seen a post on social media about people killing cats in the Village. Mr. Nicholson stated he heard someone ran over a cat on purpose.

Mrs. Weyer stated there will be a meeting with Firelands IT next week. Mrs. Weyer and Ms. Niehm will be in attendance.

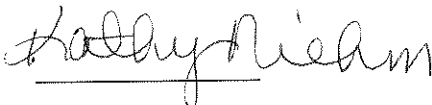
Mr. Smith stated he would like to attend the IT meeting with Firelands IT.

Mrs. Artrip asked if high school, students can attend Council meetings. Council agreed it will be great to have students attend Council meetings again.

With no further business to come before the Council; Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.


James Johnson

Mayor



Kathy Niehm

Fiscal Officer

***** The minutes were taken from a recording.**