

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

May 23, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on May 23, 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, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm

Mrs. Artip made a motion to Approve the Minutes of May 9, 2023. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Finance Report, Dated May 17, 2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, Dated May 13, 2023. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Artrip made a motion to Approve the Receipts, Dated May 13, 2023 to May 17, 2023. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.

Mayor Johnson introduced Sheriff Sigsworth to Council and the audience. Sheriff Sigsworth stated the Village has been quiet and with few arrests and mental health issues. The Sheriff summarized what his department does for the Village. Mrs. Weyer asked Sheriff Sigsworth what would happen if the police levy fails. Sheriff Sigsworth stated nothing will change with their coverage, but they use the extra money for additional coverage for events like Cold Creek, etc. He added that with schools out they are able to have additional coverage for the Village, without needing deputies for School Resource Officers. Mrs. Weyer asked if the Village had a curfew? Sheriff Sigsworth stated there is a curfew for excessive noise only.

Mayor Johnson introduced Amy Hoffman of Palmer Energy, consultants for gas and electric aggregation. Ms. Hoffman explained the process of implementing a gas aggregation and if Council wished to proceed the resolution would need to be forwarded to the Board of Elections by August 9th for the November ballot. Ms. Hoffman stated she had received numerous calls from Erie County residents as First Energy rates for electric are slated to raise 12 cents per kilowatt hour.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated all of the parking spaces and handicap spaces located by the new steps and in front of Village Hall had been painted. Mr. Johnson stated the grass at 315 Adams St. had been cut. Mr. Johnson stated there was an issue

with Water Street as 4 pine trees had blown into it, Mr. Johnson stated the trees had fallen into each other. Mr. Nicholson will check with Bruce Neil on the cost to remove the trees. Mr. Johnson stated there was an issue with children setting fire over on Cement Court by the tower.

Mr. Johnson stated there will be a plan review for a 20 x 50 ft. shelter house for the school's boy's baseball field that will be 2 stories in height. The cost would be \$250.00 fee for the plan review and \$650.00 plus 10 cents per foot. There was a discussion as if the fees can be waived since it is for a school. **Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Waive the \$650.00 Plus 10 Cents Per Foot Fees for the Shelter House. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the new printer, scanner, fax machine had arrived and would be installed in June.

There was a discussion on Village road resurfacing. Mr. Smith stated the rest of Lucas Street should be completed. Also discussed was pricing on striping on Lucas Street plus by the post office. Mr. Nicholson will contact Ogelsby.

Mrs. Weyer made a motion to the Second Reading of An Ordinance Amending the Salary Arrangement for the Members of the Council and the Mayor of the Village of Castalia, Ohio, and Repealing and Replacing Any and All Ordinances and/or Resolutions Inconsistent Herewith. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. The Third reading and vote will be at the next Council meeting on June 13, 2023.

Mayor Johnson stated he contacted Erie County and has not heard back yet on the drainage issues. Mr. Johnson also stated the tail race will be sprayed this week. Mr. Johnson stated Brett Kromer has expressed interest in being the Village handyman. Mr. Johnson stated he will contact the Solid Waste Department of Erie County regarding the yard waste program. Mr. Johnson stated he will be out of the county on vacation from 5-26-23 to 6-6-23.

Mrs. Weyer stated the Village barricades have arrived and waiting for invoice. Mrs. Weyer stated the Cold Creek Coffee Shop would like to sponsor a community concert, no date has been set. Mrs. Weyer stated the new steps on Main Street looked good. There was a discussion on signage on road right of ways. Mrs. Weyer stated she has several vehicles thinking her property is an access for Resthaven and she would like to install a sign stating "No Outlet" "Private Drive". **Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Allow Signage on Village Property Stating Private Drive, Do Not Enter". Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, abstain; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. Motion Carried.**

There was a discussion on the Nexus pipeline and the Ohio Supreme Court could make a ruling by the end of the summer.


Mrs. Artrip stated she would like information on the new printer for her church.

Mr. Nicholson stated he will contact Mr. Cook and Mr. Neil for prices.


Mr. David Myers asked Council if there was any news on the CAHS building. Mayor Johnson stated there was no news.

With no further business to come before Council, Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to adjourn. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.



James Johnson
Mayor



Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer

