

Village Of Castalia
July 28, 2026
Meeting Minutes

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on July 28, 2026 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: Barb Weyer, Georgia Artrip, Jake Smith. Fiscal Consultant Diane Schaefer was in attendance as well Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Excuse Mrs. Crawford and Mr. Nicholson from the Meeting. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the 7/14/2026 Minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report Dated 7/23/2026. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve the Warrants Dated 7/12/2026-7/23/2026. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Weyer Made a Motion to Approve the Receipts Dated 7/14/2026-7/23/2026. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Margaretta Township Road Supervisor Bob Biglin stated the Village should be receiving a check from Galloway Brothers for approximately \$140-\$150 for scrap metal from the Village.

Mayor Johnson stated Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated the locks will be installed on all of the Village Hall restrooms by Hobb's Lock & Key. The spare keys will be in the Fiscal Officer's desk. Mr. Johnson stated he would like to redo the paint in the road in front of the high School. Mr. Smith asked if it was a conflict of interest having Mr. Johnson as a contractor. Mrs. Schaefer stated no as the Village has given him approval for certain things.

Mrs. Schaefer stated the Auditor of State Pre-Proposal for the next audit is August 4, 2026 and the Budget Commission meeting with Erie County is August 5, 2026.

Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to Approve Traffic Light Exhaust Fan in Two Cabinets and Replace Air Filters Plus Labor for a Total Not to Exceed \$900. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Mayor Johnson stated he will contact Brian Shook to set up the installation.

Mayor Johnson stated he contacted a realtor about the Cement Street property. Zoning Inspector notified Mrs. Weyer that Council needs to meet with him to determine exact plan before contacting surveyor and realtor. The issue was tabled for more information. Mrs. Weyer stated there are two realtors in Castalia and Council should see who offers the best opportunity for the Village.

Mayor Johnson stated the Village received the Epic Grant for \$5,000 for the storm sewers lining project and \$20,000 for the sidewalks. More information to come in the future.

Mr. Smith stated the Village should have Lucas Street paved by the end of September or early October. The project is appropriated at \$55,228.

Mrs. Weyer stated a resident asked her about loud car noise in the Village at 4:00-6:00 a.m. and she informed the resident there is no noise ordinance in the Village. Mayor Johnson stated the Sheriff informed him vehicles need to have a muffler. Mrs. Weyer stated there is also an issue with E-bikes in the Village and someone almost got hit while riding an E-bike.

Mayor Johnson thanks Mr. Biglin and his crew for all the work they did for the Cold Creek Celebration.

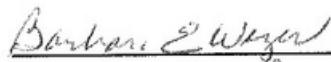
There was a discussion on the ODOT sign and poles. Mr. Biglin stated ODOT should deliver.

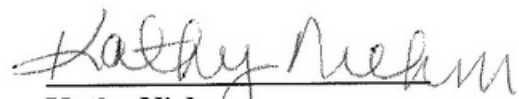
Mrs. Artrip stated Ohio Edison did not get back to her regarding installing banners on the Ohio Edison poles. Mrs. Weyer stated a bucket truck would be needed to install the veteran banners onto the poles. Mrs. Artrip stated she will check into it for Council.

Ms. Niehm stated she will send Tom Johnson's family a sympathy card from the Council.

Ms. Niehm stated to Council she submitted her resignation as Fiscal Officer effective August 31, 2026.

With no further business to come before the Council. Mrs. Artrip Made a Motion to adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


James Johnson *Pres Pro Tem*
Mayor


Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer