

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

MEETING MINUTES

February 28, 2023

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on February 28, 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 Kevin Nemitz, President Jim Johnson, Vice-President Si Nicholson, Barb Weyer, Jacob Smith, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to move the Executive Session to the end of the meeting. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

Council tabled the approval of the Minutes of 2/14/2023 until the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to excuse Mrs. Artrip as she will be late to the Council meeting. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the 1/24/2023 meeting. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Finance Report from 2/25/2023. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Pay Warrants from 2/9/2023 to 2/25/2023. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to approve the Receipts from 2/6/2023 to 2/20/2023. Mr. smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson stated he will be sending notification to property owners in regard to junk articles on their properties. Mr. Johnson also stated the concrete steps across the street need to be replaced/repared as he has the fire department has had several calls with people falling including an elderly woman. Mrs. Weyer stated the Council will need legal input from the Village's attorney.

Mrs. Artrip arrived at 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Tom Johnson further stated the Village needs to do something with the steps and he also stated there needs to be 2 openings in the steps. Mr. smith commented that the steps will need to be concrete, Mrs. Weyer agreed. Mr. Johnson stated a contractor could do specs for ADA compliance. Mrs. Weyer stated the Village could use Covid funds as it is a safety issue. Mr. Johnson will contact contractors to get estimates.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm asked Council about the ODOT Bike Route Signs. Council agreed to not go forward with the program.

Ms. Niehm also commented that she worked on Saturday when there was snow and ice and there was no salt applied to the sidewalk or steps to the Village Hall. Ms. Niehm stated the Village is paying Mr. Kromer \$9,000 per month for snow and ice removal, why wasn't there salt applied.

Mr. Johnson informed Council and the audience about Ordinance #351 the deed to the Castalia Area Historical Building. There was a discussion about the building and Mrs. Weyer stated the Village's Counsel will be in attendance at the next meeting.

Mr. Johnson stated the Lester and Adams Streets project is still on target and they have not reviewed the drainage issue as of yet.

Mayor Nemitz stated there is a new flag outside of Village Hall with a cost of \$100.

There was a discussion about the signs by the duck pond, one sign is painted the wrong color. Mr. Nemitz further stated the Lion's Club presented the signs to the Village as one of their community projects.

Mr. Johnson stated there has been no work on the sink hole on Barden Street.

Mrs. Weyer presented Council with a diagram indicating the "hits" on the Village website. Mrs. Weyer stated the increases were due to the Village newsletter being sent to Village residents. Mrs. Weyer stated she needed items for the Spring newsletter. Mrs. Weyer asks when MR. Gysan will be doing pickups. Mrs. Weyer stated there will be a Planning Commission meeting on March 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Mrs. Weyer also asked Council regarding an increase in compensation for Council members, this would need to be enacted prior to the election. Mrs. Weyer also stated the police levy is up in November.

Mrs. Artrip asked about Brailey Street as there is major flooding where residents cannot get out of their cars and there is nowhere for the water to drain.

Mr. Nicholson stated he will ask Greg Cook to look at the bleachers in the park. Mr. Nicholson also stated Bruce Neill did not call him back. Mr. Nicholson also asked about if there will be spraying along the creek. There was a discussion on whether there should be signs posted for residents not to spray.

There was a discussion on "no parking" on Barden Street.

Bruce Martin stated to Council the Historical Society will need to bring back their articles that were damaged in the broken water pipes in the building. MR. Martin stated the

Historical Society would like to move back into the building and asked when repairs would be made.

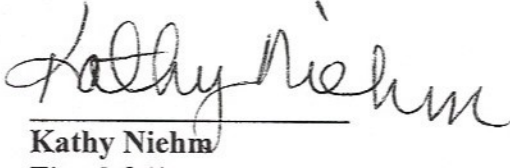
Mr. Smith made a motion to Enter Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. to Discuss the Purchase/Sale/Disposition of Property for Public Purpose. (G)(2) of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to Exit the Executive Session and Return to the Regular Session at 8:15 p.m. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes.

With no further business, Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: yeas, unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.


Kevin Nemitz
Mayor


Kathy Niehm
Fiscal Officer