

Village of Castalia

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on July 9, 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 President Pro Tem Barb Weyer with the following in attendance: Cindy Crawford, Si Nicholson, Jake Smith, Georgia Artrip, Legal Counsel Randy Strickler, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

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

Mr. Nicholson made a Motion to Approve the 6/25/2024 Minutes. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Finance Report, dated 7/5/2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Approve the Pay Warrants, dated 6/30/2024 to 7/3//2024. Mrs. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Mr. Smith made a Motion to Accept the Receipts, dated 6/25/2024 to 6/30/2024. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Motion carried.

Fiscal officer Kathy Niehm stated she had the 2025 Projected Budget completed and needed a vote from Council so she can forward to the Erie County Auditor. **Mrs. Artrip made a Motion to Approve the 2025 Projected Budget. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Crawford, yes. Motion carried.** Ms. Niehm stated she will forward to the Erie County Auditor.

Ms. Niehm stated The Ohio Auditor's office sent documentation for Required Fraud Reporting and Training that all Village elected officials and employees must take. Ms. Niehm stated she will be required to keep a running spreadsheet of the training and will need the certificates from everyone for their personnel files as well as her files.

Ms. Niehm read a statement on her concerns for the unexpected costs for this year and asked Council to please limit the spending as we do not know what other expenses the Village will incur for the rest of the year and the beginning of next year.

Mrs. Weyer made a Motion to Designate the Fiscal Officer as the designee for the Ohio Sunshine Law and Records Retention Seminar. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Yeas, unanimous. Ms. Niehm stated she had already taken the seminar and put her certificate in the file.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson gave Council his report and stated the Zoning Book should be ready in September. Mr. Johnson stated he needs an address stamp and Ms. Niehm will have one made. Mr. Johnson stated 711 Main St. received his letters and he noted some cleaning on the property had been done. Mr. Johnson stated he stopped several times to speak with the owner of the Castalia Market and he was unable to make contact.

With the upcoming Cold Creek Celebration Mrs. Artrip and Mr. Nicholson agreed to distribute the trophies. Mrs. Weyer stated she will pay for the cost of the trophy and other Council members stated they will give her money toward the trophy.

Round Table

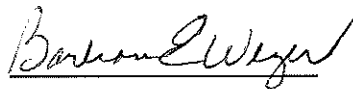
Mrs. Weyer stated there was a previous natural gas leak underground on Adams Street and Columbia Gas will start this week for repairs. Mr. Smith stated he reached out to the Sandusky Library for grant information. Mrs. Crawford stated Sue Daugherty contacted her that there will be a meeting at the UAW Hall on August 15, 2024 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. regarding the affordable rental housing for seniors in Erie County. They are asking all local government for representation. Mrs. Crawford also stated she had not heard recently from Kathryn Wade from ODOT. Council will ask ODOT to do the traffic study when school season starts. Mr. Nicholson stated he noticed one of the gutters were coming loose and Council stated Josh Kaiser will need to be contacted for the repair.

Public Participation

Cheryl Parker submitted documents to Council for the Cold Creek Celebration and stated the insurance certificate will come later from the insurance agent.

Mr. Denny Loroff stated he would like the speed sign located in his yard.

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



Barbara Weyer

President Pro Tem



Kathy Niehm

Fiscal Officer