

**VILLAGE OF CASTALIA  
MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2022**

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on February 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm 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 James Johnson, Si Nicholson, Georgia Artrip, Jake Smith, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. **Kevin Nemitz made motion to excuse Georgia Artrip, seconded by Si Nicholson, vote, motion carried.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

NEW BUSINESS

**James Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 25, 2022 Council Meeting. Kevin Nemitz seconded the motion. Vote: All members were in agreement, motion carried.**

**James Johnson made a motion to approve the Financial Report from January 25, 2022. Georgia Artrip seconded the motion. Vote: All members were in agreement, motion carried.**

**Georgia Artrip made a motion to approve the Payment Warrants from 1/26/2022 to 2/8/2022 Si Nicholson seconded the motion. Vote: All members were in agreement, motion carried.**

ROUND TABLE

President James Johnson-There was no update from Fox regarding the sink hole and catch basin. Claire Regan is working on the website. The sidewalk issue will be on hold, will do a study in the Spring. Snowplowing-the driver is learning the route. President Johnson will have a list for the next meeting of the bicycles that were left abandoned on Village property and desks that are no longer need and are obsolete from the Village offices. President Johnson stated Adams and Lester Street need repair, hopefully with a \$145,000 grant. President Johnson stated the Council members need a raise. Attorney Strickler stated Council will need an ordinance in order to allocate a raise and the raise would take effect with the next term of office, no in- term increase would be permitted. The ordinance needs to be in place before petitions are issued. Mr. Strickler stated there will need to be two (2) readings for an ordinance in the future. President Johnson said it might be difficult asking for a raise with a tax increase on the ballot. Mr. Strickler stated Council members from Berlin Heights make \$80.00 per month for 1 meeting and the Mayor of Berlin Heights currently makes \$500.00 per month. All members of Council were in agreement that there should be a raise in the amount that Council is paid for all of their extra work.

Jake Smith-In regards to snowplowing -help them get better in the area they are plowing. Mr. Smith suggested for the Village to assess sidewalks in beginning in March. Randy Strickler, Legal Counsel, stated notices will need to be sent to residents for them to fix their sidewalks (to Village specifications) or the Village will fix the sidewalks and add to their taxes with the County.

Si Nicholson- Si Nicholson stated the Council should be paid more now that they are doing extra work. Mr. Nicholson stated to table the issue of Council raises until the next meeting.

Georgia Artrip- Georgia Artrip stated across the street where the businesses are located the large steps need fixed or have at least a railing installed. It is very hard for shoppers access the businesses as the steps are very steep.

Mayor Kevin Nemitz commented he will speak with Brent Kromer in regards to where the driver should put the snow as there have been many complaints from residents on their streets were not plowed or the snow was making it difficult to access their driveways.

Mr. Travis Keller, Keller Plumbing LLC, made a presentation to the Council in regards to an estimate for the three restrooms and the water fountain in Village Hall. The estimate for the men's restroom, women's restroom, back restroom, and the water fountain will be \$6,560.

Georgia Artrip made a motion to enter into an Agreement with Keller Plumbing, LLC for the Installation of the New Restroom Equipment, and New Water Fountain, Including Labor with a Cost Not to Exceed \$6,560. Si Nicholson seconded the motion. Vote: All members were in agreement, motion carried.

Georgia Artrip made a motion to enter into an Agreement with Keller Plumbing, LLC for the cost of the Electrical Installation for the New Restroom and New Water Fountain. Si Nicholson seconded the motion. Vote: All members were in agreement, motion carried.

President Johnson asked Mr. Keller if the Village Hall furnace needed to be replaced? Mr. Keller stated for an 95% efficient furnace the estimate would be around \$3,500 and he will get the Village a proposal.

Mr. John Gysan presented to the Council a breakdown of the estimate for the lawncare and maintenance for the Village. Mr. Gysan stated the estimate is \$2,295 for the season (Third Week of March, 2022 to December, 2022).

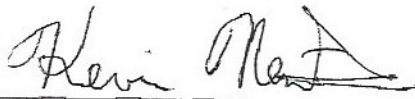
James Johnson made a motion to enter into an Agreement with Gysan Lawncare for the period of March, 2022 to December 2022. With Service to include: Village Debris Pick-Up (Twice a Month), Village Lawn Maintenance (Includes Mowing) , Spraying of the Creek with Chemicals for Three Applications, and Adding Mulch and Trimming Shrubs at the Historical Society and Village Hall. Si Nicholson seconded the motion. Vote: All members were in agreement, motion carried.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

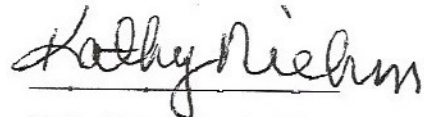
Ms. Barb Weyer stated in her opinion there are snowplowing concerns such as corners need to be cleaned better. President Johnson stated Brett Kromer will be contacted in regards to the concerns over snowplowing. Mr. John Gysan stated for a large storm they need larger equipment like what Margareta Township or ODOT has. President Johnson stated bidding for snow removal should start in April or May. Mayor Nemitz stated the Village needs a part time maintenance person.

Next Council meeting will be on February 22, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to adjourn. President Johnson seconded the motion. Vote: All members were in agreement, motion carried. With no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.



Kevin Nemitz, Mayor



Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer