

**VILLAGE OF CASTALIA COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
May 10, 2022**

The Village of Castalia Council met in Regular Session on May 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Village Hall located at 126 Main Street, Castalia, Ohio. The following members were present: Mayor Kevin Nemitz, President James Johnson, Vice-President Si Nicholson, Barb Weyer and Georgia Artrip. Jake Smith arrived at 6:53 p.m.

**Mrs. Artrip made a motion to suspend the approval of the April 26, 2022 minutes until the next meeting due to typing errors. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes. The motion carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the finance report of May 9, 2022. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, Yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. The motion carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the pay warrants April 27, 2022 to May 9, 2022. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. The motion carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the receipts April 25, 2022 to May 9, 2022. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. The motion carried.**

**Ordinance #2022-03 An Ordinance Approving the Residency of Kathy J. Niehm, Village Fiscal Officer, Outside of the Corporate Limits of the Village of Castalia, Ohio and Declaring an Emergency and to suspend the 2 readings of the ordinance. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the ordinance. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. The motion carried.** Fiscal Officer, Kathy Niehm thanked Council for their vote of support.

Zoning Inspector, Mr. Tom Johnson stated he will contact the members of the Planning Commission to arrange for a Planning Commission meeting. Village Counsel, Mr. Randy Strickler stated there needs to be a legal noticed posted in the Sandusky Register 5-10 days before the meeting.

Mr. Nick Katsaros, representative of Ohio Edison, spoke to council in regards to the street lighting in the Village. He stated there are 108 street lights in the Village and the Village cannot negotiate on the rates of the street lighting. The representative stated if a street light needed replace the cost will be \$209 per light. When an old light fails Ohio Edison will replace it with an LED light. The representative will send over an agreement for the Village.

Mr. Tim Bach, of Poggemeyer Design Group, made a presentation to Council. Mr. Bach stated the project has been approved and the final letter and agreement from the State of Ohio will not come until after June 30, 2022. Mr. Bach further stated once Council signs the contract with his company we can proceed with work on the project. Mr. Bach continued to say all dollars spent now are figured into the contract so if it is necessary the Village can be reimbursed from the grant.

The Village will need to cover the costs over the actual grant amount. Mr. Bach stated they can start the subsurface investigation, core drilling to about five feet and will be subcontracted out by Poggemeyer.

Mr. Bach stated the contract has a date of September 2023 and it will be up to Council when the bids come in to decide if they wish to proceed with the project this year or rebid next year.

Council had questions on about the road width and 18" of millings on both sides of the road. Mr. Bach stated the road will be about the present width it is currently and the contract calls for 118 feet. Mr. Bach further stated they will build the road however Council wishes however Council want it such as dirt and planting grass, etc. Mr. Bach stated there will be different costs for doing it and the millings will need to be hauled away which will be an addition in costs. Mr. Bach stated a road needs to last at least 15 years and they will have engineers to design it. Also, it is

designed with the millings to be used to establish a base along the sides to support the edges of the road.

There was a discussion on Adams Street (milling vs. dirt and grass), the road is breaking on the sides because there is no side support.

A member of the audience, Mr. Tim Sessler, and Mayor Nemitz were concerned about the blacktop being on top of the sidewalks on Lester Street and to the driveways on both of the streets. Mr. Bach stated it could possibly erode the base of the road which will cause failure.

Mr. Strickler stated he will review the language of the contract.

There was a question in regards to the 2022 dates on the footer. Mr. Bach stated the contract was submitted with the grant and has to remain as is since it is part of the packet. Council also asked if Oak and Walnut Streets could also be in the proposal. Mr. Bach stated Council can bid them out as job #2.

Mr. Bach stated the grant application submitted to OPWC is called Round #36. Mr. Bach further stated that Poggemeyer Design Group will do all of the leg work and the plans. Council does not need to do anything in regards to bids, etc. They will also help council on the lowest and best quality bid.

There was a question on PDG cost. Mr. Bach stated he is certain there will be at least one change order and will most likely occur at the end of the project.

Mrs. Weyer asked why the cost on the application to OPWS was for \$36,500. Mr. Bach stated the core drilling which reflects the difference.

Mr. Bach stated PDG does all the document prep and leg work. Council can bid project this year and if Council decides not to do it Council can rebid the project next year contract is open through next year.

Mr. Bach stated section 6.3 (hourly rates) does not affect our contract.

There was a question on what will happen to the millings from the project. The cost is included in the project and will need to be hauled away.

A question was asked if residents might have an option to have work in the area at their own expense. Mr. Bach stated the price is not in the bids but they can make them aware that residents are interested.

Mr. Bach stated PDG will take care of permits, utilities, etc.

Mrs. Weyer stated information can be included on the website as well as an additional newsletter to inform residents on what is being done in regards to this.

Mr. Jake Smith arrived at the Council meeting at 6:53 p.m.

There was a discussion on the sidewalk across the street from Village Hall on Main Street and what could be done. It was discussed that an engineer should look at the sidewalks to see what can be done.

Mr. Strickler stated he sent to Ms. Niehm ordinances that will need to be voted on in the first Council meeting in June. Ms. Niehm stated she will distribute to Council members.

There was a discussion on storm sewers and streets that need to be cleaned. Mr. Johnson stated in regards to Barden Street Fox will need to come back and Mr. Johnson also stated the sick hole by the church is getting worse. Mr. Johnson further stated he will contact 7L Construction to walk the streets with him and to rank in order of which streets needs work to be done first. Mr. Johnson stated the crosswalks need to be repainted and suggested having them done in the middle of June.

ROUND TABLE



Mayor Nemitz stated there needs to be a complete list of names for the Planning Commission. Mayor Nemitz thanked the residents of the Village for the vote on election day in regards to the issue on the ballot. Mayor Nemitz stated the Records Room now has a lock and keys for the Mayor, Fiscal Officer and a spare key. Ms. Niehm stated the Records Room needs to be locked at all times as it is her responsibility as keeper of the records.

President Johnson thanked the residents for voting for the levy on election day.

Mr. Smith stated the newsletter passed the levy as it kept the residents in touch with the Council.

Mrs. Weyer will issue post a thank you on the Village website to thank voters for their support for the Village levy. Mrs. Weyer also asked about the weeds growing around the pond. The Village will contact Mr. Steve Sessler in regards to the weeds.

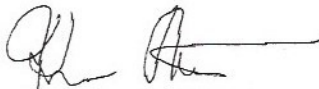
Members of the Cold Creek Committee will speak at the next Council meeting, they will need to submit a Certificate of Liability insurance to Council before the celebration takes place.

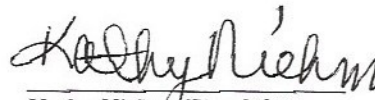
Mr. Robert Day will assist Ms. Niehm on the reporting of the Covid funds for the Village.

**With no further business to come before Council, Mr. Smith made a motion to Close the Regular Meeting and Open the Executive Session to Consider the Employment of a Public Employee with no business to follow. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. The Regular Meeting was closed at 7:55 p.m. the Executive Session was opened.**

**Mr. Smith Made a motion to Close the Executive Session and go into the Regular Meeting. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. The Executive Session was Closed and the Regular Meeting was Opened at 8:06 p.m.**

**Mr. Smith made a motion to Adjourn. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**

  
Kevin Nemitz, Mayor

  
Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer