

**VILLAGE OF CASTALIA
MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 22, 2022

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on February 22, 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. **Jim Johnson made motion to excuse Georgia Artrip, seconded by Si Nicholson, vote, motion carried.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

James Johnson made a motion to appoint Barbara Weyer to the open Council seat with a Term Ending 12/31/2023. Jacob Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: All members were in agreement, motion carried. James Johnson swore in Barbara Weyer.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 8, 2022 Council Meeting. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Vote: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, abstain. The motion carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Financial Report of 2/20/2022. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, abstain. The motion carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Payment Warrants from 2/9/2022 to 2/20/2022. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, abstain. The motion carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Receipts from 2/1/2022 to 2/18/2022. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, abstain. The motion carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Disposal of 19 Bicycles that were left on the Village property. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Disposal of 4 Desks No Longer Needed by the Village and are Obsolete. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, abstain. The motion carried.

Mr. Johnson stated in regards to the Sidewalk Study, the sidewalks would need to be brought up to code and an engineer will need to rm the Village what the code is. There was a general discussion on the sidewalks as to doing the work in 2023.

There was a discussion on storm sewers and sink holes. Fox Sanitation will give the Village an estimate, and the street will need to be closed down to do the repairs. It was also discussed that there will need to be temporary traffic lights during the procedure. Mr. Nicholson mentioned there was a sink hole on Depot Street.

Mayor Nemitz stated the Village received a letter from the Erie County Board of Elections regarding the use of the Village Hall for the next election. Mayor Nemitz stated he will contact the Board of Elections.

Mayor Nemitz stated Fresh Electric gave the Village an estimate for electricity for the Village Hall restrooms. The bid was \$7,000 of which materials were \$1,100, light fixture allowance of \$1,200, and labor of \$4,700.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the bid from Fresh Electric for the electricity for the Village Hall Restrooms not to exceed \$7,000. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call:

Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, abstain. The motion carried.

Mr. Johnson stated he had received complaints from Village residents as the snow plowing was not being ne correctly. Mr. Johnson stated Reid Court and Pheil Lane were skipped again and he would inform Brett Kromer needs to know that it has to be corrected in the future. There was a general discussion as to if payment could be withheld. Village legal counsel, Mr. Strickler, will be asked at the next Council meeting. Mayor Nemitz stated he will contact Mr. Kromer tomorrow in regards to the snow plowing errors. There was a general discussion if Margaretta Township could do the snow plowing in the Village as residents are not happy with the current service.

There was no Zoning Inspector report as Mr. Tom Johnson was not present at the Council meeting this evening.

Mrs. Weyer made a presentation to the Council in regards to the salaries of Mayor, President, and Council members in the State of Ohio. Mrs. Weyer suggested increasing an \$25.00 additional to the salaries and waiting until next year to enact. Mayor Nemitz stated Council members are doing more and more for the Village and take on more responsibility. Mr. Johnson stated he also agreed to wait until next year.

Mr. Nicholson stated there are pot holes on Lester and Adams Street and also on the bridge culvert that need to get patched. Mr. Smith suggested to plan now and repair in the Spring. Mr. Johnson stated write a letter to the Township that the Village will buy the materials to patch.

Mr. Nicholson stated he will attend the Zoom meeting in regards to the Metro Parks grant and let them know the Village cannot use the grant this year.

Mr. Nicholson will get bids for the women's restroom to take down the wall and put in better locks.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm updated Council on the website.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to receive bids for the Removal of the Wall and the Installation of Better Locks. Mr. Smith seconded. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, abstain. The motion carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to Exit the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session to Discuss Personnel with no Further Business to Follow. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes.

The Regular Meeting was exited and the Executive Session was entered at 6:57 p.m.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to Exit the Executive Session and Return to the Regular Meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes.

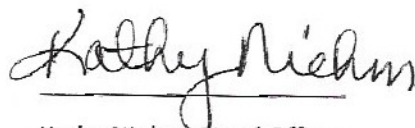
The Executive Session was Exited and the Regular Meeting was Opened at 7:20 p.m.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to Adjourn. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: all members were in agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.



Kevin Nemitz, Mayor



Kathy Niehm, Fiscal Officer