

VILLAGE OF CASTALIA MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2022

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on March 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, Jake Smith, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm. **Si Nicholson made a motion to excuse Georgia Artrip, seconded by Jim Johnson, vote, all members agreed. Motion carried.**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes of the 2/22/2022 (as corrected). Jake Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the Financial Report of 3/7/2022. 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 accept Payment Warrants from 2/21/2022 to 3/7/2022. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Nicholson made a motion to accept the Receipts from 2/19/2022 to 3/7/2022. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Nicholson stated a bid should be received by next meeting in regards to the restroom walls. Mr. Nemitz stated the new electric hand dryers have been installed in the restrooms.

There was a discussion on replacing the furnace in the Village Hall with a new furnace that will be 97% efficient. Mr. Johnson stated the pot holes were fixed on Barden and Lowell.

Mr. Johnson stated Margaretta Township cold patched pot holes. Kathy Niehm stated she will contact Fiscal Officer Bob Day for the invoice.

Mr. Johnson stated Perkins Township will do street cleaning in the Village, cost estimate will be \$28.30 with a three-hour minimum. Mr. Randy Strickler stated the Village will need a Letter of Agreement.

Mrs. Weyer stated the website is in the process and pictures have been adjusted on it. Council members agreed that the website is a work in progress. Council thanked Mrs. Weyer for her time working on the website.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to Approve a Pay Increase for Fiscal Officer, Kathy Niehm. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. The motion carried. Ms. Niehm thanked Council for their generosity.

Zoning Inspector Tom Johnson informed Council on the regulations of open burning in the Village. Mr. Johnson stated the Sheriff's office cannot go by ordinances as they go by the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Strickler stated Council will need to make recommendations and he will review. Mr. Johnson also stated the Zoning Board also needs more members.

Mr. Johnson stated 7L Construction will provide proposals on street repair and Council will designate which streets are in most need for repair/replacement.

Mr. Jim Johnson asked Council to save Committee reports until next meeting.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to nominate Mr. Si Nicholson as Vice President of Council. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Nemitz stated the plugs on the electric poles do not work when it rains and he asks Council to approve Fresch Electric to install new plugs on the poles.

Mr. Johnson made a motion for Fresch Electric to install new plugs on the light poles that are located across the street from the Village Hall. Mrs. Weyer seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes. The motion carried.

Mr. Nemitz stated he will contact Perkins Township tomorrow in regards to the street sweeping in the Village.

Mr. Nemitz stated the new bathroom fixtures will be installed on Wednesday and during that time the water will be shut off.

Mr. Nemitz stated he would like to go out for bid in late April for snow plowing services for next year.

Mrs. Weyer asked when the Charter could be revised. Mr. Stricker stated the Mayor will need to appoint a committee to review the Charter.

There was a general discussion on the possibility of a part time maintenance person for the Village.

There was a general discussion on a Village newsletter informing the residents of news within the Village such as: new website, open burning, tax levy, etc.

There was a general discussion on the age of the Village vehicles. It was suggested to possibly see if the mechanics department of EHOVE could work on the Village vehicles.

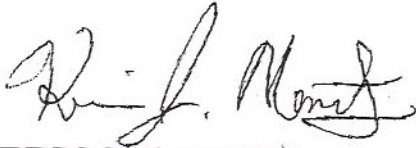
Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated she is working on the records retention schedule for Council.

Public participation:

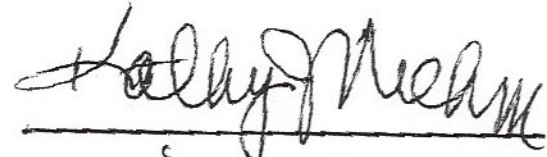
Mr. John Luce stated he will be building a home on Adams Street and he will need a variance. Mr. David Meyers asked about the catch basins. Mr. Johnson stated the catch basin was fixed today. Mr. Meyers stated the traffic cones were his. There was a discussion on open burning during the public portion of the meeting.

With no further business to come before Council; Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Mayor



Fiscal Officer