

# VILLAGE OF CASTALIA

## MEETING MINUTES

November 22, 2022

The Council of the Village of Castalia met in Regular Session on November 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. 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 Jim Johnson, Vice-President Si Nicholson, Barb Weyer, Jacob Smith, Georgia Artrip, and Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm.

**Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the 10-25-2022 and 11-7-2022 Minutes. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Finance Report. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes, Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Payments Report. Mr. Nicholson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mrs. Weyer made a motion to approve the Receipts. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mr. Nicholson, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Smith, yes, Mrs. Artrip, yes. Motion Carried.**

**Mr. Johnson made a motion to Approve Resolution/Ordinance #2022-19, a Resolution Approving the Erie County Solid Waste Management District Draft Solid Waste Management Plan. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried. Ms. Niehm stated she would send the resolution to Erie County.**

There was no Zoning Inspector report as Zoning Inspector, Mr. Tom Johnson was not present.

Fiscal Officer Kathy Niehm stated the Village had received and will deposit the franchise fee from Buckeye Cable/Buckeye Broadband for \$2,406.92. Ms. Niehm stated she received the revised invoice from Ohio Diesel as they originally included sales tax. The new amount of the invoice is \$10,983.01. Ms. Niehm also stated she received the invoice for November from Brett Kromer for \$9,000. There was some confusion as Mr. Kromer thought the payment would be automatic. Ms. Niehm stated she cannot pay an invoice without an invoice.

Mr. Smith stated Margareta Township might need the Village truck in the future. Mr. Johnson stated the Village should give the Township a key to the garage. There was a discussion on leasing or renting the truck to the Township.

Mr. Nemitz stated the Village should have a gasoline credit card. Ms. Niehm stated she would check into getting the Village a credit card from BP. Ms. Niehm also stated if the gasoline company required a social security number to obtain a credit card she will not use her social security number.

There was a discussion on the barricades and signs needed for the Christmas in the Village. Mr. Nemitz stated he received a call from Erie County that the signs the Village ordered were in.

The Mayor brought up the discussion about sign posts for Reed Court and State Route 269. **Mr. Smith made a Motion to Purchase Posts with Reflectors. Mrs. Artrip seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.** Mr. Nemitz stated he will get the signs.

Mrs. Weyer stated the Village needs an estimate on how much damage was done to the picnic area from the latest storm. Ms. Niehm will contact the insurance company office for more details.

There was discussion on the upcoming Christmas in the Village event. Barricades and signs would need to be erected by the Village for Main Street and Winkel Court. Cold Creek Coffee had previously submitted a permit application and check for the Christmas in the Village.

Mr. Johnson stated he contacted Mr. Fox and he knows he has to check the basins on North Washington Street as the Village needs it completed before the State of Ohio paves the street. Mr. Johnson further stated the sinkhole in front of the church on Main Street has been repaired.

Mr. Johnson stated there was no update on the Adams and Lester Streets. Mr. Nemitz stated he did not have an update from Poggemeyer.

Mr. Nemitz stated the pot holes in the Village were repaired by the Township. Members of Council personally suggested purchasing pizza for the Township road crew as a thank you for their work. Mr. Johnson spoke with Mr. Biglin from the Township and said the Township could fix more potholes in the future if needed.

Mr. Nemitz stated salt for the winter season had been received.



Mr. Johnson stated the patching had been completed. Mr. Johnson stated he located 5 bikes left in the maintenance building and further stated Brett Kromer would like the bicycles. Mr. Johnson stated he turned the heat on in the maintenance building Mr. Johnson stated the sign is up in the duck pond for the Christmas season. Mrs. Weyer stated she will locate a photograph of the sign and put on the Village website.

Mr. Nemitz stated he will call Ohio Edison in regard to street lights not working at 118 Lowe Street and Reed Court.

Mrs. Weyer stated there will be a Planning Commission meeting on 12/5/2022 for updates on the Zoning Code. Mrs. Weyer stated she will not be able to attend the Erie Regional Planning Commission meeting on 11-30-2022 at 5:00 p.m.

There was a discussion in regard to Council members speaking negativity about issues concerning the Village as members of Council can vote no on an issue but must refrain from the negativity after the meetings.

**Mrs. Weyer made a motion to exit the Regular Session and go into Executive Session at 8:01 p.m. to discuss Compensation of a public employee. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Nicholson, yes. Motion Carried.**

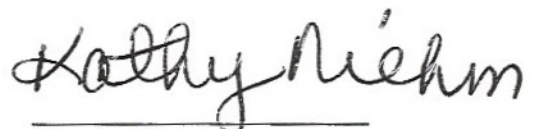
**Mrs. Weyer made a motion to exit the Executive Session and return to the Regular Session at 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Artrip seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mrs. Weyer, yes; Mrs. Artrip, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Smith, yes; Mr. Johnson, yes. Motion Carried.**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



**Kevin Nemitz**  
Mayor



**Kathy Niehm**  
Fiscal Officer