

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday June 08, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting was called to order by Mayor, Larry Craig with Pledge to the Flag.

At roll call members present were;  
Carole Dreier, Clarence Thomas, David Cotner, Chad Brown, Patricia Pierce and Tammy Drobina.

Also present were Police Officer, Thomas Romine, Code Enforcement Office Dennis Rose and Village Solicitor Jeffrey Feyko.

Visitors present: Patricia Thomas, Jim Mergler, John Reef, Trustee of Grn. Twp., Middy Clum and Virginia Pettry.

Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes from 05-11-10 council meeting.

Tammy Drobina made a motion to accept the minutes as written,  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Carole Drier. Roll call was all in favor.

Each member received copies in their packet of computer generated Management Reports for end of May (Original to be signed by council and mayor). Also included is Primary Checking Account Reconciliation (To be signed by Mayor and Council)

Paid and/or due bills presented to council on a spreadsheet, (original to be signed by Finance Committee). Also included was the Mayor's monthly statement for May, Mayors Court activity with breakdown attached.

Tammy Drobina asked about the oil change at Wal-Mart, clerk explained that it was for the cruiser. She asked why it was not done locally; Mayor will speak to Brad about it.

Chad Brown made a motion to accept the EOM (June) Reports and approve all bills paid and/or due, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Cotner. Roll call Brown, Cotner, Dreier, Pierce and Thomas were all in favor, Drobina voted no. Included in above motion was to accept the Mayors monthly statement with breakdown for month of May.

David Cotner, Chairperson of Service committee gave his report. Committee met at 6:30 p.m. before council. They discussed Sanitation Bids, tabled until next meeting for Solicitor to review. Sale of water outside village (Bulk), tabled until next meeting. Parking at Post Office, Committee's recommendation to council (all three) was to leave as is, no changes. Parking lot in Canal Basin Park, Committee's recommendation to council was to leave as is, no parking lot, all three members agreeing.

Officer Thomas Romine gave the verbal Police Report to council for May 2010, prepared by Sgt. Jason Blankenship.

Code Enforcement Officer, Dennis Rose had nothing new to report, he did give each member a to date report. It was asked of him if anything could be done about the property on Beaver St. He will take a look.

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Under Solicitors Report, Mr. Feyko reported that there is nothing new just one piece of legislation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Under Mayors General Information he stated he would like a motion from council to place officer Leland Queen from Auxiliary to Paid Part Time. He is highly recommended by Chief McMenamin and Clerk Dawson; he lives in Urbana, Ohio and never misses his shift and is a dedicated officer. David Cotner made a motion to move officer Queen to paid part time, seconded by Patricia Pierce. Cotner, Pierce, Brown, Dreier and Thomas all voted yes. Drobina voted no.

Mayor also stated he would like to enter into a contract with GGC Engineers at a cost of \$350.00 a year; they will seek grants etc at no extra charge to the village. Only charge will be if a grant is obtained then they would bill us for engineer's fees. Other entities have used them with good results. It was discussed and Carole Dreier made a motion for Mayor to enter into a contract with GGC, seconded by Tammy Drobina, roll call was all in favor.

Under New Business, Councilperson Drobina had comments on updating the Playground equipment, she stated there are grants available that we would need to contribute approx. 15%, she further stated to see if that could be worked into the budget. Clerk Dawson reported she is working on the budget but is going to be tough this year since the Water Fund owes the General Fund \$42,000.00 and at this time no way to start repayment to the General Fund.

Councilman Thomas asked of the water usage was any better. Clerk stated it is getting some better, and leaks are still being found. She explained to council that the Mayor has been looking into a Leak Detector, he reported the cost is approx. \$2,300.00 and the water fund cannot purchase at this time.

Drobina asked if we just had someone check for leaks, Mayor explained that we did and leaks were found, but that does not mean that another could show up in a day or two. We need one available so Harold Pierce can check periodically.

Next on the agenda was the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of 2010-05, an Ordinance Establishing Guidelines for Part Time and Auxiliary Police Officers and the Declaration of an Emergency.

Chad Brown made a motion that the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of this ordinance be tabled until we have more information. There is a split vote and he feels we should have more information as he feels there will just be another split vote. He feels the issue has never been discussed. He has questions on our budget as it is hard for him to know what our expenses are and what our revenue is. If we table, it will give us another month to discuss. He also expressed his discomfort with the budget process since he has never been thru it before, how appropriations are made etc.

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Chad Brown stated he has an experience he would like to share with council and unfortunately it's different than Mr. Mergler with using the Fairfield County Sheriffs Dept. They had an attempted home invasion about 2 years ago, and he stated he bets most people in the village did not know that happened. When they called 911 it was over an hour before the Sheriffs Dept. responded and my wife hung out the upstairs window with a gun before the three would leave. The Sheriff did not take a report or investigate they hang up call that they received just minutes before the break-in. He stated he feels we have a real potential blessing in having our officers respond. His concern is if we do away with this and these officers leave and then later we take a look back and say, hey, we really wanted these officers, he stated that is his concern.

Cotner asked or Solicitor "what is this really saying, Feyko started to explain that the ordinance is pretty plain and Drobina started reading the ordinance.

It was explained that the Auxiliary still has to work their 16 hours even if they are called in to work for a paid officer that cannot make his shift and the auxiliary is paid for that, they are still obligated to work their 16 hours auxiliary.

Patricia Pierce explained that we are not spending any more money and the auxiliary still has to work their 16 hours. Mr. Feyko explained, this has been done for sometime and this is just a formal action.

Discussion at this time.

Cotner stated we should vote on it, Mr. Feyko stated we have a motion on the floor and council needs to address that first. Drobina 2<sup>nd</sup> Chad Browns motion. Roll call was Brown, Drobina, Thomas, Dreier and Pierce, yes, Cotner voted no.

Cotner asked if it had to go to committee, Solicitor Feyko stated it does not, but if you want to address those issues it would be a good idea.

Mr. Brown stated he would like to know what we spend on our officers, what we gain from our officers. Have an open discussion on the benefits for the community because one of the things that came up, he thinks Thomas brought it up, that there are times that we don't have officers. There are times he sees them and times he does not see them, he stated it does not seem to be consisted or that he fully understands.

Thomas stated he has a program with scheduling, on Saturday you can't walk across the street for traffic and no cops, Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m. no traffic and cops are there and not a sole in sight. Pierce stated maybe that is Auxiliary that is not getting paid.

Brown stated he thinks we need to know that, is that the way we are using our auxiliary and is this the way we want to use them

Thomas stated we need an explanation of their schedule.

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Pierce stated we have to work around their schedule as they all have full time jobs they have to work around.

More discussion at this time.

A safety Committee meeting set for July 6, at 6:00 to discuss.

Clerk reported on the delinquent bills for a total of \$5,740.82 with 48 customers being delinquent.

Clerk reported that we have equipment/parts to install pit meters for those that the meter/lines are hard to get to. Jim Benson will be installing one on village right a way at The residence of Becky and Will Burns.

Clerk also gave a report on an error she found when checking the YTD appropriations for May. There was \$933.10 paid to Officer Leland Queen and it came out of the line item in clerk's salary in the water fund. This error had to be done at the first of the year as all of last year was ok. Clerk took the \$933.10 from Police Salary line item and put in clerk's salary line item in General Fund and will pay clerks salary from there for approx 2 months and not from Water until the \$933.10 is used.

We have documented for the State Auditor.

Under Public Comments Jim Mergler addressed council on several personal issues.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. by a motion from

Next regular meeting of council is July 13, 2010 @ 7:00 P.M.

MAYORS APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_

CLERK \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting was video taped  
And recorded.

Service Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.

Safety Committee will meet on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m

