

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Preston Barringer called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members of Council present were Linda Dattilo, Will Burns, Kenny George, Adam Tippett, and Shelly Squibb. Also, in attendance were Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts, Village Administrator James Stebelton, and Solicitor Jeff Feyko.

Amend/Approve Agenda

Adam Tippett a motion to amend the agenda to move the Rules Committee Meeting report to the beginning of the meeting, and to add **Ordinance 2026-01 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2026 EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF CARROLL, OHIO, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY**, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippett made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Visitors

Dawn Wyne, June Queen, Rich Parker, Darlene Perry, Kevin Rinehart, Kara Watts, and Jerry Pyle.

Visitors Comments

Kara Watts came to council to make them aware of a situation that occurred between her and Council member Will Burns. After Kara's comments were made, she asked for Will Burns resignation from council.

June Queen stated she was Chairing for the Carroll Community Festival. Unfortunately, no one stepped up to do it and she said she would do it for one year. The festival will be held August 14th and 15th. She will be in contact with Crystal about the park, streets, and forms. The bands have already been reserved. Hillbilly Deluxe is on the 14th and The Menus are on the 15th. The festival is adding new things and ramping up advertising. She asked for the village to keep her updated on the streets.

Rules Committee

Rules Committee report was moved to the beginning of the meeting due to the vacant council seat. Chairperson Adam Tippett wanted to go ahead and give the committee's recommendation to council for a vote, that way if the person was agreed upon by the council they could participate in the entire meeting.

Monday, January 6, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members: Adam Tippett-Chairperson, Linda Dattilo, and Shelly Squibb.

Visitors Present: Will Burns, Kenny George, and Kevin Rinehart

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On the agenda was to review letters of interest for the vacant council seat, public records request for police officer's bodycam footage, and any other business brought before the committee.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Adam Tippett, roll call was done by Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts. Mayor Preston Barringer was absent.

There were two letters of interest. One was from village resident Kevin Rinehart and the other was from a non-resident Paul Chattin. Chairperson Adam Tippett threw out the letter of interest from Paul Chattin, due to him not being in the village proper. Adam will contact Paul to thank him for his interest and explain to him he doesn't qualify.

Next discussed was public records. Chief Brad McMenamin requested that request for bodycam footage be placed on the fee schedule for public records. According to chief the fee should be set from \$75.00-\$750.00. The committee will notify the solicitor to prepare legislation to add to the fee schedule.

Old Business

None

New Business

Adam informed the committee they need to schedule a reorganization meeting after council to review Rules of Council and Employee Handbook.

With no other business before the committee Shelly Squibb made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Adam Tippett, roll call was all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Monday, January 12, 2026
7:00 p.m.

Members: Adam Tippett-Chairperson, Linda Dattilo, and Shelly Squibb.

Visitors Present: Will Burns, Kenny George, and Kevin Rinehart

On the agenda was to interview candidate for the vacant council seat and any other business brought before the committee.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Adam Tippett, roll call was done by Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts, all were present. Mayor Preston Barringer was absent.

With there only being one candidate (Kevin Rinehart), the committee did not go into Executive Session. Adam asked the other committee members if they had any questions, neither Shelly nor Linda had any questions. Adam asked Kevin one question.

Adam Tippett made a motion to recommend Kevin Rinehart to council to fill the vacant seat, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

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Linda Dattilo asked a couple of questions about the sanitary sewer project. Her questions were answered, but this topic is for the service committee.

Old Business

Will Burns asked if the committee had scheduled a meeting to approve the Employee Handbook? Adam stated, no, it will be after the mayor approves the committees.

New Business

None

With no other business before the committee Adam Tippett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Rules Recommendation

The Rules Committee is recommending Kevin Rinehart to fill the vacant council seat.

Adam Tippett made a motion to appoint Kevin Rinehart to fill the vacant council seat for the full four-year term, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Mayor Preston Barringer swore Kevin Rinehart in as newly appointed council member.

Approval of Minutes

Will Burns made a motion to approve the minutes from council meeting Tuesday, December 9, 2025, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Approval of Bills, End of Month Reports, and Mayor's Monthly Statement

Each member received copies in their packet of computer-generated Management Reports for end of December (original to be signed by the Council and Mayor); Primary Checking Account Reconciliation (to be signed by Council and Mayor); paid bills and/or due bills.

Adam Tippett made a motion to approve, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Elect President Pro Tempore

Kenny George nominated Adam Tippett, seconded by Kevin Rinehart. Will Burns nominated himself, seconded by Linda Dattilo, roll call was Linda Dattilo (Will Burns), Kenny George (Adam Tippett), Shelly Squibb (Adam Tippett), Kevin Rinehart (Adam Tippett), Will Burns (Will Burns). Adam Tippett is the President Pro Tempore for 2026.

Approval of Committee Members

Adam Tippett made a motion to approve the committee members, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

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Reaffirm Council Rules

Adam Tippett made a motion to reaffirm council rules, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Committee Reports

Finance:

Tuesday, January 6, 2026
6:15 p.m.

Members: Will Burns-Chairperson, Adam Tippett, and Shelly Squibb.

Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts was present. Mayor Preston Barringer was absent.

Visitors present: Kenny George, Linda Dattilo, and Kevin Rinehart

On the agenda was to discuss purchase orders, competitive pricing, and any other business brought before the committee.

Will Burns informed the committee he was concerned about the considerable amount of pipe fittings being purchased. He felt the Village Administrator should have purchased what he needed for the emergency from Ferguson and the priced other companies to make sure the village was getting the best price available.

Old Business

New Business-None

The 2006 Dump truck was discussed. Will would like to know how much it is leaking? He stated that the salter side of the bed is shot and we need to look into another salt system.

Kenny George presented to the committee pricing for a new truck to replace the 2006 Dump Truck. The committee immediately turned the possibility down stating it cost too much and wanted to make sure that the tax payers dollars were being spent in the best way. The committee will explore other options.

Adam Tippett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Service:

Tuesday, January 6, 2026
7:30 p.m.

Members: Kenny George-Chairperson, and Linda Dattilo. All members were present.

Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts were present. Mayor Preston Barringer was absent.

Visitors were: Will Burns, Adam Tippett, Darlene Perry, Kevin Rinehart, Jeff and Angie Craig

On the agenda was Savvy Citizen, chickens, sewer line 5511 Plum Road, timely police reports, and contractors for the Phase 3 Sanitary Sewer System, old business, new business, and any other business brought before the committee.

Resident Dawn Wyne had suggested for the village to check into Savvy Citizen to notify residents of emergencies in the village at a previous council meeting. Chairperson Kenny George looked into it and discussed it with the committee. Kenny George made a motion to recommend to council, seconded by Linda Dattilo, roll call was all in favor.

Allowing chickens in the village was discussed. Kenny did research on other municipalities ordinances, zoning and property maintenance requirements. He presented the committee with an example for the village. There were still too many questions on how to handle things, so the topic was tabled.

Kenny spoke to the Chief about timely police reports for council. The Chief informed him that they have to get their information from the Sheriff's Department, and have had trouble receiving the information they need. They are working on getting them to council on time.

The water and sewer line were discussed for 5511 Plum Road. According to the owner Darlene Perry Resolution R-3-2006 states that water and sewer would be provided to the property (which it is). The owner wants to split the property into 5-6 lots. The committee was trying to determine if it was at the owner's responsibility to pay for the line to the additional lots since the property was being split, or if according to the resolution that it was the village's responsibility. Kenny George made a motion to recommend the village pay for the water and sewer line, seconded by Linda Dattilo, roll call was all in favor. Discussion was made. The mayor would like the solicitor to look into this before a decision is made. Will Burns informed the home owner that if it comes up for a vote at council he will abstain, due to him temporarily filling in for the Zoning/Property Maintenance position.

Residents are concerned about the cost of hooking up to the gravity fed sewer line. The question was asked if the homeowner was allowed to do the work themselves to save money? According to the permit a contractor has to be certified whether through Fairfield County Health Department, or a homeowner. The committee is going to do some more research in order to get a definite answer for the residents.

Old Business

None

New Business

Will Burns brought to the committee's attention that Sands and Decker will be putting artificial surface on the baseball fields. They asked if they needed a permit? Will stated no, but it will need drainage underneath it, and they should contact ODOT to make sure it is okay with them that it drains into their right-away.

Will Burns brought a saddle tap to the committee. This came from the end of Market Street where the modular sits. It has been leaking for a long time. JLD fixed it. This will be a massive bill, if this is not covered under the grant money. Will feels the village needs to find a contractor to keep on retainer to call in for emergencies, or if its isn't covered under JLD's scope of work. If the village would buy a used backhoe, we could do it ourself. Will said he would bring it up at council.

Will feels we need to eliminate the Village Administrator title and change it to a working foreman title. The village doesn't have the money to pay a true Village Administrator according to the Ohio Revised Code. Adam Tippett asked if this isn't something the mayor should be taking care of since the village administrator falls under him? Will stated, yes, he was making the mayor aware of this and the council approves to pay bills, etc., so is part of council's decision. Adam asked if the village had an ordinance for the village administrator contract? The fiscal officer stated, yes. Will stated he just wanted the title changed from Village Administrator to a working foreman.

Will would like as part of the village requirements, besides what the code states, to require a cleanout and an inspection point at the point of connection to the service lateral. A "T" with a vertical column up to the ground with a secured cap that can be removed should be installed. A gasket should be used that is compatible with STR35 six-inch pipe. This will allow the village to know where a backup is located. Kenny asked who would do the inspection? Will stated, James, or a village employee.

Resident Jeff Craig asked if there have been very many people that have choose not to hook-up to the gravity fed system because of cost? There has only been one that hasn't, according to Kenny. Jeff stated him and other residents are concerned on how they are going pay for a \$3,000-\$5,000 hook-up. The mayor stated that if a resident chooses not to hook-up to the gravity fed system, then the tank becomes the resident's responsibility to maintain it. The village will not service anything that goes wrong with it and the expense will be on the homeowner. Jeff would like the village to find a way for the residents to save money. He stated he has talked to his neighbors to get a contractor to do it at one time to save money. Kenny stated there are grants through Fairfield County Health Department.

Kenny George made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Linda Datillo, roll call was all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Safety: Did not meet.

Rules: See above.

Police Report

Police report given to council.

Zoning Inspector/Property Maintenance

Zoning

There are no new permits to report.

The sewer project will be moving to Reserve Alley, next.

Lot splits will be done for property on Plum Road, once he gets the legal description back.

Received a letter from the Department of Commerce wanting to know how many building permits the village had for 2025. This was for new builds only, he reported zero.

During the construction meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 JLD suggested that the valve on Water Street be flash filled to provide more stabilization from the traffic that will be driving over it. Gary from DLZ suggested that it be moved back. Will said it was up to James to decide how he wants to handle it. Gary did mention that anything that is near, or within the scope of work, within 10 feet, the EPA will cover the repairs.

Property Maintenance:

Nothing to report.

Solicitor's Report

There is one piece of legislation on for this evening. It is for Ordinance 2026-01 adopting 2026 Ohio Basic Code Edition published by American Legal Publishing.

The Solicitor was provided a copy of an older resolution that states the village will provide services to a tract of land upon annexation. There has been some confusion on what services the village provides. The resolution does not indicate that at the village's cost they will extend water and sewer lines or services to the property. It does indicate that the village can offer administrative staff, a police department, and water and sewer service to the property. Extending lines is up to the property owner, along with the cost of tap fees.

Fiscal Officer's Report

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- Updated copy of Delinquent bills at the end of December, 2025, total of \$13,741.31 which includes the two customers that have been placed on taxes. There are 28 delinquent customers. Customers that have not paid by the due date for delinquent bills will receive a tag on their door for shut-off. They have until 11:00 a.m. the following day to get their account up to date. Current dates for due date/tag/shut-off are updated monthly on the Penalty Transaction Log received the evening of council meetings. Attached is copy of updated payments.
- Each member has a report for December, 2025 for R.I.T.A.
- Attended Safety Council Meeting Tuesday, January 6, 2026.
- There will be a Sewer Construction meeting on Wednesday, February 4, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
- Working on Year End Tasks

Mayor's Report

- The mayor didn't feel the Savvy Citizen was a good option, either. It would require everyone to download an app. The village is already notifying residents via email, phone calls, and tagging doors. We can't get everyone's email, so he doesn't see everyone downloading an app. The village is doing its best to keep everyone informed.
- The committees and council have been discussing vehicles for the past two years. A solution needs to be made so that the village is spending the tax payer's dollars in the best way. Village employees should not have to drive their own vehicles around to do village work.
- The committees need to meet to select chairpersons.

Old Business

Shelly Squibb asked about a full-time police officer. She said it was discussed a long time ago and hasn't heard anything else about it. The mayor stated that the problem always comes back to finance. Shelly thought that they were waiting on the Chief to draw up a contract. Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts stated that a contract was made up for Officer Camarata for a permanent part-time position that has him in the village more. Shelly asked if Officer Camarata seemed happy with his contract. Fiscal Officer stated other than wanting a higher pay, seems ok with no benefits. Kevin Rinehart stated he has said this before; he doesn't like taxes anymore than anyone else does, but at the end of the day, if we have to raise some money to get more police and equipment for the maintenance department, then that is what he feels needs to be done. The solicitor suggested sending it to the Safety Committee.

Will Burns asked what the status of the Queen annexation was? The solicitor stated it was ongoing. There probably could be a hearing within the next two weeks. If the County Commissioners approve a resolution, then it will come to council to approve legislation for the annexation.

New Business

Adam Tippett requested the solicitor to prepare legislation to add bodycam footage to the fee schedule for public records requests.

Adam Tippett asked when South Beaver Street was going to be paved? The mayor stated that weather is preventing the paving. Will Burns stated it will be around mid-April.

Kenny George asked if council wanted to purchase the Savvy Citizen? Will Burns made a motion not to purchase Savvy Citizen and to continue with the emails, etc., seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

Kenny George asked if council wanted to do anything about Kara Watts comments? The solicitor stated that was something that needed discussed as a personnel matter in Executive Session. Will Burns asked the solicitor if there was a means for the council to censure, or remove someone under a statutory village? The solicitor stated, yes, but there has to be cause related to the performance of their job, such as criminal violation, malfeasance, or misfeasance.

Motion

Will Burns asked if the council should make a motion to deny paying for services to the owner on the resolution that was discussed earlier, or if it will just die. He would prefer better clarification since the property owner has asked for the village to pay for the expenses. The solicitor stated a motion should be done since the committee seemed to be in favor of paying the expenses. Kevin Rinehart asked if they could make a motion on the existing resolution? The solicitor stated, no the resolution speaks for itself. Again, it does not obligate the village to pay for any extensions to the property. If the village has been requested to pay for the services, then the motion would be for the village to deny the request of the property owner for the village to pay to extend the water and sewer lines to the property. Shelly Squibb asked for more clarification, of which the solicitor provided. Shelly asked if in the future the language could be clarified in the legislation. The solicitor stated, yes.

Shelly Squibb made the motion a motion to deny the request to the owner for the village to pay for the service lines to be extended to the property, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was Shelly Squibb (yay), Kevin Rinehart (yay), Linda Datillo (yay), Kenny George (yay), Adam Tippett (nay), and Will Burns (obstained).

Ordinances

First Read

Ordinance 2026-01

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING
AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2026
EDITION, AS THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF
CARROLL, OHIO, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY**

- Adam Tippett made a motion to bypass the committee, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to bypass the three-read three rule, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-01, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Second Read

Third Read

Resolutions

First Read

Tabled

Executive Session

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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Adjournment

There being no other business before council, Adam Tippett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Crystal L. Roberts Fiscal Officer

Preston M. Barringer, Mayor