

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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, Shelly Squibb, Kevin Rinehart and Adam Tippett. Also, in attendance were Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts, Dennis Rose (Zoning/Property Maintenance Inspector), and Solicitor Jeff Feyko.

Approval/Amend Agenda

Will Burns made a motion to amend the agenda to delete Resolution **2025-R-1 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REQUEST FOR ADVANCE OF TAXES COLLECTED FOR TAX YEAR 2024, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY**, then renumber the following resolutions to R-1 and R-2, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor. The village does not request taxes from Fairfield County in advance.

Will Burns made a motion to add Resolution **2025-R-3 A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF CARROLL SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE OF AT&T'S TARIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO** to the agenda, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

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

Visitors

Dawn Wyne, Byard and Maggie Grim.

Visitors Comments

Dawn Wyne stated that on March 19, 2024 that 84% of the village voted against the development, what has the council, or the mayor done to get this zoning changed? The mayor asked the solicitor if he had seen the emails from the Earl Staffan (chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Board)? The solicitor stated, yes. The solicitor had needed some clarification on what the board had decided and it is in the works. The mayor asked for a time frame? The solicitor stated once changes are confirmed he will prepare legislation. Council member Kevin Rinehart asked if the committee had met? The solicitor stated they had met, but clarifications were needed. Dawn Wyne asked when the committee met? The solicitor stated that they have been meeting all along, clarifications just needed met. The mayor stated from his recollection it wasn't to restrict the PUD itself, it was to restrict the lot size so that not so many houses could be built. Council member Will Burns stated unless the wording has been changed, essentially what happens is the residential use of the PUD is to increase the lot size and dimensions to be with the Suburban Residential, so if you look at the code book for Suburban Residential their lots are what the new lots will be.

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Will was not sure what information was forwarded to Jeff, but that's what it should be. The solicitor stated that the lot size was 15,000 square feet and the setback would be adjusted, as well. He wanted to get clarification to make sure there wasn't anything else.

Approval of Minutes

Adam Tippet made a motion to approve the council minutes from the December 10, 2024, seconded by Will Burns, 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. Also, included was the Mayor's Monthly Statement for the month of December.

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

Elect President Pro Tem

Solicitor Jeff Feyko handed out pre-printed ballots with all the council members names on them. The solicitor collected the ballots after everyone had a chance to vote. The results were; Kenny George-zero votes, Will Burns-4 votes, Shelly Squibb-zero votes, Adam Tippet-1 vote, and Linda Dattilo-1 vote and Kevin Rinehart-zero votes. Will Burns was voted in as the President Pro Tem of council for 2025.

Approval of Standing Committees

The mayor asked for a motion to approve the committees. Linda Dattillo made a motion to approve the committee assignments as written, seconded by Adam Tippet, roll call was all in favor.

Reaffirm Council Rules

The mayor asked for a motion to reaffirm council rules. Will Burns made a motion to reaffirm council rules, seconded by Adam Tippet, roll call was all in favor.

Committee Reports

Finance: Did not meet.

Service: Did not meet.

Safety: Did not meet.

Rules: Did not meet.

Police Report

A police report was given to council.

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Zoning/Property Maintenance Inspector

In Zoning: Nothing new.

In Property Maintenance:

Three properties have not been closed, yet. They are 50 Mill Alley, 61 W Canal St, and 68 Oberle Ave.

Kevin Rinehart asked what the process was? Dennis responded that they should go to court. Kevin asked at what point do we just let it go? Dennis said it was the council's decision. Council member Shelly Squibb stated we can't deal with high grass right now. Dennis recommended to let it go until spring and resend out a notice or letter again. Dennis stated that 71 High St stated they were getting blueprints to start again, but he hasn't seen anything. The mayor asked when was the last contact with him? Dennis stated March of 2024. Will Burns made a motion to put the properties listed on the property maintenance report on hold until April, 2025 and then proceed with compliance in April, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

Solicitor's Report

There are four new pieces of legislation on the agenda for this evening. Ordinance 2025-01, Agreement with Fairfield County Regional Planning, this is part of the CDBG grant and the fees are not arbitrary, they are wrapped into the grant monies and are determined by the amount of grant money the village is to receive. The village engineer has asked that it be passed as an emergency due to deadlines. Ordinance 2025-02, Adopting American Legal Publishing, Resolution 2025-R-1 Application for RPIG. Resolution 2025-R-2, Anti-Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan. The solicitor had a discussion to verify what this resolution means. The engineer stated that it is a standard piece of legislation and would only happen if the village needed to demolish a low-income housing or section eight housing to put in a water or sewer lines, etc. The village would then be obligated to find other housing for those residents.

The last piece of legislation wasn't received in time to be placed on the agenda. It is **A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF CARROLL SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE OF AT&T's TARIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO.** All village's received this from the Ohio Municipal League (OML) to challenge AT&T's request for a tariff. Currently, if a project is being done by the village and AT&T has lines in the way and are asked to relocate them, AT&T is required to do so at their cost. They are trying to change it to where the cost to relocate lines are on the village, moving lines can be very costly. This ordinance bears no financial support at this time, it just states you are on board with the OML. If it ends up in litigation and OML requests financial assistance for litigation, then a new ordinance would have to be drafted for a vote by council. Council member Will Burns stated at this time he wanted to move to add the resolution. The vote is listed under the agenda, as seen above. Will added that AT&T is advertising now that it would only cost the village if it was for a beautification project, but that wasn't what was originally proposed.

Fiscal Officer's Report

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- Updated copy of Delinquent bills at the end of December, 2024, total of \$14,517.20 which includes the two customers that have been placed on taxes. There are 41 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, 2024 for R.I.T.A.
- Attended Safety Council Training on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.
- Will attend CBA on Wednesday, January 15, 2025.
- Will attend Mayor's Court Training on Friday, January 24, 2025.
- Working on closing 2024 and opening 2025.
- Records meeting needs to be scheduled.

The solicitor stated he would get with the fiscal officer to set up a date for the records meeting.

Mayor's Report

- 2024 went well. There were several activities and events that went well and had good turnouts.
- Would like emails sent to him for any project ideas around the village. There was discussion previously about a sidewalk project that didn't work out previously, but maybe can look at that again.

Old Business

Kevin Rinehart asked if there anything has been done about the school zone sign still flashing at odd hours? The mayor stated he hasn't heard anything. The solicitor stated he would check to see if there is anything that can be done.

New Business

Kevin Rinehart wanted to thank the street crew for the good job they did on the snow removal. He also asked if there was a way to notify the residents that they need to move their cars off the streets for the plows to get through? The fiscal officer stated it was posted on Facebook. The council members would like a note put on the utility bills reminding residents.

Shelly Squibb asked whose responsibility it was to trim the trees. The mayor will get an answer and let her know.

Motions

Ordinances/Resolutions

First Read

Ordinance 2025-1

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE 2024 CDBG RESIDENTIAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT (RPIG) PROGRAM, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

- Adam Tippett made a motion to bypass committee, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.
- Will Burns made a motion to bypass the three-read rule, seconded by Adam Tippett, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-1, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Ordinance 2025-2

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2025 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 committee, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.
- Will Burns made a motion to bypass the three-read rule, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-2, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Second Read

Third Read

Resolutions

First Read

2025-R-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (RPIG) PROGRAM FOR THE PHASE 3 SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

- Adam Tippett made a motion to bypass committee, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to bypass the three-read rule, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-R-1, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

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2025-R-2

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PLAN, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

- Adam Tippett made a motion to bypass committee, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to bypass the three-read rule, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-R-2, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

2025-R-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF CARROLL SUPPORTING THE OHIO MUNICIPAL LEAGUE'S CHALLENGE OF AT&T's TARIFF APPLICATION AT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

- Will Burns made a motion to bypass committee, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to bypass the three-read rule, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.
- Adam Tippett made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-R-3, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Tabled

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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 7:45 p.m.

Crystal L. Roberts Fiscal Officer

Preston M. Barringer, Mayor