

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 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 Agenda

Linda Dattilo made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

Visitors

Dawn Wyne, Byard and Maggie Grim, and David Leffler.

Visitors Comments

Byard Grim requested that information concerning the Phase 3 Sanitary Sewer System to be placed on the village's website. He would like to see a map that shows each phase, so people can see when it may reach their property. The mayor stated we are set to start BIDS soon. Will Burns stated many things can determine exact time when it is to reach a property. Byard would like to see general information posted for village residents.

Approval of Minutes

Will Burns made a motion to approve the council minutes from the January 14, 2025, seconded by Adam Tippett, 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 January (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 January.

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

Committee Reports

Finance:

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:10 p.m.

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

Mayor Preston Barringer and Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts were present.

Visitors present: David Leffler and Officer Kyle Camarata.

On the agenda was to elect a chairperson, new business, old business, and any other business brought before the committee.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Will Burns, roll call was done by Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts, all were present, with Adam Tippett arriving a little late.

Committee member Shelly Squibb nominated Will Burns to be chairperson, seconded by Will, roll call was all in favor.

Old Business

None

New Business

Officer Camarata spoke to the committee stating that the village deserves more of a police presence. In speaking with community members, they ask why there aren't more police officers in the village and a police officer all the time. Officer Camarata stated he is willing to be here on a more consistent basis each week for the next couple of years, he just feels the pay isn't there for him, if it is to be his main income. Officer Camarata feels we should be recruiting officers. He mentioned the possibility of acquiring a K9 for the police department. Shelly asked Officer Camarata how many hours he currently works? He stated 32-36 hours per week. She also asked if he was willing to be flexible on the times of day he works? He stated, yes. Will Burns stated that they didn't want to get into a pattern of hours the police department works. Shelly asked if he thought a K9 was needed? Officer Camarata stated it would be nice for traffic stops. The mayor asked Officer Camarata if he has had this discussion with the Chief? He stated, yes and he has also discussed this with Lt. Romine. Will stated that Officer Camarata has had this conversation with him. The conversation will be continued at the safety meeting, due to time restraints.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Service:

SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING

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6:45 p.m.

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

Mayor Preston Barringer and Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts were present.

Visitors were: David Leffler

On the agenda was to elect a chairperson, old business, new business, and any other business brought before the committee.

Kenny George nominated himself for chairperson, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

Will Burns asked if there were any plans for repavement of streets, or was it on hold until the phase 3 of the sanitary sewer was finished? Kenny stated it was on hold.

Kenny stated that he has several things he would like to discuss and would like to reschedule another meeting for next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.? The committee agreed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Safety:

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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6:22 p.m.

Members: Will Burns- Chairperson, Kenny George, and Kevin Rinehart. All members were present.

Mayor Preston Barringer and Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts were present.

Visitors: David Leffler

On the agenda was to elect a chairperson, new business, old business, and any other business brought before the committee.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Will Burns, roll call was done by Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts, all were present.

Kenny George nominated Will Burns as chairperson, seconded by Kevin Rinehart, roll call was all in favor.

Old Business

None

New Business

Will Burns continued the conversation concerning the dedicated police hours. Kevin Rinehart stated he thought it was a great idea, the village is needing an officer more, the speed is an issue. Kevin is in agreement with the different hours. Will stated he wanted to schedule a meeting with the chief. Will would like to know what the cut-off hours are for part-time, including if there is a total

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for the year. Kevin stated that the hour rule for Fairfield County has increased for part-time employees. The fiscal officer will verify the hour rule.

Kevin Rinehart made motion to adjourn, seconded by Kenny George, roll call was all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Rules:

RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Preston Barringer and Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts were present.

Visitors Present: David Leffler

On the agenda was to elect a chairperson 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.

Shelly Squibb nominated Adam Tippett, seconded by Adam Tippett, roll call was all in favor.

Old Business

None

New Business

Will Burns stated it was brought to his attention by Dawn Wyne that there was an Ohio Supreme Court Hearing about casting votes. The hearing stated that votes had to be cast in the open. Will stated he would like the rules committee to look into the rules of council for the village's procedure on votes for committee chairperson and president pro tem. The council did cast a vote for president pro tem and the solicitor read off the tally for each council member. Adam will schedule a rules committee meeting to address this issue. The mayor stated to give the court case to the solicitor for review that way he can make sure the village is in compliance and can give any recommendations. Adam agreed that was a good idea, he is here to protect the village.

Adam Tippett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

*Chairperson Adam Tippett stated to the solicitor about the secret ballot that was done for President Pro Tem. Solicitor Jeff Feyko stated he has already spoken to Will about it and he will check in to it.

Police Report

A police report was given to council.

Zoning/Property Maintenance Inspector

In Zoning: Nothing new.

In Property Maintenance: Nothing new.

Shelly Squibb asked Dennis what was decided about Andy Wise property? Dennis stated the last he had heard is that Andy was going to get a building permit and a contractor in to start building. Shelly asked what was decided on it, she remembers the discussion? Dennis stated the council decided to wait until April to continue with property maintenance.

Solicitor's Report

No legislation on the agenda for this evening.

The only topic he wanted to bring up was the properties on Carnes Road that wanted to annex into the village. The one property owner has returned all the necessary documents. A reminder letter was sent out in January, 2025 to the second property owner, but still no response. The village wanted to annex both properties at the same time, but it doesn't look like there is any cooperation from the second property. The solicitor would like to know how to proceed? Kevin Rinehart asked if it would be ok to knock on their door to see if they could get a response? The solicitor stated, yes. Will Burns asked about the status of Tobin-McFarland Surveyor's? The village has used them in the past and Will had heard that the owner had passed away. The solicitor stated as far as he knows they are still open for business. If they were closing Will thought it would be a good idea to see if the village could buy all records concerning the work they did for the village? This would be helpful for a new surveyor coming in to work for the village. Kevin Rinehart asked if there was a push for the annexation? The mayor stated the one property owner would like to move forward. Kevin would like to know what the savings would be doing both properties at once, as opposed to doing them at separate time? The solicitor stated he would have to get back to him, he doesn't remember the exact cost. Kevin would like to wait a few months to see if the other property owner responds. Shelly asked if we were able to find out more information about the property owner? The solicitor stated the mail has not been returned to him, so someone is receiving it. The solicitor stated that anyone that is contiguous to the village and is receiving utilities from the village is required to be annexed. Will stated that the properties on Carnes Road and in the Carroll Knoll's Development were required by the EPA to connect to the village sewer, they weren't required to annex at that time. The mayor stated for clarity, we get a small savings if we wait, but we also don't have to pay those savings if the property owner that is dragging their feet decides to annex later, the village can then make them pay the surveying cost. The solicitor stated, yes there is no written policy that the village has to pay those costs. The solicitor is to get back to council with the cost of the survey.

Fiscal Officer's Report

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- Updated copy of Delinquent bills at the end of January, 2025, total of \$9,958.05 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 January, 2025 for R.I.T.A.
- Attended Safety Council Training on Tuesday, February 4, 2025.
- Will attend CBA on Wednesday, February 19, 2025.
- Working on closing 2024 and opening 2025.
- Will attend Mayor's Court training Friday, February 28, 2025.

Mayor's Report

- The daycare on Carroll-Cemetery Road had asked the village to extend water and sewer service to them. Gary from DLZ stated there might be a grant that would cover the cost. Gary is looking into it and will keep the mayor updated. Will stated we should check with the county to make sure that is something we can do. The mayor stated that Gary was just getting information, at this point.

Old Business

Kevin asked if there was any word from the zoning on the PUD? The solicitor stated he did receive a response back, but had follow up questions and hasn't heard anything back. Kevin stated that this has been going on for a long time and feels it is urgent to get taken care of. The solicitor stated that he will be happy to prepare legislation as soon as he gets a response. The mayor stated he would follow up. Will explained that it will mirror the Suburban Residential in the village's current zoning. The solicitor stated, yes, but needed a couple other clarifications. Shelly stated that would still allow for multiple houses to be developed on that property, she wants to get rid of the PUD zoning all together because the majority of people in Carroll don't want multiple houses built there. Will stated that you can't state they can't build multiple houses on the property, you can only limit the size of the lots. Shelly wanted to know what the biggest lot size it can be changed to since it is in town, they can't be two acre lots? Will stated that it doesn't make logical since to have them that big because we have utilities. The two acre lots were brought about because the health department stated that's the size the lot needed to be to handle effective sewage system. Shelly asked why the property was originally annexed? The solicitor stated that the Jackson family approached the village and asked to be annexed. The Jackson family met with different developers, the developers met with village officials and stated they wanted to move forward with the annexation. They wanted to develop the property and be good partners with the village. There were lots of meetings, it wasn't an overnight decision. Shelly stated, so the people that were here at that time knew that the developer was interested in building multiple houses, or possibly building multiple houses. Will stated from the meetings he attended after the property was annexed the developers were very vague and stated they wanted to possibly build this on one square, etc. He believes the developers

thought it easier to annex and deal with the village as opposed to dealing with Bloom and Greenfield Townships, because the property is split between the two townships. The solicitor stated that what Will stated sounded accurate. Adam Tippettt stated for the record the last Planning and Zoning meeting was May 21, 2024. The solicitor stated that the process needs to start in Planning and Zoning. The board then gives the recommendations to council and then council makes the decision. It also requires public hearings and several meetings. In the end the mayor will contact the chairman of Planning and Zoning and when the solicitor gets clarification legislation will be done.

Will stated he went to a meeting for Greenfield Township. In the meeting it was discussed that the City of Lancaster would go ahead and extend water and sewer to an area on Carroll-Southern Road, they would want to annex it. The agreement would be that the people who built there would pay higher property and income tax, then the difference would be given to the township. After the meeting one of the trustees told Will they would like to make some type of agreement like this with the Village of Carroll. Will stated he would notify the council. The solicitor asked Will if this was a discussion about a possible New Community of Authority and NCA? Will stated, yes. The solicitor asked if the meeting was between Greenfield Township, the City of Lancaster, and Fairfield County? Will stated, yes, except it was Fairfield Utilities, not Fairfield County.

Kevin Rinehart asked about the traffic light at the school? The solicitor stated he didn't have an update.

New Business

Adam Tippettt asked for a moment of silence for former council member Linda Pierce. She served as a council member for twenty years and her husband Harold was the Village of Carroll's Administrator.

Motions

Ordinances/Resolutions

First Read

Second Read

Third Read

Resolutions

First Read

Tabled

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

There being no other business before council, Adam Tippettt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Crystal L. Roberts Fiscal Officer

Preston M. Barringer, Mayor