

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Edward Drobina called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members of Council present were Linda Dattilo, Preston Barringer, Will Burns, Kenny George, Conda Jones (absent), and Adam Tippett. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Jeff Feyko, Dennis Rose (Zoning/Property Maintenance Inspector), Pro Tem Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts, and Clerk-Treasurer Mary Dawson.

Approval of Agenda

Preston Barringer made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Visitors

Kevin Rinehaart, Bill Moore, Jeff Craig, and Angie Caplinger.

Visitors Comments

Kevin Rinehart spoke and requested that council members talk to community members about the development and what their opinions are.

Jeff Craig requested that we get ahead of the mosquitos this year. They didn't feel what the village did last year worked.

Approval of Minutes

Adam Tippett made a motion to approve minutes from council meeting on March 14, 2023, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Each member received copies in their packet of computer-generated Management Reports for end of March (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 March. Preston Barringer made a motion to approve, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Committee Reports

Finance: Did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Service: Met Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

On the agenda for discussion was memorial for community member Jimmy Benson and any other business brought before the committee.

Committee member Kenny George provided the committee with a picture and the cost of a bench to place in Bessie Benson Park honoring Jimmy Benson. The cost including the bench, engraving, and installation kit to make it permanent in the park will be approximately \$750.00. The mayor and Kenny volunteered to install the bench in the park. Linda Dattilo made a motion to take to council for approval, seconded by Kenny George, roll call was all in favor.

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Under new business was a flagpole to be placed at the Carroll welcome sign. Kenny checked into pole sizes, lighting, and cost to install. The committee agreed that a 20-foot pole would be an appropriate size. Kenny checked with Jess Howard Electric and South Central Power Company for quotes on the cost to install electric for a spotlight. After receiving the quotes, it is at the best interest of the village to install solar lights to shine on the sign and flagpole.

Safety: Met Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

On the agenda for discussion was to discuss DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area), limited liquor permits, festival use of streets, turn lanes on Oberle Ave., and any other business brought before the committee.

Visitors were: Lacey Kraner, John Schmidt, and a couple other committee members from Carroll Community Festival, Bill Moore, and Becky Burns.

Lacey Kraner from the Carroll Community Festival spoke to the committee about street, closures, stage placement, parade route, beer garden, vendors, and rides. Will Burns made a motion to allow the committee to close streets requested for the festival, seconded by Kenny George, roll call was all in favor. Canal Street will only be closed off at the squared off part under the traffic light, the businesses will have accessibility on either side of the closure on Canal Street.

DORA was the next topic. This would be a permanent area that the village would designate. Establishments with liquor license would have to have a cup that was uniform to sell alcohol in a closed container in order to be in the DORA. A Porta John of some sort has to be available in the area, as well. There is a process that would take time to go through to make this happen. Once enacted, the permit is good for a five-year period.

Will turned the next topic of having turn lanes on Oberle Ave. over to committee member Kenny George. The concern was if the development was approved there was no provision for turn lanes into the development. Kenny stated that previous developers that were interested in developing the Kathy Jackson property had included, at the developer's expense, turn lanes into the development. He realizes they did a traffic study and the study showed they were not necessary. There has been planning to put an overpass at Pickerington Road. over St Rt 33. If this plan happens, an option was to detour traffic onto Basil Western Road, down Carroll-Northern, onto Miller Farm Run Road, and then back onto St Rt 33. This would impact traffic tremendously and the turn lanes would be necessary. Kenny feels that the turn lanes are necessary whether or not the overpass happens. There is a lot of traffic that goes through the proposed area of the development, especially around 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Will Burns stated he didn't think the turn lanes were necessary as planned, but agrees they need to be put in because of the detour.

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Next, Will Burns brought up the issue of people not stopping at stop signs and the traffic light throughout the village. Discussion was made about making the traffic signal operational again during certain hours. There will be a process of checking the master controller and making sure it is up-to-date, putting out signage to inform driver's there is a traffic control change, etc.

Kenny George made a motion to make the traffic light operational again, seconded by Conda Jones, roll call was all in favor. This motion will be presented to council for approval. Kenny will also look into the cost of a lighted signal for the designated crosswalk for crossing the street at S. Beaver Street and Water Street.

The mayor received an email requesting speed bumps on Water Street. After further discussion the committee determined that it was not feasible to install speed bumps.

Mosquito spraying was discussed. Information was given to the committee on last year's cost. The committee agreed to allow Fairfield County Health Department to continue with the spraying. Will would like to get ahead of it this year. The mayor suggested we start with every two weeks, then move to every week if every two weeks doesn't seem to be doing the job.

Police Chief, Brad McMEnamin spoke to the mayor about the village paying for 25% of the officer's bullet proof vests. The chief is working on getting a grant for the remainder 75%. The committee discussed the option and asked Lieutenant Romine how long the vests last. Lieutenant Romine stated they have about two years life span, or approximately 4,000 hours. Lieutenant Romine also stated that he pays for his own rifle plates, which are an add-on to the vest. The mayor stated that the rifle plates were included in the cost. Will Burns made a motion to allow the chief to purchase the bullet proof vests, seconded by Conda Jones, roll call all in favor. Becky Burns stated that South Central Power gives out grants for fire departments, we should call to see if the vests would fall into the grants stipulations. The mayor will call South Central Power for more information.

Kenny George mentioned again the safety issue of the crosswalks around the school and wondered if the police officer that the school has could cover this concern. Lieutenant Romine stated that the sheriff is a resource officer and this is something they would not handle. He stated the school would need to hire a person that is in school attire and has a slow-stop paddle to control the crosswalks around the school. This person would have the authority to stop traffic and let the kids cross safely.

Rules: Did not meet. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

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Police Report

Lieutenant Thomas Romine gave the police report. Adam Tippett appreciated more police presence on the current schedule. The mayor stated that he has had complaints about landscaping trailers being left on the street. Lt. Romine stated he would keep an eye on it.

Zoning/Property Maintenance Inspector

Dennis Rose reported that the Planning and Zoning Board recommended to council to approve rezoning and preliminary development plan for approximately 72.201 acres located at 0 Carroll-Northern Rd., tax parcel 0160150510, from Rural Residential (RR) to planned unit development (PUD).

In Zoning: Stillwater Development

In Property Maintenance: Nothing to report

Solicitor's Report

There is only one piece of legislation on for tonight;

Ordinance 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD AND SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2023, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Clerk's Report

Clerk's Report for Council

March 11, 2023

- Updated copy of Delinquent bills at the end of March, 2023, total of \$8,199.07, which includes the two customers that have been placed on taxes. There are 57 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 March, 2023 for R.I.T.A.
- Will be working on budget for 2024.

Mayor's Report

- He attended the flood insurance webinar. There will be another webinar scheduled for April 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. He will have Crystal forward the email to all the council members.

Old Business

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New Business

Will Burns made a motion to have M.P. Dory replace the control panel, and reactivate the traffic signal at the intersection of Canal Street and Center Street to fully operational, seconded by Adam Tippett, roll call was all in favor. The mayor asked how soon the council would like the traffic signal operational. The council agreed ASAP. The mayor will contact M.P. Dory tomorrow to get a time scheduled to have the work complete.

Will Burns made a motion to contract with Fairfield County Health Department to begin mosquito spraying beginning May 1, 2023-September 30, 2023, seconded by Linda Dattilo, roll call was all in favor.

Will Burns made a motion to approve the plans of street use and stage placement that the Carroll Community Festival submitted, seconded by Preston Barringer, roll call was all in favor.

Preston Barringer made a motion to purchase the memorial bench to place in Bessie Benson Park, at the cost of approximately \$750.00, installed by the mayor and council member Kenny George, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.

Ordinances and Resolutions

FIRST READING

Ordinance 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD AND SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2023, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

- Preston Barringer made a motion to bypass the committee, seconded by Will Burns, roll call was all in favor.
- Linda Dattilo made a motion to bypass the three-reading rule, seconded by Adam Tippett, roll call was all in favor.
- Preston Barringer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-06, seconded by Adam Tippett, roll call was all in favor.

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no other business before council, Linda Dattilo made a motion to adjourn, roll call was all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Crystal L. Roberts Pro Tem Fiscal

Edward J. Drobina, Mayor

