

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 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 Dattillo, Adam Tippet, Kevin Rinehart, Kenny George, and Will Burns. Shelly Squibb resigned from Council on September 4, 2026.

Also in attendance was Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts. Solicitor Jeff Feyko was absent; his report was provided by email.

Visitors

Scott Thompson (Thompson Concrete), Nate Green (The Montrose Group), Byard and Maggie Grim, Dawn Wyne, Sherry Quail, Dale Schmidt, Dave Leffler, Sean Solt (Carroll Truck & Auto), and Tommy Dreier.

Approval of Agenda

Linda Dattilo made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Will Burns. During discussion, Will Burns made a motion to amend the agenda to allow visitors to speak for seven minutes instead of the normally allowed three minutes, excluding Scott Thompson and Nate Green, who were present for a presentation. Adam Tippet seconded the amendment. Roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippet then made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Kevin Rinehart. Roll call was all in favor.

Public Comments

Thompson Concrete Presentation – Proposed Home Office and CRA/Tax Abatement Discussion

Scott Thompson of Thompson Concrete addressed Council regarding the company's intent to build a new Home Office/Headquarters in Carroll rather than pursue the alternative site near SR-33/Columbus/Refugee Road.

Thompson stated that the proposed project would retain and expand local jobs and that increased employee income would support Village income tax revenue. It was also stated that the project was not expected to have an impact on school enrollment because employees were not expected to relocate with children.

Thompson Concrete agreed to pay consultant costs associated with implementing a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA), with no Village expense stated.

CRA Presentation – Nate Green, The Montrose Group

Nate Green of The Montrose Group presented information regarding the Community Reinvestment Area program and the steps required to establish a CRA before tax abatements can be granted.

Green explained that a CRA provides for real estate property tax abatement on the building value only and does not abate the land value. A CRA may apply to industrial, commercial, and residential property, depending upon which classifications Council chooses to include.

Two CRA frameworks were discussed, including pre-1994 and post-1994 CRAs. Council was considering the modern/post-1994 framework.

Green explained that an abatement of up to 100% for 15 years requires school district approval, while an abatement of up to 75% for 15 years can be granted without school approval. If a 100% abatement is pursued, a PILOT/payment arrangement is typically required.

Notifications would be required to the Bloom-Carroll School District and Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical. An income-tax sharing or compensation agreement may also be required with the school district due to Village income tax.

The CRA establishment process was described in six stages:

1. Define the CRA boundaries. The area must be contiguous and may consist of the entire Village or targeted parcels.
2. Conduct the required housing survey. The survey must include at least one qualifying residential structure within the CRA area. Criteria may include historical significance or a need for repair.
3. Pass a CRA ordinance establishing the boundaries and eligible sectors.
4. Appoint a Housing Officer and establish a Tax Incentive Review Council (TIRC) for annual compliance review.
5. Publish the ordinance once a week for two weeks in the paper of record.
6. File the necessary information with the Ohio Department of Development and receive the CRA designation/number.

Annual compliance would include reporting of investment and job commitments and annual review of agreements.

Council Q&A – CRA

Council discussed whether property owners must consent to inclusion in a CRA. It was explained that property owners do not need to consent because the CRA itself does not change current taxes unless an abatement is later granted.

Will Burns asked about annexation. It was explained that parcels not currently located within the Village cannot be included in the CRA. However, the ordinance could potentially include language allowing future annexed contiguous parcels to be included, subject to review by the Solicitor.

Resident Concern – Drainage/Construction Impacts – Tommy Dreier

Tommy Dreier addressed Council regarding ongoing issues related to sewer, water, and storm-related construction.

Dreier reported basement flooding, mud and debris washing down the driveway, and the alleged removal of hedges without proper permission.

Dreier also alleged that the alley/property line had been shifted approximately 26 inches into his yard. The measurement and property line were to be confirmed.

Dreier stated that the contractor had been uncooperative regarding reimbursement and corrective action.

The mayor stated that his understanding differed and indicated that he previously believed an agreement existed.

A potential solution involving installation of a fiberglass-reinforced drain grate/driveway drainage trench was discussed, with the contractor to cover the cost. Timing was uncertain.

The mayor stated that he would follow up with the contractor and requested that Dreier keep the Village updated following further conversations.

Resident Concern – Flooding Behind Business at 73 High Street – Sean Solt, Carroll Truck & Auto

Sean Solt of Carroll Truck & Auto addressed Council regarding repeated flooding behind his business.

Solt reported that flooding had worsened since overpass/highway work, with a timeframe referenced around 2019.

Solt stated that the storm sewer backs up and described a camera inspection that reportedly showed a transition from a large clay pipe, approximately 22–24 inches, to a much smaller plastic pipe, approximately 6–8 inches, under or near SR-33.

Solt described the smaller pipe as creating a choke point and requested that the Village investigate repairing or replacing the drainage constraint or rerouting the flow.

Council and administration asked about the timeframe and offered to review photographs and video following the meeting.

Resident Concern – Water/Sewer Bill Penalties – 97 Market Street – Dale Schmidt

Dale Schmidt, property owner at 97 Market Street, requested relief from utility bill penalties.

Schmidt stated that the tenant caused the delinquency and that the property owner should not be responsible for all of the penalties.

Council explained that the utility bill is the responsibility of the property owner and that the Village cannot pursue the tenant directly.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Will Burns to approve the regular Council minutes from August 11, 2026, seconded by Kevin Rinehart. Roll call was all in favor.

A motion was made by Adam Tippet to approve the special Council minutes from July 22, 2026, seconded by Kevin Rinehart. Roll call was all in favor.

Approval of Bills, End of Month Reports, and Mayor's Monthly Statement from August, 2026.

Will Burns made a motion to approve the bills, end-of-month report, and Mayor's monthly statement for August 2026, seconded by Adam Tippet. Roll call was all in favor.

Will Burns discussed an invoice of approximately \$2,000 that was received without a prior purchase order. The required "then and now" paperwork was discussed.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee discussed the 97 Market Street delinquent water bill and associated penalties. The committee was leaning toward reducing most or all of the penalties, with exact terms to be finalized.

For rental properties, the committee discussed a policy under which accounts that remain late would be subject to shutoff after 30 days. Stricter enforcement was emphasized.

A proposed starting wage of \$25 per hour was discussed for additional help.

The committee discussed the need for improved time tracking and fund allocation so expenses are properly charged to the general fund, water fund, sewer fund, streets, parks, or other appropriate funds.

Sewer rate increases had not been finalized. Discussion emphasized fixed sewer costs and the need to align fund revenues with expenses.

The committee also discussed a dispute concerning school sewer/lift station maintenance. The school believed the Village was responsible for maintaining school-side equipment/lift stations based on older documents and resolutions, including documents from the 1990s and a referenced Resolution 2022.

The committee recommended rescinding or voiding any prior obligation and clarifying responsibility going forward. The matter was later addressed under new business/resolutions.

Service Committee

The Service Committee discussed a portable toilet incident at the park. The portable toilet had been blown over by wind and the issue was resolved.

An alley parking complaint near the Wise property was discussed. Residents had been contacted and parking was expected to improve.

The Village's OPWC grant applications had previously been unsuccessful. The Village plans to reapply in October.

A temporary repair quote for Cemetery Road was received in the amount of \$7,520, which was described as stabilizing the road for approximately one year.

Manholes were discussed. The contractor is to bring the manholes to grade and reinforce them with concrete collars to protect them from snowplows.

Regarding the Carroll Knolls development, Village Street maintenance ends at the bottom of the hill. The intersection is to be blacktopped.

Internal roads are to receive base repair and chip-and-seal rather than full blacktop.

Additional road edge repairs and chip-and-seal work were discussed with contractors.

Safety Committee

The committee discussed a sightline concern near the Post Office involving a bush on adjoining property located in an easement area and obstructing the view when exiting.

The property owner indicated a willingness to trim or possibly remove the bush if necessary.

The committee will follow up to ensure ongoing maintenance.

Mosquito spraying was also discussed. A rumor that the spraying equipment may be broken was mentioned, and a revised spray schedule was referenced.

Rules Committee

The Rules Committee reviewed the 1964 ordinance concerning peddlers, solicitors, and canvassers. Further review is pending.

The committee discussed the property maintenance complaint process.

A committee motion was made to recommend requiring a complainant to provide their full name and confirmation that they reside within Village limits.

The need for near-term Rules Committee meetings related to the Council vacancy process was also noted.

Police Report

Council members were provided a copy of the police report in their packets. Any questions were to be directed to the police department.

Zoning Inspector/Property Maintenance

The Zoning Inspector reported that most items were progressing.

The status of bat removal at the community center was discussed. The bats were being addressed, with work expected to be completed by the middle of September.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Jeff Feyko was absent; his report was provided by email through the Fiscal Officer.

Ordinance 2026-16 concerned snow plowing consent under the Fairfield County Engineer and was designated as an emergency.

Resolution 2026-02 concerned Budget Commission rates and tax levies certification and was designated as an emergency.

Resolution 2026-03 concerned updating the district solid waste management plan and was designated as an emergency.

The Solicitor recommended bypassing committee and the three-read rule as needed.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Delinquent utility accounts totaled \$12,639.98 across 30 customers.

Audit fieldwork occurred August 11–13, with results pending.

A decision was needed regarding Trick-or-Treat. The recommended date was Thursday, October 29, 2026, the Thursday prior to Halloween.

The Fiscal Officer also noted corrections to ordinance numbering from earlier in the year.

Due to incorrect numbering of ordinances at the beginning of the year, the following list was provided to clarify the ordinance record and allow for corrections to the minutes:

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**

Ordinance 2026-02

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A POLICY ON THE PRODUCTION OR
INSPECTION OF VIDEO RECORDS AND THE DECLARATION OF AN
EMERGENCY**

Ordinance 2026-03

**PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE
VILLAGE OF CARROLL, OHIO, FOR 2026**

Ordinance 2026-04

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A PROVISION TO ALLOW THE
KEEPING OF CHICKENS AND DUCKS, AND THE DECLARATION OF
AN EMERGENCY**

Ordinance 2026-05

Skipped

Ordinance 2026-06

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5 (TAP & SERVICE LINE
REQUIREMENTS) OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE
VILLAGE OF CARROLL UTILITY DEPARTMENT, AND THE
DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY**

Ordinance 2026-07

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM
POLICY AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY**

Ordinance 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF 1.220 +/- ACRES (QUEEN ANNEXATION), DIRECTING THE VILLAGE SOLICITOR TO PROSECUTE PROCEEDINGS NECESSARY TO EFFECT IT, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Ordinance 2026-09

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE WAGES OF CERTAIN VILLAGE EMPLOYEE POSITIONS AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Ordinance 2026-10

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING RATES CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Ordinance 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING RATES CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE

Ordinance 2026-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT MOTOR VEHICLE PARKING FOR A PORTION OF CENTER STREET

Ordinance 2026-13

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2026 APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE ARPA GRANT TO THE SEWER FUND

Ordinance 2026-14

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF METAL DETECTORS ON VILLAGE OWNED PROPERTY AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Ordinance 2026-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE MANUAL OF PERSONNEL POLICIES AND REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO ADOPT A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF WORKING FOREMAN, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Mayor's Report

The resignation of Shelly Squibb from Council was accepted.

Council has 30 days from the date the resignation letter was dated to fill the vacancy, after which the mayor may appoint someone.

Discussion included advertising the vacancy, establishing an application period, conducting interviews, and holding a special meeting for appointment approval.

Regarding the Local Waste contract, it was stated that no new ordinance would be required if the updated rate paperwork is executed. Council will select an option and notify Local Waste.

Old Business

Will Burns made a motion to have Solicitor Jeff Feyko prepare Resolution 2026-04, Rescind/Nullify Prior School Sewer Maintenance Obligations (Emergency), seconded by Adam Tippet. Roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippet asked whether the resolution would nullify anything placed on the books by former Mayor O'Hare and Mary Dawson?

Will Burns stated that the resolution would rescind any prior resolutions, ordinances, or agreements implying Village responsibility for school district lift stations or maintenance and clarify future responsibility, with details to be finalized by the Solicitor. Emergency language was included.

The rationale discussed was that the school is treated as a commercial customer and that, following conversion to gravity sewer, the school would be responsible for its own on-site equipment and connection to the Village line.

New Business

Carroll Community Festival

Adam Tippet reported strong attendance at the Carroll Community Festival.

Police estimated approximately 600 attendees, compared with a Village population of 501 according to the 2020 Census.

Feedback included consideration of ordering more than 1,000 DORA cup stickers next year because businesses ran out.

Council Vacancy

Adam Tippet proposed a schedule for filling the Council vacancy.

Applications were to be due to the Municipal Officer by September 22, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

The Rules Committee was scheduled to meet September 22 at 7:00 p.m. to review applications.

The Rules Committee was scheduled to meet September 29 at 7:00 p.m. to interview applicants.

A special Council meeting for appointment approval was to be determined.

Motions / Actions Taken

Trick-or-Treat

Adam Tippet made a motion to hold Trick-or-Treat on Thursday, October 29, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. within Village limits, seconded by Kevin Rinehart. Roll call was all in favor.

Local Waste Contract Extension

Will Burns made a motion to extend the Local Waste services contract for three additional years using Local Waste letterhead dated April 21, 2026, seconded by Adam Tippet.

During discussion Kevin Rinehart asked the rate was for the trash cans?

Kenny George stated that the Local Waste letter dated July 14, 2026, was the better option. This option includes the price of the trash cans and recycling bins and was only \$1.00 more than the April 21, 2026 proposal.

Will Burns made a motion to amend the previous motion from the Local Waste letter dated April 21, 2026, to the letter dated July 14, 2026, seconded by Kevin Rinehart. Roll call was all in favor.

The amended agreement provides for three option years with Local Waste Services at the existing level of service for a base rate of \$22.35 per unit per month, including one 95-gallon trash cart and one 65-gallon recycling cart per residence.

Ordinances

Ordinance 2026-16

AN ORDINANCE GIVING THE VILLAGE'S CONSENT TO THE PLOWING OF SNOW UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY ENGINEER AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Adam Tippet made a motion to bypass committee, seconded by Will Burns. Roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippet made a motion to bypass the three-read rule, seconded by Will Burns. Roll call was all in favor

Adam Tippet made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-16, seconded by Will Burns. Roll call was all in favor.

Resolutions

Resolution 2026-02

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

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Adam Tippet made a motion to bypass the three-read rule, seconded by Will Burns. Roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippet made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2026-02, seconded by Kevin Rinehart. Roll call was all in favor.

Resolution 2026-03

A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE DISTRICT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Will Burns made a motion to bypass committee, seconded by Kevin Rinehart. Roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippet made a motion to bypass the three-read rule, seconded by Will Burns. Roll call was all in favor.

Adam Tippet made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2026-03, seconded by Will Burns. Roll call was all in favor.

Adjournment

Kevin Rinehart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Adam Tippet. Roll call was all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Crystal L. Roberts, Fiscal Officer

Preston M. Barringer, Mayor