

Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 12, 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, Shelly Squibb, and Adam Tippet. Also, in attendance were Solicitor Jeff Feyko, Dennis Rose (Zoning/Property Maintenance Inspector), and Pro Tem Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts.

Approval of Agenda

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

Visitors

Kevin Rinehart, Tammy Drobina, Jeff Craig, and Becky Burns.

Visitors Comments

Kevin Rinehart asked who applied for the vacant council seat. The mayor stated Bill Moore and Kevin Rinehart. Kevin also wanted to know if the time change for the December council meeting was posted. The mayor stated it was noted in the November council minutes and posted on the village website.

Becky Burns asked about purchasing Canal land behind her property. The mayor informed her the council would have to approve the land to be purchased and then conduct a BID or auction for the land.

Approval of Minutes

Preston Barringer made a motion to approve minutes from council meeting on November 12, 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 November (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 November.

Committee Reports

Finance: Did not meet

Safety:

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Members: Will Burns- Chairperson, Shelly Squibb, and Kenny George. All members were present.

Mayor Edward Drobina and Pro Tem Fiscal Officer Crystal Roberts were present.

On the agenda was to discuss Radar Speed Signs and any other business brought before the committee.

Visitors were: Bill Moore

Discussion was made on the radar speed signs. The committee decided it would be a good idea to purchase the signs. They can be moved around to different areas and will collect data for the police department. The data will enable the police chief to have an idea of when police officers should be scheduled and what areas should be more monitored. Kenny George made a motion to purchase the radar speed signs, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

New Business

The mayor mentioned Cody Collier from Grand National Cross Country Racing contacted him and wanted to put a sign at the village limits commemorating himself. Cody is from the Carroll area. The committee had no problem with it as long as it didn't cost the village money.

Kenny wanted to know why there were not crosswalk lines painted across water street. The mayor stated that they have probably never been painted across there and he would look into it.

Kenny brought up the lighting at the Carroll Civic Center. It is very dark at night time and he would like the village to purchase a LED light that is dimmable and lights up to 5,000 square feet. It also has a photo eye that turns itself on. It can be purchased at Lowe's for \$168.00. Will offered to help Kenny install it. The committee approved it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON APPROVAL: _____

FISCAL OFFICER PRO TEM: _____

Rules: Did not meet

Service: Did not meet.

Police Report

Chief Brad McMenamin gave the police report. The chief stated all the officers have finished their qualifications and trainings for the year.

The mayor asked the chief how he was doing recruiting officers? Chief responded not great, are still looking for more candidates. He has talked to a few candidates, as well as one candidate stated he was interested, but has yet to turn in his application. There is a possibility that the Chief at Capital University might apply to put in some hours during the week.

Lieutenant Tom Romine will be off for medical leave for the next few months. If hours are available when he returns from medical leave, he will be working 32-36 hours per week.

Zoning/Property Maintenance Inspector

In Zoning: Nothing new to report

In Property Maintenance: Nothing new to report.

The mayor asked if the village zoning was up-to-date with the International Code. Dennis stated we were, he hasn't seen any changes come through.

Solicitor's Report

There are two new pieces of legislation for first read this evening.

Ordinance 2023-14

PERMANENT ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF CARROLL, OHIO, FOR 2024

Ordinance 2023-15

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO, FOR THE CARROLL CIVIC CENTER, AND THE DECLARATION OF AN EMERGENCY

Will Burns asked the solicitor if he had a chance to find out any information concerning the village purchasing used equipment with the State of Ohio and if bids were required? The solicitor has not had a chance to look in to that, but it is on his radar.

Clerk's Report

- Updated copy of Delinquent bills at the end of November, 2023, total of \$6434.50. There are 45 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 November, 2023 for R.I.T.A.
- Continuing work on the year end.
- Debbie and I attended the Uniform Accounting Network year end training on Thursday, December 7, 2023.
- I attended a Mayor's Court training on Friday, December 8, 2023.
- Wi-Fi is closer to being installed at the Carroll Civic Center.

Mayor's Report

- The mayor thanked Kenny and Will for installing the light at the Carroll Civic Center. It was a great help for the hayrides during "A Christmas Carroll". The tree lighting was well attended.
- This is his last council meeting as mayor and wanted to mention a few things;
 1. The first two years of his term was difficult for everyone because of COVID.
 2. He wanted to take a moment to remember the two council members Deanna Miller and Conda Jones that passed away during his term, and would like everyone to keep them in their thoughts.
 3. Several projects have been accomplished as a group during his term, such as, paving of streets, changing the office around, sewer lines.
 4. He has enjoyed working with the council they are good group of people to work with.
 5. He would like to once again congratulate the Mayor Elect Preston Barringer.
 6. Lastly, it has been a pleasure serving the community.

Old Business

The mayor brought up the pay range for the police department, again. Will Burns thought it could go to the next finance meeting. Preston Barringer stated that Chief has already stated it has been difficult to hire at the current pay, and if it would help to recruit, he would like to make a motion to go ahead and approve the new pay ranges. Preston Barringer made a motion to approve the new pay ranges per hour for the police department with a starting pay and a top out pay; Chief \$30.00-\$33.00, Lieutenant/Deputy Chief \$25.00-\$30.00; Sergeant \$23.00-\$25.00; Officer \$21.00-\$23.00, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor. Solicitor Jeff Feyko will prepare an ordinance for council to adopt the new ranges for the police department for the January 9, 2023 council meeting.

The mayor hasn't received any questions from anyone concerning the DORA application he presented to them at the November 14, 2023 council meeting. There is a deadline for the application process. The solicitor will research the deadlines and get back with council with the information.

New Business

Council member Shelly Squibb asked if a grant is available for installing decorative street lights that would hold the American flag, to be placed on both sides of Center Street and East Canal Street. The mayor stated they could speak

with the village engineer, Gary Silcott and ask about a street scape grant. The mayor stated it should be taken to a committee to discuss and gather ideas.

Council member Adam Tippett thanked the maintenance guys for getting the stairs to the Civic Center for the hayrides, during “A Christmas Carroll”.

Ordinances/Resolutions

First Read

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- Preston Barringer 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 Ordinance 2023-15, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor.

Second Read

Third Read

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

There being no other business before council Adam Tippett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Shelly Squibb, roll call was all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Crystal L. Roberts Pro Tem Fiscal

Edward J. Drobina, Mayor

