

VILLAGE OF CARROLLTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

Village council met in regular session on the above date and time in the council chambers of the Municipal Building with Mayor William Stoneman presiding over the meeting.

MEDIA: Georgette Huff, (Free Press), Thomas Clapper (CCMessenger)

VISITORS: Travis Parker, Mr. & Mrs. Derek Kaltenbaugh, Andy Gonda, Mr. Hicks, Blaine Strawder, Police Chief Tim Timberlake, Fire Chief Shane Thomas, Greg Bartlow, Jeff Tipton

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stoneman called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock P.M. and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER: Prayer was given by Rev. Chuck Wilson

ROLL CALL: White made a motion to excuse Barto from the meeting tonight and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

MINUTES: Yeager made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting and White seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lambert, abstain; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; White, yes. Vote being 4-1, motion carried.

ZONING REPORT: Yeager gave the zoning report from the 6:30 meeting tonight. First up was Mr. Parker and he needed a variance to install a fence in his front yard. White made a motion to approve the variance and Tangler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yeager, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried. Next was Mr. & Mrs. Gray which they also needed a variance granted to install a fence in their yard also. Tangler made a motion to approve the variance and Locke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

VA REPORT:

1. Attended Issue 1 Integration Meeting for OPWC project evaluation at County Engineers Office.
2. Attended Appalachian Community Grant meeting with the Montrose Group regarding finalization of regional grant application.
3. Met with the Village Employee Health Care Insurance provider regarding our policy for 2024.
4. Attended Carroll County Regional Planning Executive Board and regular meetings.

5. Attended Police Department Community Safety Board Meeting.
6. Attended Family Children and Family Council meeting.
7. Christmas lights have been installed and over 500 bags of leaves have been collected this season.
8. Wish to thank our Village Water Department for their dedication to maintaining our water quality by emergency leak repair, additional flushing and testing due to some sediment disturbance we experienced.

Police Chief Tim Timberlake and Fire Chief Shane Thomas were here tonight and gave their monthly reports. Fire Chief Thomas brought Greg Bartlow with him and asked the council to consider him for hire. Yeager made a motion to approve the hiring of Bartlow and Locke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

MAYORS REPORT:

1. O# 2023-39 An Ordinance approving the contract renewal of the Village of Carrollton Village Administrator. Mayor gave it the 3rd and final reading. White made a motion to approve O#2023-39 and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.
2. O#2023-41 An Ordinance approving cost of living adjustments for all elected Village Officials of the Village of Carrollton. Village Solicitor Clark Battista asks for this ordinance to be tabled for now until more information can be provided.
3. O#2023-43 An Ordinance amending Chapter 183 of the Codified Ordinances to comply with H.B. 33 Changes to the Ohio Municipal Income Tax and Declaring it an Emergency. Locke made a motion to read O#2023-43 as an emergency and Tangler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yeager, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried. Mayor Stoneman read O#2023-43 as an emergency. Locke made a motion to approve O#2023-43 and Lambert seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

PAID BILLS: Locke made a motion to approve the bills for payment and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

PAID BILLS WITHOUT PRIOR CERTIFICATION: Lambert made a motion to approve the bills without prior certification and White seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

COUNCIL: Village Solicitor Clark Battista told council he had spoken to the Prosecutor today and was told that he could not make the call to BCI that it had to be done by the Police Chief. Village Solicitor Clark Battista had listened to all the council meeting recordings concerning the golf cart ordinance and gave council his take on all of that. And so, Locke proceeded to make a motion to contact BCI to investigate once again the golf cart ordinance and the million-dollar CD which the Village Solicitor stopped them about going any further with that demand about

the CD and told them to just do the golf cart ordinance because he had information to share on the other matter. Tangler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tangler, yes; Yeager, no; White, no; Lambert, abstain; Locke, yes. Vote being 2-2-1. Motion died for lack of. Tangler asked if it was a tie? Village Solicitor Clark Battista said he would review it and come back to it and review it and Tangler said she just wanted clarification on it. Village Solicitor Clark Battista said he would sit with anyone that wanted to listen to the tapes of the council meetings and listen to when the golf cart ordinances were discussed, and Tangler stated she wants to do that. Village Solicitor then went on to the issue of the CD and look at our codified ordinances section 133.04 investment policy it states that the investment policy of public funds is the function of the treasurer and within that statement policy invest those funds in a manner of security, safety and preservation of principal investing with the secondary emphasis on the highest yield. And it also goes on to say the treasurer is the investment officer of the village charged with the investment of funds and carrying out the investment policy. Locke asked if the Clerk Treasurer was notified when the CDs come up for renewal and yes, the Clerk Treasurer is notified. Locke asks if we reinvest them or let them roll over? Most of the time it depends on the interest rate and what the bank is going to give us and that wasn't the answer Locke wanted when it comes due what are we doing? Tangler would like to have it on the record that if this happens again, please just notify us and bring it back to council before a decision is made, especially if a motion as went all the way through council and that is all she asked. Be courtesy and let everyone know. Tangler also wanted it to be noted that if Village Solicitor Battista would have stopped the vote the first time it wouldn't have gotten to this point. Clerk Treasurer Darla Tipton started out by saying that 3 weeks ago at the council meeting she was ill and the next day she came in and listened to the tape to hear Dan Locke say he wanted BCI to investigate the golf cart ordinances but never heard the part about the investing of the money on that particular tape but then the newspaper comes out and it was in there and also after speaking to the Village Solicitor Clark Battista he said he had spoken to Locke and Locke had actually called him back and told him he also wanted the investing of the money investigated also by BCI. Well, this is how I find it about this matter and you guys are saying no one informed us that you were going to invest with Huntington that but then in turn you guys didn't tell me you were going to get BCI involved. Why? What Did the Clerk Treasurer do? The Clerk Treasurer Didn't Laundry Any money the Clerk Treasurer was Doing this for the betterment of the Village and get the Village the best interest rate the Clerk Treasurer can possibly get and then we are going to get BCI involved in this? As the Clerk Treasurer guess I would like something from Clark in writing and something from the council in writing to tell me that I did something wrong because as the Clerk Treasurer I don't believe I did anything wrong. Locke's comment was that they were under the understanding that they made a motion where we wanted it invested and what percentage rate and that was not done and if they had the authority to tell me where to invest the money that the Clerk Treasurer didn't follow through with their recommendation and do we all just do what we want to do? Locke said This legislative body is worthless if we just do whatever we want to do. Clerk Treasurer Tipton said if the council wanted to invest their own money in Wayne Savings go ahead. The Clerk Treasurer said Aren't there more important things in this Village besides me investing money seems petty to me? Lambert stated that she doesn't think it is wise to have all the Village's money invested in one bank. Clerk Treasurer said Don't we have bigger matters to discuss. Village Water Superintendent Derek Kaltenbaugh

is up next, and he is referring to the fact that we have had discoloration in the water for like 3 weeks. Village Water Superintendent Derek Kaltenbaugh thanked Corey for calling him and communicating with him on the water matter. He told the council he has been doing this for 30 years. Derek said he took it as a personal attack on him and his department. They have been out for 3 weeks busting their butts and you guys sit here b-----. Also, as soon as Derek started speaking it was with vulgar language attacking Tangler & Locke especially with what was being said. Tangler stated she was just trying to show the public the water results and asked the Village Administrator Wells for tests and how to read the results they were given. Village Administrator stated Tangler wasn't wrong in what she did. Locke was accused of calling the EPA and Locke stated he only called the Health Department, but the EPA had called him. White tried numerous times to try and get things calmed down during the meeting.

Derek said they all can call him anytime and ask questions. White said it isn't following the chain of command to go through him they are to notify the Village Administrator. Village Administrator Mark Wells said call him any time of day or night if the council has a question about something and you normally do. Lambert said ever since she has been on council she was told to go through the administrator and not go through the supervisors, nothing personal. Lambert also said calling the Village Administrator frees up the supervisors and lets them all do their work. They appreciate everything they do.

PUBLIC: Angela Kaltenbaugh said she knows social media is a blessing and a curse and she knows the fire department has a Facebook page but is it something the Village of Carrollton could operate and put notices on it and shut the comment section off. Clark said he will ask an outside source on this matter. The council agreed to discuss it at the next workshop meeting. Jeff Tipton spoke about the fact of picking up the paper and seeing the Clerk Treasurer was going to be investigated by BCI for something that she didn't do and White said look at the paper, but someone said that for it to be put in the paper? Rumor going around town that one of you council members has a friend at Wayne Saving and Tangler said she doesn't have a friend at Wayne Savings but saw them on the soccer field and said we invested money and the person said there was no money invested with Wayne Savings. He said he thinks they should let me do my job and they do their job and Tangler said she thought they did do they job when they made the motion, and it didn't get followed through, so you automatically want BCI involved?

COUNCIL: Yeager brought up the Rose Bud Parking Permit Lot and talked about it after 6:00 and making it only Monday-Friday and just make it a part time lot?? So, it is something that is going to be discussed at a work session later also. \$10.00 a month 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Renters need 24-hour parking and so maybe make so much of the parking lot set aside for each thing. Lambert suggested signage for the renters. Village Administrator said they would look at it. But they were going to use it for the Christmas parade time frame.

PRESS: Georgette with the Free Press went back to the question as to the money invested and how it got invested and Clerk Treasurer couldn't answer it has been so long and we have invested and reinvested so can't remember. If it was discussed? Lambert said they one time she knew it was discussed and then it was up to the Clerk Treasurer to do the investing and

Georgette ask how long ago? Quite a while ago? Wayne Savings offer 5 percent? Huntington offered 5.35 percent. Thomas Clapper wanted to know the spelling of the new hire. And was provided the spelling of his name.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business. Locke made a motion at 8:10 o'clock P.M. to adjourn the meeting and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

/s/ Darla Tipton _____

Darla Tipton, Clerk Treasurer

/s/ William J. Stoneman

William J. Stoneman, Mayor

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MEDIA: Georgette Huff (Free Press), Thomas Clapper (CC Messenger)

VISITORS: Pastor Wilson, Mr. Hicks, Mrs. Kaltenbaugh, Assistant Police Chief Geno Cook, Andrew Gonda, Sewer Superintendent Wayne Ruckman, Street Superintendent Ben Palmer

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stoneman called the meeting to order at 7:00 o'clock P.M. and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRAYER: Prayer was given by Pastor Chuck Wilson

ROLL CALL: White made a motion to excuse Yeager from the meeting tonight and Lambert seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried. Locke made a motion to excuse Barto from the meeting tonight and Tangler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS: Street Superintendent Ben Palmer & Sewer Superintendent Wayne Ruckman gave their monthly reports. And Assistant Police Chief Geno Cook gave a report also.

MINUTES: No approval was given for the minutes from the Nov. 13, 2023, meeting.

VA REPORT:

1. Attended the Tuscarawas Safety Council to meet BWC rate reduction requirements.
2. Attended Aultman Medical Facility Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on the school campus.
3. Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas tree lighting and Parade making it a great downtown event.
4. Obsolete and unneeded property was liquidated through Gov. Deals in the amount of \$3,555.
5. Received a quote from Brace's LLC in the amount of \$15,250 for the removal and trimming of trees in the downtown area that have been creating damage to infrastructure and safety hazards. In addition to the tree work all flower beds will be cleaned, graded and river gravel installed. Locke made a motion to approve Braces taking out the trees etc. from downtown and Tangler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried. Tangler did ask if there was enough money in the lands & buildings fund to cover the cost which Clerk Treasurer Tipton said there was.

6. Along with Chief Timberlake and staff, interviewed 3 Police Officer candidates.

MAYORS REPORT:

1. O#2023-41 An Ordinance approving cost of living adjustments for all elected Village Officials of the Village of Carrollton. Discussion continued from last meeting Clark wanted to research this some more so he spoke on this matter and said council basically had to wait until 2025 and 2028 to get increases and same way with the mayor but the Clerk Treasurer could get a raise immediately because she doesn't vote, and she also doesn't approve the appropriations. This was tabled for tonight.
2. R#2023-44 A Resolution amending the original appropriations ordinance for 2023 and declaring it an Emergency. White made a motion to read it as an emergency and Locke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; White, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried. Mayor Stoneman read R#2023-44 as an emergency. Locke made a motion to approve R#2023-44 and Tangler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried.

PAID BILLS: Locke made a motion to approve the bills for payment and Tangler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried.

PAID BILLS WITHOUT PRIOR CERTIFICATION: Lambert made a motion to approve the bills without prior certification and White seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; White, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried.

PUBLIC: Mr. Hicks ask if he could get a copy of the minutes from the Nov. 13, 2023, meeting or if they would be on the Village's website and Clerk Treasurer Tipton told him since they weren't approved, he wouldn't be able to have a copy of them right now. Mr. Hicks asked about Disciplinary actions and was told by Mayor Stoneman that it was handled in house, and it wasn't for the public that it was taken care of by himself and the Village Administrator. Also Mr. Hicks mentioned that there are still people with yellow water. And Mayor Stoneman said he hadn't heard any more complaints about it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Tangler made a motion to go into executive session at 7:15 o'clock P.M. to discuss Disciplinary Action of a Village Employee and Locke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried.

BACK IN SESSION: Lambert made a motion at 7:30 to reconvene from executive session and Tangler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried. Mayor Stoneman said no action will be taken.

Clerk Treasurer ask council what needed to be changed in the minutes or they needed to provide her the information that needed to be changed so they could eventually approve them.

Tangler made a motion that any Village employee that is employed by someone else is not permitted to drive Village vehicles back and forth and Locke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Tangler, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried.

Tangler also mentioned she would like to discuss more later the fact of televised council meetings.

PAPER: Nothing

COUNCIL: Last meeting of the year will be Dec. 19, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock P.M. Clerk Treasurer Tipton ask about the pay increases for village employees for next year and was asked by Tangler if she would provide the 2024 budget first for them.

ADJOURNMENT: Locke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 o'clock P.M. and White seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; White, yes. Vote being 4-0, motion carried.

/s/ Darla Tipton

Darla Tipton, Clerk Treasurer

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/s/ William J. Stoneman

William J. Stoneman, Mayor