

VILLAGE OF CARROLLTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 22, 2024

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

VISITORS: Blaine Strawder, Police Officer Teddy Boitnott, Andy Gonda, Mr. Hicks, Angela Kaltenbaugh, Fire Chief Shane Thomas

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.

ROLL CALL: Everyone was present

MINUTES: Yeager made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2024 meeting and White seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes; White, yes. Vote being 6-0, motion carried.

SUPERVISORS REPORT: Police Officer Teddy Boitnott gave the police departments monthly report.

VA REPORT:

1. Attended economic development meeting with representatives from the Carroll County Commissioners, OMEGA, and Ohio Southeast in regards to future business opportunities.
2. Worked with ODOT and West Erie Reality Solution on finalizing property acquisition for Rt 332 Sidewalk Project.
3. Wheeling Lake Erie Railroad has completed crossing repair to the West Main St. Tracks.
4. Received notice of award of funds in the amount of \$89.66 from the National Opioid Settlements Program.
5. Congratulations to Kevin Moore from our Sanitary Dept. for obtaining his Wastewater 1 Operator's License.

MAYORS REPORT:

1. O#2024-03 An Ordinance authorizing the Village of Carrollton, Ohio to sell personal property not needed for public use, obsolete or unfit for use by internet action pursuant to ORC Section 721.15 (D) Mayor Stoneman gave O#2024-03 the second reading by title only.
2. O#2024-04 An Ordinance authorizing a pay increase for the position of Secretary in the Village of Carrollton Fire Department and Declaring it an Emergency. Locke made a motion to read O#2024-04 as an emergency and Tangler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yeager, yes; Barto, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes. Vote being 6-0, motion carried.

3. O#2024-05 An Ordinance extending the contract for the solicitor of the Village of Carrollton. Mayor Stoneman gave O#2024-05 the first reading by title only.
4. Rule 12 of the Council Rules which states No Legislative motion shall be made regarding a matter that was not on the agenda for a regular council business. The mayor may made amends and/or additions to the agenda at his/her discretion was discussed by Solicitor Clark Battista and it was explained That the Mayor at any time permit a Council member to introduce an ordinance, resolution or motion regarding a matter that was not on the agenda for regular Council business, unless the same is objected to by a majority of council members present. The mayor may also refer any said ordinance, resolution, or motion to the standing committee of Council to which the subject matter is most closely related, or to a committee specially appointed by the Mayor, for recommendation of the committee. Solicitor opinion also is that this proposed language could be given to Council, and if acceptable, the Rules of Council can be rewritten, and presented to Council for approval by motion only, as ORC 731.45 states that the legislative authority of a municipal corporation (not the Mayor) shall determine its own rules. Tangler ask if they could also get an outside opinion on this Rule. Rule #14 which states Council members are prohibited from commenting when attending meetings of committees of which they are not a member. This rule will insure that we fully comply with the Ohio Sunshine Law was discussed by Lambert and she explained that when she went to Government Conference in Columbus she ask about this and they said you are sitting in the audience you are part of the public attending the meeting and if you have something important to comment on the matter discussed you are allowed to participate in the discussion

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Locke made a motion to approve the bills for payment and Barto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes, Barto, yes. Vote being 6-0, motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS WITHOUT PRIOR CERTIFICATION REVISED CODE 5705.41: White made a motion to approve the bills without prior certification and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Barto, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 6-0, motion carried.

COUNCIL: Barto discussed the snow band in his allotment and that the sign had been knocked down and he put it back up.

PUBLIC: Blaine Strawder Building & Zoning Inspector brought up the Lawrence Drive Fence and that the Village followed all the right rules when the permit was handed out to the homeowner to install the fence.

PRESS: Nothing

ADJOURNMENT: No further business. Locke made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 o'clock P.M. and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Barto, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 6-0, motion carried.

/s/ Darla Tipton

Darla Tipton, Clerk Treasurer

/s/ William J. Stoneman

William J. Stoneman, Mayor

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WORK SESSION MINUTES

JAN. 30, 2024 AT 6:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Stoneman called the meeting to order at 6:00 o'clock P.M. and everyone was present and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

1. Water Rate Study/Bulk Water Rates This has been discussed many times in the past with nothing being resolved. Village Administrator Wells had a rate sheet for everyone to look at and discussed it as far as how far behind we are on raising the rates and when they were last adjusted. Sewer Superintendent Wayne Ruckman spoke to council also about the need to replace a set of filters and the price being \$256,280. Locke would like Village Administrator to look into contacting engineering and seeing how much it might cost the Village to change the plant altogether and eliminate the need for filters. Also it was decided on to have an ordinance for the next meeting to raise the bulk water rates to \$25.00 for 1,000 gallons of water instead of the \$12.50 it is now. And also to raise the sewer rates \$3.50 a month and also the water rates increase them \$2.50 this year and then another \$2.50 in 2025. Tangler made a suggestion to visit the sewer plant and it will be arranged to visit all the departments before council meetings. Locke would like to have a chart with all the department employees and phone numbers for each individual.
2. Disaster Preparedness for the Village: Locke's concerns are for the fact that the way the world is today and all the troubles that we need to be worried about the water supply and he suggested looking into putting in hand pumps in the parks and Village Administrator Wells said he would take a look at it further and see but doesn't know if it can even be done by EPA standards or how it could be done?
3. Rose Bud/permit lot options: This has been discussed many times also wanting to eliminate the permit lot and parking meters. It was suggested to look into parking apps or other options to still create revenue just handling it differently. Clerk Treasurer Tipton said they have people that have purchased parking permits until 2025 and have no fund set up to refund people's money and also there has been \$23,680 generated in revenue from 2017 and also the parking meters have generated over \$51,000 in 8 years. Yeager ask to look into larger or different colored signage to install in the parking lot so people

can see them better. Village Administrator said he would check into some ways of still controlling the parking.

4. Village Social Media Options: Village Administrator Wells had sent a video out to council that OML had offered entitled Navigating the Digital Landscape: Social Media Strategies for Municipal Officials and not everyone had a chance to view it yet but it spoke about sharing things on Facebook and council would like to see the Village have a Facebook page set up. Village Administrator had Clemans Nelson looking into this further. And they would get back with him on this matter.
5. Snow Parking Ban: Barto spoke on this matter concerning his allotment and the last snow the Village had gotten. He made some notes on the wording of the snow ban and passed it out to everyone and Village Solicitor Clark Battista is going to research this to see how some other municipalities have their snow ban worded and then get this to the Village Administrator who will pass it on to council.
6. Council Rules/ Committees: This was discussed as to Rule #12 and Mayor Stoneman said he hadn't made any changes to this in the 8 years and that whatever council wanted to do it was fine so it will be left the way it is written.
7. Pay Increase for Clerk-Treasurer: This has been discussed before also and Barto made a suggestion that he knows how much the treasurer for the school makes and suggested the Clerk Treasurer should make \$50,000. Originally it was discussed to give a 3 percent increase which never went anywhere other than 2 reads and then it was tabled. Lambert ask once again how the clerk treasurer is able to get pay increases and Solicitor Battista explained it to everyone.
8. Pay Increase for Employees: This also has been discussed before and wasn't carried through for 2024. Solicitor Battista is to draw up an ordinance for next council meeting on this matter and make it retroactive to the first of the year.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business. Locke made a motion at 8:00 o'clock P.M. to adjourn the meeting and Barto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes. Vote being 6-0, motion carried.

/s/ Darla Tipton

Darla Tipton, Clerk Treasurer

/s/ William J. Stoneman

William J. Stoneman, Mayor

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