

VILLAGE OF CARROLLTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

AUGUST 12, 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), Emily (Free Press)

VISITORS: Water Superintendent Derik Kaltenbaugh, Sewer Superintendent Wayne Ruckman, Street Superintendent Ben Palmer, Rev. Dyck, Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Gonda, Fire Chief Shane Thomas, Bob & Lynn Grigsby, and other residents from Garfield Avenue, Steven Click, Karla Wells, Cathy Mills, Police Chief Tim Timberlake, Police Officer Teddy Boitnott, Tom Mesler

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. Dyck

ROLL CALL: Everyone was present except for Tangler. Locke made a motion to excuse Tangler and Barto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

MINUTES: White made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2024 meeting and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, abstain. Vote being 4-1, motion carried.

VISITORS: Steven Click, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders Wellness Program. He spoke on all the different programs that are available for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders in a need of crisis.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS: Reports were given by Water Superintendent Derik Kaltenbaugh, Sewer Superintendent Wayne Ruckman, Street Superintendent Ben Palmer.

VA REPORT:

1. Attended Local Community Improvement Corporation meeting
2. Attended Local Emergency Plan sub-committee meeting
3. Attended Regional Planning Commission meeting
4. Attended Ohio Ethics Commission Training
5. Attended Chamber of Commerce meeting at School Campus
6. Received notification from ODOT District 11 of a 4 to 6 week delay on the St Rt 332 Sidewalk Project due to availability of materials.
7. Received a resolution from Western Reserve Land Conservancy to start the grant process in regards to obtaining the 13.5 acres of property through the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation grant.

8. The Village has been contacted by Halo Land Management in regards to leasing approximately 53 acres of unleased Village property for oil and gas purposes.
9. We are currently working with "Standout" Graphic Design & Marketing in the development and maintenance of the Village Social Media needs.

MAYORS REPORT:

1. R#2024-26 A Resolution authorizing the council of the Village of Carrollton to file an application for clean Ohio Green Space Conversation Grant Funding and agree to obligate the necessary funds to complete the Village Woods Park Project, and Declaring it an Emergency. Locke made a motion to read R#2024-26 as an emergency and Barto seconded the motion. Mayor Stoneman read R#2024-26 as an emergency. Locke made a motion to approve R#2024-26 and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.
2. O#2024-27 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Designation of Certain Property currently owned by Raymond A. Iverson, Jr. Mayor Stoneman gave O#2024-27 the first reading by title only.
3. O#2024-28 An Ordinance amending the Zoning Designation of Certain Property currently owned by Chester H # Properties, LLC Mayor Stoneman gave O#2024-28 the first reading by title only.
4. O#2024-29 An Ordinance authorizing the entering of an oil and gas lease with EAP Ohio, LLC, and Declaring it an Emergency. Locke made a motion to read O#2024-29 as an emergency and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Barto, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried. Mayor Stoneman read O#2024-29 as an emergency. Yeager made a motion to approve O#2024-29 and Locke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yeager, yes; Barto, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.
5. Discussion about the Finance Committee meeting from last week and purchasing the 1.4 million dollar Ladder Truck for the Fire Department. Fire Chief Shane Thomas said there was a letter of intent written to purchase the truck and right now there is a \$82,000 discount for paying ahead. That's why it has been such a rush job to try and get it done quickly. Cummins is going to be charging \$150,000 more in the near future on the engines. And that we could have the truck in about 15 months possibly by next October. Village Administrator mentioned there were funds in the oil & gas fund for this year and the proceeds from the signing of the new oil & gas lease and Fire Chief Shane Thomas said he had some funds available in his budget and Village Clerk Darla Tipton said she made a recommendation to Thomas, Village Administrator Mark Wells and the Mayor to take 1 million dollars from the CDS that were up for renewal and just paying for the truck. Locke stated they had discussed the fire department paying back the money and Village Clerk said she had spoken with the State auditors and had given the information to Village Solicitor and then Clark spoke about a Maturity Bond and what that consisted of and the Village would still have to charge the Fire Department interest and it would be a levy and it would also be a lengthy process. Locke made a motion to approve the purchasing of the fire truck with the money available and White seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes; White, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

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; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS WITHOUT PRIOR CERTIFICATION REVISED CODE 5705.41: White made a motion to pay the bills without prior certification and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Barto, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

PUBLIC: Andrew Gonda passed out a form the Village uses that we have new employees sign about the Policy & Procedure Manual and wanted to know if the Village Fire Department is a Volunteer Fire Department or are they employees of the Village? Village Solicitor Clark Battista once again had discussion with him about this matter. There were 5 residents from Garfield Avenue that came tonight to speak about Feral Cats and the problems that they are having with them in the neighborhood. They know who they belong to but the neighbor only feeds them and doesn't take care of them so they are just breeding all the time. Wanted something done about this matter. Village Administrator Mark Wells said he has spoken to the health department on this matter and gotten some legislation from Stark County and something does need to be done. There were a few different ideas brought up one was a trap/neuter and release program that some of the other communities are involved in.

COUNCIL: Police Chief Tim Timberlake spoke about e-bikes on the streets in the Village and the safety of them he had given the Village Solicitor some information to check into this matter a little further.

PRESS: Nothing

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 8:05 o'clock P.M. Village Administrator Mark Wells ask to enter into executive session for compensation for a public employee. Locke made the motion to enter into executive session and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Barto, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

BACK IN REGULAR SESSION: At 8:26 o'clock P.M. Lambert made a motion to enter back into regular session and Locke seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yeager, yes; Barto, yes; White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried. No action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business. Locke made a motion at 8:27 o'clock P.M. to adjourn the meeting and Barto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Lambert, yes; Locke, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, 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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