

VILLAGE OF CARROLLTON

COUNCIL MINUTES

OCTOBER 23, 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: Thomas Clapper (CC Messenger), Georgette Huff (Free Press)

VISITORS: Street Superintendent Ben Palmer, Sewer Superintendent Wayne Ruckmann, Water Superintendent Derek Kaltenbaugh and a concerned citizen, & Andy Gonda

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor William Stoneman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Lambert was absent, and Clerk-Treasurer was also absent due to illness. Village Administrator was on vacation and everyone else was in attendance.

MINUTES: Barto made a motion to approve the minutes from the Oct. 9, 2023, meeting and White seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes; White, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

VISITORS: All supervisors were in attendance and gave their monthly reports.

MAYORS REPORT:

1. O#2023-39 An Ordinance approving the contract renewal of the Village of Carrollton Village Administrator. Mayor William Stoneman gave O#2023-39 the 2nd reading by title only.
2. O#2023-41 An Ordinance approving cost of living adjustment for all elected Village Officials of the Village of Carrollton. Mayor William Stoneman gave O#2023-41 the 2nd reading by title only.
3. R#2023-42 A Resolution amending the original appropriation ordinance for 2023 and declaring it an Emergency. Tangler made a motion to read R#2023-42 as an emergency and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Barto, yes; White, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried. Mayor Stoneman read R#2023-42 as an emergency. Barto made a motion to approve R#2023-42 and White seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes; White, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

4. Mayor Stoneman pointed out at the work session that there had been discussion about Solicitor Clark Battista wages that they hadn't been raised for many years. Locke made a motion to increase them to \$20,000 a year and an extra \$85.00 an hour if over the 20-hour time frame and White seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes; White, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

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

PAID BILLS WITHOUT PRIOR CERTIFICATION: Locke made a motion to approve the bills without prior certification and Barto seconded the motion. Roll call vote: White, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried. Then & Now Bills: Tangler made a motion to approve everything but the funeral flowers and White seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes; Barto, yes; White, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

COUNCIL: Tangler wanted to know who at Wayne Savings said they wouldn't match the interest rate? Mayor Stoneman stated he was the one that went out to Wayne Savings and talked to Dawn Devine, and she said they could give the 5 percent only and no match. Mayor Stoneman also stated he told Clerk Treasurer Tipton this information and Huntington would give the Village 5.35% at Huntington. Tangler also asked about the motion being made to invest the money in Wayne Savings and how much the penalty would be to pull it back out of Huntington? Mayor Stoneman stated Clerk Treasurer Tipton had shown him it would be \$26,500 is what he told? Barto asked when other funds would come available to invest with Wayne Savings if they would match something then and Mayor Stoneman said in February. Locke had discussion that he has contacted the Ohio Attorney General Office and never heard back from them, and The Governor's Office and they responded within 30 minutes and they said to contact Prosecutor's Office which he did and they said contact BCI over the golf contract ordinance first not having a copy of it in front of them and then the fact that it was amended twice after that. Locke made a motion, and this doesn't come easy but wants Clark to immediately contact BCI to investigate the irregularities over the golf cart ordinance. Locke said Clark or the Police Chief can request the investigation. And doesn't still know if they were ever given the correct ordinance or not? Locke said he was making this request in the form of a motion. Tangler seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Yeager, yes; Barto, yes; White, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried. Locke also stated he himself went to Wayne Savings the day after the work session and asked both managers if anyone from the Village had been in contact with them over investing the money and they both told him no. Locke feels there are some real problems in this village government.

PRESS: Georgette Huff from the Free Press Standard asked about the investing of the money because she hadn't been covering the meetings and needed to get up to speed and she knew about the golf cart ordinance.

PUBLIC: Parking in the Permit lot was discussed by one individual that went into pick up a pizza and came back out and had a ticket and didn't feel he should have gotten a ticket; and the

permit lot only has one sign in the back of the lot, and this is under discussion still with council as to how to handle this parking lot especially in the evening hours? Yeager said he had let Village Administrator Wells know one sign came up missing about a month ago and is on order to replace it is what Street Superintendent Ben Palmer said.

ADJOURNMENT: No further business. Barto made a motion at 7:32 o'clock to adjourn the meeting and Yeager seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Barto, yes; White, yes; Locke, yes; Tangler, yes; Yeager, yes. Vote being 5-0, motion carried.

/s/ Darla Tipton

Darla Tipton, Clerk-Treasurer

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/s/ William J. Stoneman

William J. Stoneman, Mayor