Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00pm. Mayor Edw Drobina called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of Council present were Linda Dattilo, Don Deuschle, Conda Jones, Deanna Miller, Martin Rippel and Kenny George. Also present were Clerk Mary Dawson, Code Enforcement Officer and Zoning Inspector Dennis Rose, maintenance employee Rich Parker, Police Officer. Jason Blankenship, former Mayor Tammy Drobina, Village Engineer Gary Silcott, and village resident Adam Tippett.

Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the December 10, 2019 meeting. Don Deuschle made a motion to accept, 2nd by Conda Jones, roll call vote was all in favor.

Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the special meeting on Dec. 31, 2019, motion made by Linda Dattillo, 2nd by Don Deuschle, Roll call vote was all in favor.

Mayor asked to amend the agenda to add legislation for agreement with OWDA for construction of the 2019 sanitary sewer project. Motion by Conda Jones, 2nd by Don Deuschle; roll call vote was all in favor.

Bills and end of month reports were presented for approval. Mayor noted there were no payments to Fairfield Utilities, it was because of the timing. Deanna Miller made a motion to approve, 2nd by Linda Dattilo; roll call vote was all in favor.

No committee meetings.

Police Report for October was given by Cpl. Jackson.

In Zoning, Dennis Rose said there was nothing new to report.

In Code Enforcement, two properties have been closed. One is still open, and another has been working on exterior painting.

Solicitor Jeffrey Feyko briefly explained the five pieces of legislation on the agenda.

Mayor gave her report. She submitted a grant application for safety materials and traffic signs. Crystal Roberts has been rehired at the office and is an asset to the Village.

A zoning board work session was held at the Civic Center on Nov. 13 There were about 85-90 people in the audience, with about 20-25 of them village residents.

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All had a chance to express their opinions, but it needs to be stressed that this is a matter for Carroll officials to decide. The zoning board and Council both have the best interest of Carroll at heart and are the ones tasked with making decisions that are not only prudent now, but decisions that will help Carroll in the future, as
much as it is possible to know.
We all understand that those in the area may be interested, however it is the view of residents and businesses inside the corporation limits that carry the most weight – that is who our elected and appointed officials represent.
Mayor Drobina presented Carole Dreier with a proclamation noting her twenty years on Council since this was her last meeting. She is retiring from Village service. She was thanks for her dedication and given a round of applause.

(A complete copy of the Mayor’s Report is available in the Clerk’s office.)

In Old Business, Gary Silcott reported on the gravity sewer line project bid opening that was done today. We received three good bids, and will be going with the apparent lowest, from M. Campbell Construction. He explained the OWDA construction loan. Martin Rippel asked how to advise residents to tie into the new line, Silcott said the Health Dept. has a list of contractors who do that work, a list could be provided to residents of possible local contractors, and perhaps Campbell may be interested as well. The County has some financial assistance available. There will be a public meeting before it starts so residents can get all the information they need. The work is expected to start about February.
A motion was made by Deanna Miller to award the contract to M. Campbell Construction pending review and acceptance by the Village Engineer, 2nd by Carole Dreier; roll call vote was all in favor.

No New Business.

First reading for Ord. 2019-14, for a cooperative agreement for a planning project with the OWDA. Motion to bypass the three readings made by Don Deuschle, 2nd by Carole Dreier; roll call vote was all in favor.
Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-14 made by Martin Rippel, 2nd by Deanna Miller; roll call vote was all in favor.

First reading for Ord. 2019-15, for a cooperative agreement for construction of the 2019 sanitary sewer improvement project with the OWDA. Motion to bypass the three readings made by Carole Dreier, 2nd by Martin Rippel; roll call vote was all in favor.
Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-15 made by Deanna Miller, 2nd by Linda Dattilo; roll call vote was all in favor.

Second reading held for Ord. 2019-11, to confirm Mayor’s salary at $500 per month, without conditions. Motion to bypass the three readings made by Conda Jones, 2nd by Don Deuschle; roll call vote was all in favor.
Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-11 made by Linda Dattilo, 2nd by Deanna Miller; roll call vote was all in favor.

Second reading held for Ord. 2019-12, for contract renewal with Jeffrey Feyko for Solicitor services.

Second reading held for Ord. 2019-13, amending utility rates effective Jan. 1, 2020. Motion to bypass the three readings made by Don Deuschle, 2nd by Deanna Miller; roll call vote was all in favor.

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Miller; roll call vote was all in favor.
Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-13 made by Carole Dreier, 2nd by Conda Jones; roll call vote was all in favor.
Clerk Dawson said she and Crystal Roberts would be going to training on Thursday in Columbus. The Records Commission will meet Dec. 17 at 3pm. The date for Mayor’s Court will change to the third Wednesday at 1pm starting in January 2020. She reported that two new computers were purchased for the office and then a printer broke, the utility bills were not finished when it happened so the ones left are being handwritten so they can all go out tomorrow.

Maintenance Dept. worker Rich Parker said today was the last pickup of leaf season. The plow and salt spreader will be put on the truck starting tomorrow. They will be starting on winter equipment maintenance projects soon. He added that he is glad to see the gravity sewer system starting.

This was Mayor Drobina’s last Council meeting and she said it had been a pleasure to work with all of them and the Councilmembers before, and also the employees. She noted that her family has served the Village of Carroll almost continually for the past 70 years. Her parents and grandparents have all been on Council (at different times) and one grandfather was town clerk. Her grandpa Benson was president of Council in 1949 when the mayor stepped down and he became mayor for two years, then returned to Council. Drobina said now her husband will be the next mayor. He had never intended to run for any office, but did so to serve the community in an important time ahead. She said he deserved much credit for stepping up.

In 2012, Drobina was the first woman elected mayor of Carroll and said she is very proud of that. We have gotten many things accomplished to make Carroll a better place, but nothing could have been done if we had not all worked together. She left Council with advice to listen to all sides of an issue and consider both pros and cons of each decision; look ahead at possible consequences, intended and unintended, and weigh them carefully before deciding. She said she has enjoyed being mayor and will miss all of them. She was given a round of applause.

With no further business, motion to adjourn made at 7:40pm by Linda Dattilo, 2nd by Carole Dreier.

Next regular meeting of Council is January 14, 2020 at 7:00pm.

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MAYOR’S APPROVAL:

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