Carroll Village Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Edward 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, and Police Officer Jason Blankenship. Visitors present were Adam Tippett, Tammy Drobina, from Ohio Rural Water, and Will Burns.

Mayor asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the February 11, 2020 regular meeting. Deanna Miller made a motion to accept, 2nd by Linda Datillo; roll call was all in favor.

Bills and end of month reports were presented for approval. Linda Datillo made a motion to approve, 2nd by Deanna Miller; roll call vote was all in favor.

Committee Reports: Safety Committee met at 6:30 p.m. to discuss street lights, signage around town (including the school zones), the parking situation on E. Canal and W. Canal St., and U Turns. The committee thought the best solution for East and West Canal Streets were to move the center line 2 ½ feet. The pole in front of 73 W. Canal St is bent. Kenny will meet with South Central Power Company to discuss a plan to have the pole fixed. There is no immediate danger with the pole. Discussed village wide U Turns. The committee discussed the speed limit on Winchester Rd coming into town is 45 mph and needs to be changed to 35 mph.

Finance Committee met 6:00 p.m. to discuss opening a business account with Amazon for the police department. Committee will look further into how Amazon account works for village use. Credit card payments were discussed for resident and customer use. Linda Datillo will check with a third party as far as fees are concerned. Committee set a meeting for further discussion of the Amazon account and the village offering the community the option of paying with a credit card. The meeting is set for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Police Report for January was given by Officer Jason Blankenship. He welcomed back Sgt. Joe Howard. No questions from council.

In Zoning, Dennis Rose stated there was nothing new in zoning to report.

In Code Enforcement, reported there are three new violations to report. The first on Lock St. (inoperable vehicle), 50 N. Beaver St. (inoperable vehicle, expired tags-has already replaced tags), and 54 N. Beaver St. (inoperable vehicle, two with expired tags).

Solicitor Jeffrey Feyko reported three pieces of legislation. Jeff asked for a motion to amend the agenda for the third piece of legislation not listed on the agenda; Ordinance 2020-05 Property purchase agreement.

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Martin Rippel made the motion to amend agenda, 2nd by Deanna Miller; roll call was all in favor. Jeff stated he would reserve his comments for the ordinances when they come up for discussion. Solicitor Jeff Feyko presented a proclamation to the previous Mayor Tammy Drobina. The proclamation recognized Tammy for her service first as a council member and the Mayor of the village.

Mayor gave his report. Gary spoke on the behalf of the Mayor concerning the meeting with Teresa from USDA. This meeting was to discuss loan money and grant money for the Sewer and Sanitary Gravity System being installed in the village. The project is currently set up into phases, so we could maximize our grants and loans. USDA is a bigger funder and typically put the biggest amount of money in. Based on the village census we could qualify for 35-55% grant through the USDA funds. The cost of the project is around $6,000,000.00. Gary figured if we receive 55% from USDA, grant money already received from OPWC, and Fairfield County helping out with the infrastructure, we should receive approximately $4,300,000.00 in grant money. This should allow the village to do the project all at once, as opposed to in phases. Teresa will run numbers and get back to Gary and the village to let us know what we would qualify for. Gary is going to check to see if the county will give us more than the 25%, they would typically give us on TAP fees to offset the financing. Mayor stated they also asked for grants and funding to help the residents finance their portion of the cost to hook up to the system. The county receives money from the EPA for sewer improvements and there are grants you can receive from them. Martin Rippel asked on information about contractors to do the hook ups for residents. Gary’s recommendation is to use contractors that are licensed through the Health Department. They would have to pay a bond to the village.

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

Visitor Comments: Mike from Ohio Rural Water Associations spoke. He was asked to speak to council by James Stebelton on the GIS (Global Information System). The Mayor stated that GIS is a good tool to use and said we should set up a Service Committee meeting to learn more about the program. Chairperson of the Service Committee Martin Rippel scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

No Old Business.

No New Business.

First reading held for Ordinance 2020-03 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Contracts with ODOT for Bridge Inspection Program Services. Linda Datillo made motion to bypass the three-reading rule, 2nd by Martin Rippel; roll call was all in favor. Motion was made by Conda Jones to adopt as an emergency, 2nd by Don Deuschle; roll call was all in favor.

First reading held for Ordinance 2020-04 Adopting the 2020 Basic Code. Don Deuschle made a motion to bypass the three-reading rule, 2nd by Deanna Miller; roll call was all in favor. Motion was made by Deanna Miller to adopt as an emergency, 2nd by Martin Rippel; roll call was all in favor.
First reading held for Ordinance 2020-05 Approve Purchase Agreement and Accept Deed for Property. Conda Jones made a motion to bypass the three-reading rule, 2nd by Deanna Miller; roll call was all in favor. Motion made by Deanna Miller to adopt as an emergency, 2nd by Linda Datillo; roll call was all in favor.

Clerk Dawson reported the State Auditor will be April 15, 2020 to collect information for the audit.

With no further business, motion to adjourn made at 7:40 p.m. by Deanna Miller, 2nd by Linda Datillo.

Next regular meeting of Council is April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR’S APPROVAL:

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CLERK