

**VILLAGE OF MOUNT STERLING, OHIO**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING FOR APRIL 24, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Anderson at 7:00 pm

Attending the meeting: Mayor Lowell Anderson  
 Council Member Rebecca Burns  
 Council Member Jim Davis  
 Council Member Diane Spradlin  
 Council Member Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff  
 Council Member David Timmons  
 Village Solicitor Mark Pitstick  
 Village Administrator John Martin  
 Deputy Jack Dill, Madison County Sheriff's Office

Motion to enter Executive Session:

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	N/A
<b>Motion</b>	Davis	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> To discuss personnel contracts and discipline.	
<b>2 ND</b>	Burns		
<b>Voice Vote</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	<b>Burns</b>	X	
	<b>Davis</b>	X	
	<b>Spradlin</b>	X	
	<b>Ratliff</b>	X	
	<b>Timmons</b>	X	
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>

Motion to accept the minutes of council from the April 10, 2017 meeting:

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	N/A
<b>Motion</b>	Timmons	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> None	
<b>2 ND</b>	Davis		
<b>Voice Vote</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	<b>Burns</b>	X	
	<b>Davis</b>	X	
	<b>Spradlin</b>	X	
	<b>Ratliff</b>	X	
	<b>Timmons</b>	X	
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>

**Public Comments:**

John Darlington presented information about Madison County Radio FM 105.1. This is a 24/7 broadcast emanating from London providing local news, sports and talk. Also available online at johntalkradio.org.

**Department Reports:**

Village Administrator: See attached notes  
 Sheriff's Office: No Report  
 Village Solicitor: No Report  
 Clerk of Council: No Report  
 Fiscal Officer: No Report

**Committee Reports:**

Finance (Council Member Burns – Chair): Bills have been reviewed and signed off on.

Motion to and approve: Appropriation Status Report, Receipt Listing, Payment Listing, Cash Summary by Fund:

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	N/A	
<b>Motion</b>	Ratliff	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> None		
<b>2 ND</b>	Timmons			
<b>Voice Vote</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
	<b>Burns</b>	X		
	<b>Davis</b>	X		
	<b>Spradlin</b>	X		
	<b>Ratliff</b>	X		
	<b>Timmons</b>	X		
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X		<b>Failed:</b>

Parks and Recreation (Council Member Burns – Chair):

- Committee held a meeting on April 21, 2017
  - Discussed ballfield mix – need 20 tons (ordered) – need more later in the season
  - Plan for maintaining the fields developed by the village staff and being implemented
  - Improvement work being done from May 1 – August, 31, 2017
  - Going to post a warning sign at the park for safety alert
  - James Cotton Football Camp being organized for July 1, 2017 at VET’S Field

Tri-County Fire District (Council Member Davis – Liaison): Next meeting is April 27, 2017 – No Report

Sterling Joint Ambulance District (Council Member Ratliff – Liaison):

- Attended the meeting
- They paid the bills
- Signed a contract with Deer Creek Township for services
- Passed on three terminations
- Next meeting is May 10, 2017 at 8:00 pm

Pleasant Township (Council Member Spradlin – Liaison):

- Council Member Spradlin requested to be relieved of this assignment
- Mayor appointed Council Member Davis as liaison with Pleasant Township
- Report for meeting of April 17, 2017
- Paid the bills for the month
- Squirrel trapping in cemetery is to start soon
- Ordered new tires for backhoe
- Received an offer from a person to clean up the cemetery on Mason Farm

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Ordinance to employ Cindy Miller as Accounting Consultant: Motion to suspend the Rules of Council

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2017-07		<b>Resolution:</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	Davis	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Ordinance was placed on First Reading on April 10, 2017			
<b>2 ND</b>	Timmons				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Ordinance to employ Cindy Miller as Accounting Consultant: Motion to place on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2017-07		<b>Resolution:</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	Timmons	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Ordinance was placed on First Reading on April 10, 2017			
<b>2 ND</b>	Spradlin				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Ordinance to employ Cindy Miller as Accounting Consultant: Motion to adopt the ordinance

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2017-07		<b>Resolution:</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	Ratliff	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Ordinance was placed on First Reading on April 10, 2017			
<b>2 ND</b>	Davis				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Ordinance to hire Courtney Bricker as Fiscal Officer: Motion to suspend the Rules of Council

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2017-08		<b>Resolution:</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	Timmons	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Ordinance was placed on First Reading on April 10, 2017			
<b>2 ND</b>	Spradlin				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Ordinance to hire Courtney Bricker as Fiscal Officer: Motion to place on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2017-08		<b>Resolution:</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	Davis	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Ordinance was placed on First Reading on April 10, 2017			
<b>2 ND</b>	Timmons				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Ordinance to hire Courtney Bricker as Fiscal Officer: Motion to adopt the ordinance

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2017-08		<b>Resolution:</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	Ratliff	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Ordinance was placed on First Reading on April 10, 2017			
<b>2 ND</b>	Davis				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Motion to enter into agreement with Kelly/Wiley Realty to sell Jackson County residence at 3203 Camba Road

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A			
<b>Motion</b>	Timmons	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Agreement to sell the property at 3203 Camba Road for a commission of 6%. Any sale contingent on Council approval.			
<b>2 ND</b>	Ratliff				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Motion to employ Misty Vance as Utilities Clerk:

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A			
<b>Motion</b>	Ratliff	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Employment at starting rate of \$20.00 per hour for a maximum of 29 hours per week. No health care required.			
<b>2 ND</b>	Davis				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Resolution to terminate employment of Bonnie Liff: Motion to suspend the Rules of Council

<b>Ordinance:</b>		<b>Resolution:</b> 2017-09			
<b>Motion</b>	Spradlin	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Due to indictment on criminal charges.			
<b>2 ND</b>	Ratliff				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Resolution to terminate employment of Bonnie Liff: Motion to place on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading

<b>Ordinance:</b>		<b>Resolution:</b> 2017-09			
<b>Motion</b>	Timmons	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Due to indictment on criminal charges.			
<b>2 ND</b>	Spradlin				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Resolution to terminate employment of Bonnie Liff: Motion to adopt resolution

<b>Ordinance:</b>		<b>Resolution:</b> 2017-09			
<b>Motion</b>	Spradlin	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Due to indictment on criminal charges.			
<b>2 ND</b>	Burns				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		


**Round Table:**

- Timmons: The Easter Egg hunt at the Community Center went very well
- Davis: The Knights of Pythias will be holding an installation Friday April 29, 2017 from 7-11pm
- Burns: Finance committee meeting schedule for April 26, 2017 at 4pm at Town Hall  
Suggests the village consider using the Ohio Checkbook program offered by the Treasurer of State

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Anderson at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Clerk of Village Council

  
Lowell G. Anderson, Mayor

Prepared: May 1, 2017