

**Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday May 12, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Mayor Charles Neff.

Present at the meeting: Mayor Charles Neff, Council persons Rebecca Burns, Scott McClelland, Heather Rice, Lowell Anderson, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. Joe Johnson, Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Dean Shipley of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the April 14, 2014 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Rebecca Burns.

Mayor's Comments: Next council meeting will be May 27th because of Memorial Day.

Public Comments: Bobi Little: Committee reports should be read so people will know what happened. Ordinance and Resolutions need a better description given.

Steve Brooks: A couple of months ago he received a letter stating the bills had to be paid. He stated he is not going to pay the bills period. He is willing to negotiate, wants to resolve this. Have not received the records he requested. McClimans property has apartments not in the tenants' name. The village has their deposit. He will not sign the contract, so the bill is still in McClimans name.

Department Reports:

President Pro Tem: Speaking as a landlord Mr. Anderson keeps the bills in his name, he has no problems with the water bills.

Village Administrator: Water committee will meet to design the water plant. Sand blasting and painting of the water towers is going out for bid in June. Places are being tagged. Need to remember not to blow the grass clippings out into the streets.

Sewer: Black topping tomorrow. Stayed in budget.

Streets: Church, Market and High going out for bid.

Sheriff's Dept.: In regards to car break-ins. People of interest have been interviewed. NO break ins lately. Have deputies out in unmarked cars. This is all he can say at this time.

Law Director: Nothing

Clerk of Council: Nothing

Committee Reports:

Finance: Bills to date \$39,449.59. Lowell Anderson made a motion to pay bills with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

RITA report: Year to date: \$188,000. Last year to date: \$157,000.

Finance meeting is Wednesday May 14th at 5 p.m.

Water: Meeting is Wednesday May 14th at 6 p.m.

Streets: Nothing

TCJFD: Nothing

SJAD: Nothing

Pleasant Township: April 21st meeting-see attached. May 5th meeting-see attached.

Block Watch: 21 people and two deputies attended. Conversations on break ins. Block watch is eyes and ears only. Call 9-1-1 if you witness a crime. Call 852-1212 (non-emergency number) if you have information on a crime. Having meetings on May 15th and 29th at 6 p.m. at the Library.

Parks and Rec.: Scott McClelland read minutes from the meeting. Deputy Dill comments on how great the fields look.

Nuisance and Abatement: Meeting is June 4th at 6 p.m.

Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution 2014-04: A resolution enacted by the Village of Mount Sterling, Madison County Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the Local Public Agency (LPA) in the matter of the stated described project. Second reading.

Joe Johnson explained the resolution. Streetscape project from ODOT. To redo historic district, stamped sidewalks, lights, etc. Estimate of grant is 1.3 million. Will meet with business owners and public to work on design. Received 17 letters supporting this grant.

Heather Rice: Two suggestions: 1-put more info in the ordinances and resolutions. 2-asked about project projections. Joe will give her a copy of the plans. 1.3 million is the most the village can received. Heather asked if we could relocate the street lights being replaced. Joe advised there will be plenty of lights at Mason Park when the water plant is built.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Scott McClelland with a second from Heather Rice. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

A motion to place on third reading was made by David Timmons with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

A motion to adopt was made by Lowell Anderson with a second from Heather Rice. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Round Table: David Timmons: Mt. Sterling Museum is honoring the veterans for memorial day. He put in a plug for the village while on a radio interview.

Heather Rice: Mt. Sterling Eagle Youth League thanked Joe and staff and Scott. Comments on the Park and Rec. meeting. Heather thanked Joe, his staff and Scott. See attached.

Joe Johnson: Next council packet will be an ordinance on the AT&T tower. First five years the village will received \$14,400.

Lowell Anderson: The next Chamber of Commerce meeting will be Wednesday May 21st at 6 p.m. at Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by David Timmons with a second from Heather Rice. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.