

**Village of Mount Sterling Council Meeting
Council Minutes
Monday September 23, 2013**

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Charles Neff.

Present at the meeting: Mayor Charles Neff, Council persons Diane Spradlin; David Timmons; Lowell Anderson; Jim Davis and Scott McClelland. Joe Johnson, Mark Pitstick, Jack Dill, Bonnie Liff, Dean Shipley of the Madison Press and Citizens of the Village. Absent was Jim Williams who had surgery. Scott McClelland made a motion to excuse Jim Williams with a second from David Timmons. All yes.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the August 26, 2013 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from Jim Davis and a second from David Timmons. There was not a meeting on September 9, 2013.

Mayor's Comments: Trick or treat will be on October 31st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mr. Hanson is donating \$5,000 to the Mt. Sterling Eagle Youth League. He is sending a check on Monday to the Village and the Village will give the check to the League.

Public Comments: Dusty Parker and Nicole Delsanter from the Madison County Chamber spoke on the 3C highway Historic Byway. Nicole has been working on this project since June 2013. This will be an alternative to the freeway travel from Cleveland to Columbus to Cincinnati. She has to submit the proposal to ODOT. Once finished this will be a great marketing tool for the Village. Will take 2 years to finish. The Village is to let Nicole know of any area attractions, ideas, stories or history of the village. They can be emailed to Nicole at Nicole@madisoncountychamber.org. She will need a letter from the Mayor backing the project. This has to be done by October 18, 2013. This is the first phase.

Executive Session: Into executive session in regards to litigation, approximately 15 minutes. Jim Davis made a motion to go into executive session with a second from Scott McClelland. Out of executive session at 7:35 p.m. with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Jim Davis.

President Pro Tem: Nothing at this time

Village Administrator: The first well was drilled and tested (24 hour test). It is a good well, 500 gallons a minute. The second well drilling started today. The sewer plant should be finished December 2013, ahead of schedule.

Received an OPWC grant for High Street of \$205,800. That makes \$1,105,000 in grants in 19 months.

The annex building needs to be torn down. Building inspector looked at it and recommended it to be torn down. Morrison Company was the lowest bid at \$7280.00. The insurance company has dropped coverage. The only coverage we have is liability. To bring the building up to state code it would have been over \$70,000. Would like to tear the building down, and use as a parking lot, and refurbish the gazebo. Will take approximately two weeks to

tear down. A motion was made by Scott McClelland to tear down the Annex building with a second from Jim

Davis, a voice vote was taken: Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes.

Joe Johnson is working on a Move Ohio Forward Grant; this is to tear down property in need but allows the owner to keep the property.

Sheriff's Dept: Nothing at this time

Law Director: With the slanderous communications we have received Mark Pitstick would like to seek outside legal opinion on the matter. Lowell Anderson made a motion for Mark Pitstick to seek outside legal opinion with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken: David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes.

Resolution 2013-14 is for the authority to purchase the land, pass it as written and won't implement the section on financing.

Clerk of Council: Nothing at this time

Committee Reports

Finance: Went over RITA report. Lowell Anderson made a motion to pay the bills with a second from Scott McClelland.

Sterling Joint Ambulance District: Will meet on October 9th

Nuisance and Abatement: Meeting for Wednesday is cancelled, will reschedule. \$10,000 was certified to the county auditor on August 30th. Jack Dill tagged property today.

Tri County Fire District: Meeting is September 30th.

Park and Rec.: Nothing

Planning and Zoning: Nothing

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2013-14: A resolution authorizing Charles Neff, Mayor, or his designee to purchase 8.204 acres of bare land from George and Michelle Lohstroh for the purpose of construction of the sewer plant and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Jim Davis with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice vote was taken: Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes. A motion to place on third reading was made by David Timmons with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice vote was taken: Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes. A motion to adopt was made by Scott McClelland with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken: Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes. Adopted.

Ordinance 2013-15: An ordinance creating a commercial building department, authorizing Charles Neff, Mayor, or his designee to make application with the State of Ohio for the certification of the commercial building department, and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend the rules was made by David Timmons with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice

vote was taken: Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes. A motion to place on third reading was made by Jim Davis with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken: David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes. A motion to pass was made by Scott McClelland with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken: Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes. Passed.

Ordinance 2013-16: An ordinance authorizing Charles Neff, Mayor, or his designee authority to contract with the Fayette County Building Department to enforce the Commercial Ohio Board of Building Standards, to request in its initial application to the Ohio Board of Building Standards for certification of the Village of Mount Sterling Commercial Building Department that the Fayette County Building Department would be responsible for the enforcing and administrating the commercial building standards; accept and approve plans and specification; make inspections, and declaring an emergency.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by David Timmons with a second from Lowell Anderson. A voice vote was taken: Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes. A motion to place on third reading was made by Jim Davis with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice vote was taken: Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes. A motion to pass was made by Lowell Anderson with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken: Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes. Passed.

Ordinance 2013-17: An ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of \$100,000 land acquisition bonds, series 2013 and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the rules was made by Scott McClelland with a second from Lowell Anderson. A voice vote was taken: David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes. A motion to place on third reading was made by Jim Davis with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken: Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes. A motion to pass was made by Jim Davis with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice vote was taken: Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes. Passed.

Round Table: David Timmons thanked the people involved with the ball association for starting up the association.

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Davis with a second from Scott McClelland. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00m p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Charles Neff, Mayor

Minutes were written September 24, 2013