

**Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25, 20106**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Lowell Anderson.

Attending the meeting: Mayor Lowell Anderson, council persons Rebecca Burns, Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, Jim Davis, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. John Martin, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Dean Shipley of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Amend the agenda to strike out the executive session. All yes.

Minutes of the April 11, 2016 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Jim Davis. All yes.

Mayor: The local murders in Pike County are heavy on our hearts. Mike DeWine is out there doing his job.

Department Reports:

We would like to extend our sympathy and prayers to John Martin for the loss of his father-in-law.

Village Administrator:

- **New Water Supply Plant:**
Ground breaking went very well.
Work has started on excavation.
- **Current Water Supply Plant Repairs:**
The aerator tower is back in service and operating well.
Once the first clarifier is back in service, we will empty and clean the second clarifier in preparation for repairs.
Once we have emptied the second clarifier, we will empty and clean the re-carbonation tank to ensure we do not have any residual sludge in it.
Hope to be finished by mid-May.
- **Hydrant Flushing:**
We had to emergency flush the hydrants in the Wingate Subdivision. Experienced some discoloration and pressure drop during the flush. Residents were advised to run their water for a while to help clear their lines.
- **Personnel:**
The HR package is about complete and most components have been briefed to the Finance Committee. I will submit the entire final package in the next week or so with suggestions for consideration for adoption.

We calculated leave balances for all employees to try to get a baseline of balances for each. Those balances will begin to appear on payroll stubs when we activate those functions with the payroll service.

- **Street sign/Stop signs/Speed bumps:**

We replaced several more faded stop signs in alleys.

We posted several intersection signs at locations that had none.

Received art work and quote from Kleem.

- **Cliffview Water Run-off:**

We spoke to Morrison Excavating to seek a quote on the work to drain water from the area. We received a quote for the survey for the project that raised an eye brow. We are looking at other options but remain committed to applying a solution.

- **Street/Alley Maintenance:**

We are continuing our alley and street maintenance.

- **Storm Drain/Water Supply/Waste Pipes:**

The storm basin at Yankeetown St. and Woods Ave. seemed to work well during the last couple of rains.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Three hour meeting. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to close Star Ohio. Monies to be deposited into the General Fund and close Chase water account and monies to be deposited into the 99031 account, with a second from David Timmons. Voice voted, all yes.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to pay the bills, were signed off, with a second from Diane Spradlin. Voice vote, all yes.

Water: Working on yellow water. Discussed the delinquent water accounts.

Streets: Found signs that need replaced. This is part of the CDBG grant.

TCFD: Meeting on Thursday.

SJAD: Meeting April 12, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Introduction of Shawn Stiener new member representing Midway council.

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

Credit card is secure in the safe.

No word on the audit yet.

Several thousand dollars in grants have been applied for.

Discussed the new cot requirements.

New truck now scheduled for first of July.

Monies in seat-belt grant needs to be spent.

Part time positions are still available.

Township funds have been received.

Report from clerk on balances in the checking and savings accounts.

Accepted resignation of one full time member.

Have 2 new applications for paramedics.

Meeting adjourned.

(Presented to Mt. Sterling Village Council 4/25/16 by ML Stiverson-Ratliff.)

Festival: Next meeting is May 4th at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Flyers will be out as soon as possible, by next meeting.

Round Table:

David Timmons: May 5th is World Day of Prayer. 7:30 a.m. breakfast at Ben and Joys.

Mayor: Moved Clerk Treasurer to the back office.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff: Very impressed with progress. Thank all the people that support us and all the people that do not support us.

David Timmons: Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff has done well.

Mayor: Saddened by the passing of Red McGraw.

Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Lowell Anderson, Mayor

Minutes were written Tuesday, April 26, 2016.