

**Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday July 11, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Mayor Lowell Anderson.

Attending the meeting: Mayor Lowell Anderson, council persons Rebecca Burns, Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, Jim Davis and David Timmons. Absent-Diane Spradlin. John Martin, Bonnie Liff, Representative from the Madison Messenger and citizens of the village.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Executive Session-hiring of personnel. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to go into executive session at 7:04 p.m. Out of executive session at 7:13 p.m.

Minutes from the June 27, 2016 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff and a second from Jim Davis.

Mayor: We have some employees that were never hired through council action. Recommend hiring Dennis Case, a motion from Jim Davis with a second from Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, voice vote was taken-all yes. Recommend hiring Ronnie Vansickle, a motion from David Timmons with a second from Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, voice vote was taken-all yes. Recommend hiring Tyler Curtis, a motion from Jim Davis with a second from Rebecca Burns, voice vote was taken-all yes.

Department Reports:

Village Administrator:

Waste Water Treatment Plant

- Have most of the reporting from MASI on the bio-solids building output.
- Asked J. R. Mason to look at several issues at the bio-solids building that we need to have repaired before cold weather is upon us.

New Water Supply Plant

- The walls of the holding and break tanks are being formed with a likely pour later this week.

Current Water Supply Plant Repairs:

- The repairs to the current water treatment plant are now complete.
- We are conducting hydrant flow testing and flushing in a combined effort with Tri-County Fire.
- The meter replacement program is continuing with new meters being installed and several larger meters on order.
- Optimistic that the water bills will be more accurate and reading the meters will be more efficient.

Hydrant Flushing

- We will continue to work with the Tri-County Fire personnel on the combined flow testing and flushing.

Streets Signs/Stop Signs/Speed Bumps:

- We continue to replace speed and other signage as needed.

Cliffview Water Run-Off:

- The County Engineer indicates that he has several options that he is finalizing on the flow issues in the Cliffview and service garage area.

Street/Alley Maintenance:

- We will begin to address several of the rougher alleys in town.
- We began spraying weeds in the streets with chlorine. Roundup type products are not EPA approved.

Miscellaneous Items:

- We had Wash on Wheels power wash all the sand stone on town hall.

Mosquito Spraying:

- The Village is not licensed to spray for mosquitos. West Jefferson will spray.
- Collecting mosquitos for testing. Tyler Curtis (degree in wildlife) will be helping out.

(See attached notes.)

Committee Reports:

Finance: Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. The bills have been gone through and initialed. Not all bills get paid.

David Timmons made a motion to pay the bills with a second from Jim Davis. All yes.

Finance meeting on July 21st at 5:30 p.m.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to replace Diane Spradlin on the Finance Committee with David Timmons. With Diane's schedule she is unable to make the meetings. Jim Davis second. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Parks and Recreation: Rebecca Burns-everything is in place for the football camp on July 23rd.

Tri County Fire District: Meeting on June 28th. Approved the minutes and paid the bills.

Misappropriation on the credit card. The Sheriff is looking into it. Selling the hamburger stand.

Sterling Joint Ambulance District:

Meeting July 6, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Audit is complete. Update coming soon.

Paid bills.

New vehicle is in, but with broken windshield which needs repaired.

Radio grant denied for Marks system.

Hired 2 new volunteers.

Feasibility of use of body armor.

Declined accepting contract with Grace Energy Services,

Adjourned.

(Presented to Mt. Sterling Village Council by M. L. Stiverson-Ratliff.)

Pleasant Township: Approved minutes. Dyer Rd. chipped and sealed. Looking into new street signs for Burr Oaks.

Mayor Anderson: Business of the month was at the Cemetery. Honored Glenn Liff and the trustees. Cemetery looks better today than it ever has. Bobbi Little took pictures.

Festival: Meeting was last week. 2017 festival will be the end of June. Survey on festival is due by August 31st.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 2016-20: An ordinance designating the address of Mason Park as 690 Yankeetown Street and declaring an emergency.

A motion to suspend the rules made by David Timmons with a second from Rebecca Burns. Voice vote was taken, all yes.

A motion to place on 3rd reading made by Jim Davis with a second from David Timmons. Voice vote was taken, all yes.

A motion to adopt made by Jim Davis with a second from Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff.

Ord. 2016-21: An ordinance designating the address of the new water treatment plant as 440 Yankeetown Street and declaring an emergency.

A motion to suspend the rules made by Jim Davis with a second from David Timmons. Voice vote was taken, all yes.

A motion to place on 3rd reading made by David Timmons with a second from Rebecca Burns. Voice vote was taken, all yes.

A motion to adopt made by David Timmons with a second from Jim Davis. Voice vote was taken, all yes.

Ord. 2016-22: An ordinance amending Ord. No. 2015-16 by providing an amended certificate to the Madison County Auditor for current expenses and other expenditures, for the purpose of correctly stating the appropriations and expenditures in the UAN computer system of the Village of Mount Sterling, Madison County, Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 and declaring an emergency.

A motion to suspend the rules made by David Timmons with a second from Jim Davis. Voice vote was taken, all yes.

A motion to place on third reading made by Jim Davis with a second from David Timmons. Voice vote was taken, all yes.

A motion to adopt made by David Timmons with a second from Jim Davis. Voice vote was taken, all yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Lowell Anderson, Mayor

Meeting minutes were written on Tuesday, July 12, 2016.