

Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7.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.

Minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Jim Davis, all yes.

Department Reports:

Village Administrator:

Waste Water Treatment Plant:

- Pulling samples to submit to the lab on the bio solids and should have EPA approval soon.
- One interested party who indicates they will take all of the output from the facility.
- Continue to seek a contractor to look at several issues at the bio-solids building that we need to have repaired before cold weather is upon us.

New Water Plant:

- The wall of the deep wells of the holding and break tanks are poured and forms are off.
- The larger portions of the tanks are being formed.

Current Water Supply Plant Repairs:

- The current plant continues to deliver good water.
- The meter replacement program is continuing with new meters being installed with several larger meters still on order.

Hydrant Flushing:

- We will continue to monitor the water quality and determine if and/or when we need to flush the system again.

Streets Signs / Stop Signs / Speed Bumps / Service department Issues:

- We finally got the street sweeper back from the repair service. We have started our usual sweeping routine throughout the village.
- We finished the repairs to the 1999 Chevy truck. The flatbed, toolbox and slip board are installed. Cleaned, touched up and serviced.

(See attached report)

Committee Reports:

Finance: Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff: The bills have been initialed, looked at and doubled checked. David Timmons made a motion to pay the bills with a second from Jim Davis. All yes.
Mayor: RITA report: YTD: \$453,629.46. LYTD: \$383,505.75. Looks good. Keep in mind we need to watch the dollars.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff: In February and March we put into place systems to keep control of the finances. Have a finance meeting at town hall on August 18, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. We have loan amortization tables to go over and a few other items. Diane Spradlin wanted to move the finance meeting to August 22, 2016 so the fiscal officer could be there. Mayor decided to leave it on the 18th of August.

Tri County Fire District: Met on July 26, 2016. Read and approved the minutes and bills.

Sterling Joint Ambulance District: Meeting is on August 10, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

Pleasant Twp.: Met on August 1st, approved the minutes, paid the bills, discussed Junk and Dyer Roads.

Festival: August 22, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. having a Village Street Market and the 2nd Annual Full Throttle Car Show. Then from 7-10 p.m. at the old school gym there will be a sock hop.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance 2016-23: An ordinance amending ordinance No. 2015-16 by providing supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Mount Sterling, Madison County, Ohio during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, and declaring an emergency. Second Reading.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken, Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes.

Rebecca Burns made a motion to place on third and final reading with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken, Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes.

David Timmons made a motion to adopt with a second from Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. A voice vote was taken, Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes, David Timmons-yes, Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes.

Ordinance 2016-24: An ordinance authorizing Lowell Anderson, or his designee, to enter into an employment agreement with Clarence Liff, Jr. for janitorial services for the Village of Mount Sterling, Ohio and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Jim Davis made a motion to place on first reading with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken, Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes.

Round Table.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff: Two required signatures for every voucher. The Fiscal Officer is standing right there for any questions. This takes between one and two hours. Some bills get set aside for more clarification. When we come to council meeting we are relatively sure of the bills.

On the recall issue, council person has had to serve for more than one year since their election. "Do a little research on the issue."

Diane Spradlin: In regards to the \$9,000 deductible paid for medical reimbursements. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff said that the village is not required to pay this. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion as of midnight tonight no more \$9,000 reimbursement for medical bills with a second from Diane Spradlin.

Rebecca Burns: Don't like how the policy is set up. This may put employees in stress. Only fair to set a date.

An amendment was made to the motion: Village will discontinue the \$9,000 deductible stipend for employees as of August 31st. A voice vote was taken: Rebecca Burns-yes, Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes.

Diane Spradlin: Back to the fiscal officer. Her input is necessary. Appreciate her presence at the finance meetings. That is why she thought Cindy should be at the finance meetings.

Expressed her concern regarding the public being afforded time to express their views on the village finances.

David Timmons: Appreciate John Martin. As Abraham Lincoln said "we need unity". Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff is doing a good job. School is starting, keep an eye out on the children.

Diane Spradlin: Recording of meetings, the recorder is working. The people can record the meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Lowell Anderson, Mayor

Minutes were written Friday, August 19, 2016.