

**Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 22, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, Deputy Jack Dill, Cindy Miller, Bonnie Liff, Representative from Madison Press and the Madison Messenger and citizens of the village.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Executive session to discuss contracts. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to go into executive session, with a second from David Timmons. In at 7:01 p.m. Out at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Jim Davis, all yes.

Public Comments: Bobi Little: Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. People need to get an update. Is there a chairperson who can convey information? Would be nice to have a flow chart telling what is happening and when.

Compensation for council. The only ordinance she could find is from 1999. Has it been updated?

Department Reports:

Village Administrator:

Waste Water Treatment Plant:

- The paperwork to transfer the storage permit with the party interested in the press building output is still pending but expected in the next couple of weeks.
- A contractor is scheduled to look at several issues at the bio-solids building that we need to have repaired before cold weather.

New Water Supply Plant:

- The walls of the deep wells of the holding and break tanks are poured and forms are off.
- Electric boring is almost complete to the well field.
- Water line boring is scheduled to begin August 29.

Current Water Supply Plant Repairs:

- The meter replacement program is continuing with new meters being installed.
- Several of the larger meters have been delivered and these are scheduled for installation this and next week.

Hydrant Flushing:

- There is no hydrant flushing scheduled at this time.
- Repaired several hydrants and replaced one that was in critical condition.

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

- Street sweeping is going well throughout the village.

- We have cleaned up several alleys and have several more scheduled.
- We have a list of street lights that are out or intermittent that will be submitted to AEP for trouble tickets.

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant:

- Engineering and bid specs have been completed for Mason Park improvements.
- Bids have been advertised and are scheduled to be opened at the Commissioner's Office August 29th.
- Pursuant to committee's recommendations, the following items have been bid out:
 - Basketball Court
 - Batting Cages
 - Dugouts
 - Walking Track
- Quotes for playground equipment are being sought from several vendors.
 - The equipment was packaged with a similar request from London to make the package bigger for vendors.
- Clevenger Road repair specifications are being developed in anticipation for bidding soon.
- The Veteran's Memorial is the only item remaining to be finalized.

(See attached notes).

David Timmons: Grass is still being left in the streets. What about the property the village mows.

V.A.: We have a list of properties we mowed. Get information together to have an ordinance to take to the auditor's office to place the costs of mowing on the property taxes.

Diane Spradlin: The alley parallel to the Post Office. Weeds growing, very visible.

V.A.: Properties are being tagged for this problem.

Sheriff: Call for service reports for June and July. Most crimes are drug related. Between here and Junk Rd. had five places broke into. Not in Mt. Sterling.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Went over the bills. No unanswered questions. Jim Davis made a motion to pay the bills to date with a second from Rebecca Burns. All yes.

Finance meeting held on Thursday, August 18th. Recommend to council:

1997-47 wording not to be changed.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff discussed idea of rescinding motion to end present coverage regarding health care deductible. Instead of ending this coverage on August 31st, it will be extended to October 10th.

Need to study more on this coverage. Jim Davis made a motion to amend the coverage from August 31st to October 10th, 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.

Diane Spradlin: Between now and October 10th, we will have in depth discussion health insurance issues.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff: having work session so all council can be there.

Mayor: RITA: YTD: \$463,282. LYTD: \$395,664.

Sterling Joint Ambulance District: Report by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. Meeting of August 10, 2016—8:00 P.M.

Minutes of last meeting approved. Paid Bills. No bids for sale for old Sterling Joint Ambulance District truck. It will be used as a trade-in. New vehicle needs reprogrammed. Marx radios are being used by all hospitals now. Still researching body armor. Hired 1 volunteer – terminated another. Began updating the Human Resource package. Raised pay for special duty assignments by \$10.00. Adjourned at 9:20 .m.

Submitted to Mt. Sterling Village Council by ML Stiverson on 8/22/16.

Pleasant Township: Report by Jim Davis. Read and approved the minutes. Decided to keep old mower. Safety grant used to buy fire extinguishers.

Festival: Report by Rebecca Burns. Mt. Sterling Chamber of Commerce: From 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on August 27th having a Village Street Market. A lot of booths will be set up. The Dairy Freeze is having the 2nd Annual Car and Bike show from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. From 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. having a Sock Hop at the old school gym. The Professionals are performing.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 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. Second Reading.

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

Round Table:

Lowell Anderson: The Versa building sold. Jerry Alcott bought it.

At the September 12th council meeting, after adjourning citizens can speak. There will be a form to fill in. No responses will be given. All forms will be placed in a box and will be drawn at random. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes. The session will run for thirty minutes.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff: This doesn't take away coming in and signing up to speak at council.

Jim Davis: Thanked everyone for attending and helping with the fish fry. Sold out of fish on Saturday.

David Timmons: Thanked everyone for coming out for the meeting. Hope the Eagles have a good year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Lowell Anderson, Mayor

Meeting minutes written on Tuesday, August 23, 2016.