

**Village of Mount Sterling Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 24, 2015**

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

**Attending the meeting:** Mayor Charles Neff, council persons Rebecca Burns, Scott McClelland, Jim Davis, Lowell Anderson and David Timmons. Absent was Diane Spradlin, excused with a motion from Jim Davis and a second from Lowell Anderson, all yes. Deputy Jack Dill, 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 remove Ordinance 2015-08:** A motion to remove ordinance 2015-08 from the agenda was made by Lowell Anderson with a second from Scott McClelland, all yes.

**Mayor's Comments:** Previous Mayor Glenn Meade passed away. Joe Johnson went to the services. Judy Brown and Joe Arbogast also passed away. The groundbreaking for the new medical building is tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. Hope to have it completed by February 2016.

**Public Comments:** Bobi Little: Beale Ave or Street, holes in street which holds water, can't traverse the street. Lowell Anderson comment that this has been a 40 year problem. Property owner didn't agree to the remedy. If we get the grant the Village will have new street signs. Bobi Little: Community center entrance. Was to be on John St. now it will be on James St. Can the grant money be changed to James St? Mayor: The grant money can be transferred. Bobi Little: Changes to rules of council to the Finance Committee, where the entire council will be on the committee. It was voted on. Also changes to Rule 20, brought up by Diane Spradlin. Mark Pitstick: First, this was not on the agenda. Council previously modified the rules of council. Finance committee is part of council, all members make up the council. Have entire council on the finance committee would do away with the committee. The committee is to meet, research the issue and make recommendations to council. Only council can act. Better to have a committee to discuss issues then bring to council. The vote was illegal, wasn't on the agenda. Has to be on the agenda to vote on. Council can ignore it. It was ill-advised to vote on the issue the way it was done. Haven't heard anyone to say they what to do anything about it. Bobi Little: Just wanted clarification. On cancelling council meetings: Meetings cancelled because of no business. If someone is on the agenda then it is business, the meeting should not be cancelled.

**Department Reports:**

**President Pro Tem:** Haven't received work yet if we receive the grant. Joe has brought in \$2 million plus in grant money.

**Village Administrator:** Joe would like to schedule a finance meeting.

**Sheriff's Department:** Since the last meeting there was a break in at the mason Park. Money, equipment and property were taken. Under investigation. Some have given tips. Any tips refer to Lt. Silmar. He is the contact person. Lowell Anderson: Don't want to hear about the village not having a police department. This is happening everywhere, police or no police.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Lowell Anderson made a motion to pay bills to date of \$50,377.01, with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken, all yes.

Rita Report: YTD: \$383,000, LYTD: \$416,000. Down 70%. Water Towers: Keihin tower will be done in a couple of weeks. Will start on the next one. Cost \$473,000.

**Water:** Hope to get permit from EA for water plant then it will go out for bid.

**Streets:** Will schedule a meeting at the next council meeting.

**TCFDS:** Meeting is this week.

**SJAD:** Next meeting will be September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Pleasant Twp.:** Cemetery meeting was held August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mailing post cards on the cemetery levy. Pleasant Twp. Meeting hired a person to weed eat, paid warrants.

### **Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Resolution 2015-07:** A resolution to contract for a Village Law Director and declaring an emergency. Third Reading. A motion to place on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading made by David Timmons with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice vote was taken, all yes.

A motion to adopt was made by Lowell Anderson with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken, all yes. Adopted.

### **Round Table:**

Lowell Anderson: Chamber had a fine car show at the Dairy Freeze.

Rebecca Burns: Had 65 entries, cars and motorcycles. Great DJ that Joe got at last minute.

Money raised goes to the Youth League.

Having a Cruise In Labor Day weekend on Church St. Village Flea Market 8-4; 5-9 Old Fashioned Cruise In.

David Timmons: Civil War group had a meeting in the village. They liked all the American flags we had out.

Rebecca Burns: TORK Model Airplanes at Deer Creek. They are having Eject International September 11-13. Have competition and food truck. Will be putting up banners.

David Timmons: Car show did good as well as the businesses in town.

Lowell Anderson: Spoke about pool closings in area cities.

Joe Johnson: September 11-12 American Cancer Society is having a marathon from Columbus to Cincinnati. Doing midnight switch in the village at the gazebo.

Jim Davis: September 10-12 KP is frying fish.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Scott McClelland. All yes.

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Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

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Charles Neff, Mayor

Minutes written on Tuesday, August 25, 2015.