Village of Mount Sterling Council

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 24, 2016

Budget Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m.

Attending: Mayor Lowell Anderson, council persons Rebecca Burns, Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, Jim Davis and David Timmons. Village Administrator John Martin, Fiscal Officer Cindy Miller, Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Max of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

Cindy went over the budget. There were no questions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Council Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Lowell Anderson.

Attending: Mayor Lowell Anderson, council persons Rebecca Burns, Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, Jim Davis, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. Village Administrator John Martin, Fiscal Officer Cindy Miller, Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Max of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the October 10, 2016 were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Jim Davis. A vote was taken: R. Burns-yes; M. Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; J. Davis-yes; D. Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes.

Public Comments: Lucy McMann. Spoke on the Community Development Block Grant, Community Housing Improvement Program and the Fair Housing Program. She left brochures in lobby.

Mayor: Saturday October 22 was Make a Difference Day. Had Trunk or Treat celebration. The veterans and the American Legion collected items to be taken to the veterans.

*Department Reports:*

Village Administrator: (John Martin)

Waste Water Treatment Plant:

* Waiting on a quote from two vendors on the list of items to correct at the bio-solids building.

New Water Supply Plant:

* A bit behind of schedule from recent weather events. Making good progress now.
* The building foundations will be started next week.
* Two main tanks are complete. Smaller backwash tank walls are complete.
* Installation of the well-pit castings are scheduled to start next week.

Current Water Supply and Plant Repairs:

* Continuing the mechanical water meter change program.
* Continuing to monitor the water revenue to determine the accuracy of billing and percentage of finished water being billed.

Hydrant Flushing:

* Hydrant flushing went well.
* Continuing with our hydrant repairs.

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

* We have been cutting trees and brush in several alleys and have several more scheduled.
* The bicycle rack in the parking area near the squad building was donated by the library and installed last week.

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (CDGB):

* Waiting on the final Clevenger Road repair specifications.
* Work on the other items is underway.

(See attached notes)

Sheriff Dept.: (Deputy Jack Dill)

See attached report. Gretchen from Mental Health can come down next month to speak on the drug problem. Jack will set up the day and time.

*Committee Reports:*

Finance: (Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff)

The bills were checked and rechecked. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to pay the bills with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken: M. Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; J. Davis-yes; D. Spradlin-yes; D. Timmons-yes; R. Burns-yes.

Attached is the minutes from the Work session Finance Committee meeting of October 19, 2-16. All the recommendation are in the ordinances and resolutions.

Anytime there is a need for a finance meeting let Mary Lou know and she will set up the meeting.

Mayor: RITA report: YTD: $577,000. LYTD: $459,000.

Sterling Joint Ambulance District: (Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff)

Meeting of October 12, 2016 – 8:00 P.M.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

There’s a vital need for medics ASAP. Request for paramedics personnel is ongoing in several venues.

Two were recommended for hiring and officially hired. One part time person was hired.

Four sets of body armor were purchased.

Moved to purchase some MARCS radio equipment at recommended.

Certifications were discussed.

Bills were paid.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 P.M.

(Presented by ML Stiverson Ratliff to Mt. Sterling Village Council 10/24/15)

Pleasant Township: (Jim Davis)

Met on October 17th. Approved minutes of October 3rd. Getting trucks ready for winter.

*Ordinances and Resolutions:*

Res. 2016-19: A resolution espousing the council’s desire to continue using Trusty Company as the health insurance broker for calendar year 2017 and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

A motion to suspend the rules made by David Timmons with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken: J. Davis-yes; D. Spradlin-no; D. Timmons-yes; R. Burns-yes; M. Stiverson Ratliff-yes. Motion defeated.

A motion to place on first reading made by Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff with a second from Rebecca Burns. Voice vote was taken: D. Spradlin-no; D. Timmons-yes; R. Burns-yes; M. Stiverson Ratliff-yes; J. Davis-yes. Motion passed

Res. 2016-30: A resolution authorizing Lowell Anderson or his designee to enter into agreement with Medical Mutual of Ohio for medical insurance for the employees of the Village of Mount Sterling and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

A motion to suspend the rules made by David Timmons with a second from Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff. A voice vote was taken: D. Timmons-yes; R. Burns-yes; M. Stiverson Ratliff-yes; J. Davis-yes; D. Spradlin-no. Motion defeated.

A motion to place on first reading made by Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken: R. Burns-yes; M. Stiverson Ratliff-yes; J. Davis-yes; D. Spradlin-no; D. Timmons-yes. Motion passed.

Res. 2016-31: A resolution authorizing Lowell Anderson or his designee to enter into agreement with Medical Mutual of Ohio for medical insurance for the employees of the Village of Mount Sterling and declaring an emergency.

A motion to place on first reading made by David Timmons with a second from Mary Lou Stiverson Ratliff.

Discussion: D. Spradlin: Would like additional deliberation on this. Never heard quotes from any other insurance companies. Looking for what is in the best interest of the employees and tax payers.

M. Stiverson Ratliff: Finance meeting on 9/22 for 3 ½ hours on this. All the things that are issues with Diane were discussed then. The recommendation was based on the 9/22 meeting.

M. Pitstick: Under the Affordable Care Act (ACA), we are grand mothered status on the current plan. If we go to another plan we will pay nearly 20% more. The amounts are going to be the same with other brokers. At the finance meeting two individuals were there, an actuary and an agent from Trusty Insurance.

After discussion a voice vote was taken: M. Stiverson Ratliff-yes; J. Davis-yes; D. Spradlin-no; D. Timmons-yes, R. Burns-yes. Motion passed.

Ord. 2016-32: An ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses of the Village of Mount Sterling, Madison County, Ohio during fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. First Reading.

A motion to place on first reading made by Jim Davis with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken: J. Davis-yes; D. Spradlin-yes; D. Timmons-yes, R. Burns-yes; M. Stiverson Ratliff-yes. Motion passed.

*Round Table:*

Mayor Anderson: Trick or Treat is October 31st, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

R. Burns: Thanked the Madison Press for the article on Ghoul School. After trick or treat, there will be registration at the gazebo for the costume contest and parade to the Dairy Freeze. Pets included. Ghoul School so far has grossed $2,500. Half goes to the drama club and half to the chamber. Students get service hours for helping. On October28 there is a ribbon cutting at Bitter Sweet Home Décor. This is located where Sweet Bessie’s was, at the corner of W. Columbus St. and S. Market St.

D. Timmons: Make a Difference Day, had fun. On October 15th survived another run.

C. Miller: Question regarding the insurance. Does she hold the invoice for Superior Dental or pay it? Invoice on Medical Mutual is due 12/1/2016, what does council want to be done? Council advised to leave it as is.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

No public speaking.

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Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council Lowell Anderson, Mayor

Minutes written on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.