

**Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Charles Neff.

Attending the meeting: Mayor Charles Neff, council persons Rebecca Burns, Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, Jim Davis, Lowell Anderson, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. Joe Johnson, Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Dean Shipley of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the October 27, 2015 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Jim Davis.

Mayor's Comments: Wednesday is Veterans Day. If you see a veteran thank them for their service.

Public Comments: Bobi Little: Spoke on Ordinance 215-13. As a tax payer she cannot reasonably see a raise for the Mayor and Council. Cannot compare the village with London, West Jefferson and Plain City. Money could be used for updating the nuisance ordinances and enforcing the ordinances.

Cheryl Downing: Concern on the water break we had last week. Air in the lines scared her. Would like to have known about it. Joe told her we fix the leak live, did not have time to inform everyone. Cheryl asked about putting in water lines in her area. Joe said going to put in fire line, not disturbing her lines.

Department Reports:

Village Administrator: Water plant is going out for bid tomorrow at 2:00 p.m.
Rumpke: Does council want to extend the contract with Rumpke? 2016 will be \$18.50 per month and 2017 will be \$.25 more a month. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to continue the contract with Rumpke for two years with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken, all yes.

Law Director: Mark explained Ordinance 2015-15. It is to amend the village codified ordinance 880 in accordance with HB5. Standard format for the state.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Lowell Anderson made a motion to pay the bills to date of \$18219.89 with a second from Jim Davis. All yes. Have the 10/26 fund status report.

Water: Had put in the Madison Press about flushing hydrants on Thursday, putting it off until Monday. The water may be brown, it will clear up, and it is safe to drink. Water tower is back in service. Numbers are coming in on a new tank.

Wastewater: Doing good, the cooker is doing well.

Streets: Starting on High Street project tomorrow. Will be approximately 60 days, weather permitting.

TCFD: Meeting was on 10/29/15, approved minutes, paid the bills, discussed payment recovery, and accepted the resignation of a fireman.

SJAD: Meeting will be on November 11 at 8:00 p.m.

Pleasant Twp.: Meeting was on 11/2/15. Approved minutes. Went into executive session, Mark Harden is the new trustee. Discussed Alkire cemetery, insurance, projects for next year and replacing tanks at the garage.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance 2015-12: Was passed on October 27, 2015.

Ordinance 2015-13: An ordinance increasing the salaries of the Mayor, Administration and Council Members of Mount Sterling beginning the new term, beginning January 1, 2016 and declaring an emergency. Second Reading.

A motion to place on second reading was made by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken: Rebecca Burns-no; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Diane Spradlin-no; David Timmons-no. Three yes and three no. To break the tie the Mayor voted yes.

Resolution 2015-14: A resolution authorizing the Village of Mount Sterling to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement program(s) and to execute contracts as required. Second Reading.

A motion to place on second reading was made by David Timmons with a second from Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Ordinance 2015-15: An ordinance to amend section 880 of the codified ordinance of the Village of Mount Sterling, Ohio of regarding municipal income tax and declaring an emergency.

A motion to place on first reading was made by Rebecca Burns with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Round Table: Joe: November 24 at noon Thanksgiving dinner for employees. Stop in.

David: Pet parade was a lot of fun during the Halloween celebration. Village is down to three WWII veterans.

Rebecca: On November 21 the Chamber is having a Community Appreciation Dinner at the American Legion from 3-5 p.m. Carry out is available.

Ghoul School: Chamber of Commerce and the Madison Plains Drama Club went together to put on the Ghoul School. Grossed approximately \$3000. After expenses the net was split between the chamber and the drama club, each receiving \$650.00. Hopefully we can make it an annual event.

Lowell: On Wednesday November 11 will be having Veterans Day services. Pastor Jay Moyer will be speaking.

Motion to adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by David Timmons with a second from Jim Davis. All yes. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Charles Neff, Mayor

Minutes were written on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.