

**Village of Mount Sterling Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday June 9, 2014**

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

**Present at the meeting:** Mayor Charles Neff, council persons Rebecca Burns, Scott McClelland, Heather Rice, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Dean Shipley of the Madison Press and citizens of the village. Absent were Council person Lowell Anderson, excused with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Scott McClelland, and Joe Johnson.

**Minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting** were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Heather Rice.

**Mayor's Comments:** Clean up day is June 21<sup>st</sup>. Meet at Town Hall at 9 a.m. Let Freedom Ring Festival is June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. The parade is on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

**Public Comments:** Brenda Baisden: She would like to close New St. from Chestnut St. to Jefferson St. on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m and July 19<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. for a Block Party. There will be games and a band. Heather Rice asked about possible noise complaint. David Timmons made a motion to close New St. from Chestnut St. to Jefferson St. July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for a Block Party with a second from Rebecca Burns, all yes.

Bob Wilson: He doesn't want a gate up, blocks his access to the back of his property. In 1986 council agreed to leave the alley the way it is. Mr. Wilson talked with the Village Administrator since the end of October. Joe took the gate down. When asked if the gate was ever locked he said no. It is a public alley and he raised concerns about access to the alley.

Bobi Little: She said he asked the Mayor and Council President about the gate and they told her to talk to the Village Administrator. She has written permission from the Village Administrator to put up the gate. There was a lot of vandalism, trash, sexual activity and a lot of traffic back there. There has been none since the gate was put up. Bobi mows and cleans up the area. She has signed letters from two neighbors who like the gate. It is a dead end area. Mr. Wilson could not give her a reason why he doesn't want the gate up.

The Mayor referred this matter to Joe Johnson and the Street Committee. It will be settled by next council meeting.

***Department Reports***

**President Pro Tem:** Nothing

**Village Administrator:** Nothing.

**Sheriff Department:** Curfew, charged four juveniles with curfew.

**Law Director:** Nothing.

**Clerk of Council:** The library would like to have the Village repeal Ord. 2006-15 which would return ownership of Water Street from the alley to W. Columbus St. Mark Pitstick said we would do an ordinance rededicating the area.

### ***Committee Reports***

**Finance:** Bills to date are \$201,405. Scott McClelland made a motion to pay the bills with a second from Heather Rice. All yes.

RITA report: 2014-\$151,112; 2013-\$144,328. Up \$6784.

**Water:** Nothing

**Wastewater:** Nothing

**Streets:** Nothing

**TCJFD:** See attached report.

**SJAD:** See attached report.

**Block Watch:** May 15<sup>th</sup>-see attached. May 29<sup>th</sup>-see attached. June 5-cancelled. June 19<sup>th</sup>-next meeting at the Library at 6 p.m.

**Parks and Recreation:** Meeting is June 11 at 5 p.m.

**Nuisance and Abatement:** Meeting is June 12 at 6 p.m.

**Monument:** Had a meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. See attached report. Heather Rice talked about the design of the monument. She spoke with people from New Straitsville about their monument. Quality Monument from New Lexington has 4x8x4 engraved bricks. The monument would honor all the veterans. She spoke on fund raising and dedication ceremony.

### ***Ordinances and Resolutions***

**Resolution 2014-05:** A resolution authorizing Charles Neff or his designee the enter into an agreement with the New Cingular Wireless PCS for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating a cell phone tower and a communication facility and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Scott McClelland made a motion to place on first reading with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken: Rebecca Burns-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Heather Rice-abstained; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes.

**Round Table:** David Timmons: June 6<sup>th</sup> was the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D Day. He thanked the veterans.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Heather Rice with a second from Scott McClelland. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

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Charles Neff, Mayor

Minutes written June 10, 2014.