

**Village of Mount Sterling Council Meeting**  
**Monday March 25, 2013.**

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

**Present at the meeting were:** Mayor Charles Neff, council persons Diane Spradlin, Jim Williams, David Timmons, Lowell Anderson, Jim Davis and Scott McClelland. Joe Johnson, Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, representative of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from Scott McClelland and a second from David Timmons. There was not a meeting held on March 11, 2013.

**Mayor's Comments:** The mayor spoke about the meeting Madison Plains School District had at the Community Center. It was in the paper that the Village reps did not show up. Neither Mayor nor council knew about the meeting. The Mayor apologized for not knowing about the meeting. Lowell Anderson asked Mr. Shipley from the Madison Press if the meeting was in the Madison Press, Mr. Shipley said yes. When Mr. Anderson asked what date he didn't know the exact date, was to have been the day before the meeting was held.

**Public Comments:**

Kevin Wood from ME: Spoke on the water rates. The EPA requires a rate system to be in place that will show there is money to pay the loan. Need a conservative plan. Pass a resolution, and then you can adjust the rates down if and when the village gets grants for the water plant. Right now the water rates are so low that we cannot apply for grants. The water bill will increase by a flat fee of \$10.00.

Joe advised the \$10.00 was an equal amount for everyone. We looked at raising the water rates to match the sewer rates, but our industrial and commercial would be the ones taking the biggest hit. And that is not fair to the businesses. So we feel that a \$10.00 flat rate across the board would be fair. The new plant will have a 10 year warranty and there will be no lime. The wastewater will have an increase of 2% per year; this covers the cost of inflation and operations expense. Have to fix some lines and foam sewer lines.

Asebrook and Co.: Spoke on commercial building department. About doing the village's building regulations.

**President Pro Tem:** Lowell spoke on HB5, he thinks it is dead. Wanted to know if the meeting was still on for March 28. The Mayor will check on it.

**Village Administrator:** Joe wanted to thank the guys for getting the roads cleared. David Timmons said they did a good job. The village looks good. Diane Spradlin said they did an excellent job, better than ever.

Joe needs to set up a Park and Rec. meeting.

**Sheriff Dept.:** Deputy Dill gave out two reports.

**Law Director:** Nothing to report.

**Clerk of Council:** Nothing

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Lowell talked about the RITA report; said Vickie is doing a good job. Warrant list \$96731.44. Lowell Anderson made a motion to pay the bills with a second from David Timmons.

A voice vote was taken: Diane Spradlin-yes; Jim Williams-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes and Scott McClelland-yes.

**Sterling Joint Ambulance District:** Meeting is on April 10, 2013 at 8:00 p.m.

**Nuisance and Abatement:** Lowell advised there are two reports from February 20, 2013 and March 20, 2013. Deputy Dill is doing a great job. The next meeting is April 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

**Tri County Fire District:** Jim Davis went over the report and the next meeting is Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Park and Rec.:** A meeting was set for April 2, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

**Planning and Zoning:** Nothing at this time.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance No. 2013-03:** An ordinance amending ordinance 2008-12 and declaring an emergency: A motion to place on first reading was made by Jim Davis with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice vote was taken: Jim Williams-yes; David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes Diane Spradlin-yes.

**Ordinance No. 2013-04:** An ordinance amending ordinance 2008-13 and declaring an emergency: A motion to place on first reading was made by David Timmons with a second from Lowell Anderson. A voice vote was taken: David Timmons-yes; Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes and Jim Williams-yes

**Ordinance No. 2013-05:** An ordinance creating codified ordinance 1449 portable structures and declaring an emergency. A motion to place on first reading was made by Jim Davis with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken: Lowell Anderson-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Scott McClelland-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; Jim Williams-yes and David Timmons-yes.

**Round Table:** David Timmons cannot wait till spring.

**Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Scott McClelland with a second from Diane Spradlin. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

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Charles Neff, Mayor