

**Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by Mayor Charles Neff.

Attending the meeting: Mayor Charles Neff, council persons Rebecca Burns, 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.

Replace vacant council seat. A motion to accept the nominations for the vacant council seat was made by David Timmons with a second by Rebecca Burns. All yes. A motion to close nominations for vacant council seat was made by Lowell Anderson with a second by Jim Davis. All yes. A motion to accept the ballots was made by Diane Spradlin with a second from Lowell Anderson. All yes. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff is the new council person.

Minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Jim Davis.

Mayor's Comments: Halloween trick or treat is this Thursday 6-7:30 p.m. Chamber has the haunted school. Will be open this Thursday through Saturday, 7-10 p.m. Set the clocks back this weekend. Remember to vote November 3rd.

Public Comments: Greta Meyer and Dr. Kent Youngman of the Mental Health Recovery Board for Clark, Greene and Madison counties. Spoke on what the agency does and about the .5 mil levy. It is a renewal levy, does not increase cost or revenue. Term of the levy is ten (10) years.

Department Reports:

President Pro Tem: Misspelled cemetery on the banners. Received a lot of attentions. Glen Liff, Bobi Little and Lowell Anderson wrote letters to the editor in support of the cemetery levy. Vote Tuesday.

Village Administrator: Last week we had two bid openings. Ne for London St. Was \$100,000 over the estimate. High Street Phase B went to Columbus Asphalt, \$218,579. They did Market and Church St. Deadline for completion is December 19, 2015.

Water Tanks: Keihin tank is back in operation. High St. water tank-blowing holes in water tank. Discussed with Mayor and Engineers about this. Will temporarily patch tank and put it back in service. We will replace the tank with a 200,000 gallon tank and place it where the water plant is to be built. The tank was built in 1929. This will save the village in the long run. Budget is not finished.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Lowell Anderson made a motion to pay the bills to date of \$31630.95 and \$31859.72, with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Fund Status: 2012-\$234,000; present \$1,837,571.45.

RIT report: YTD: \$459,000; LYTD: \$501,000; 2013 YTD: \$408,000.

Water: Joe has been in office for three years, worked for the village for 17 years. Received \$2.5 million in grants over the last three years.

Tuesday at 2 p.m. we are having the bid opening for the water plant. Anyone can attend.
Neighborhood Revitalization Grant: This grant, (\$300,000) has been awarded to the village. We will be working on projects.

TCFD: The meeting is Thursday.

SJAD: We lost a board member, Lewis Conway. The district has a solid bank account, a good district and good audits.

Pleasant Twp.: The meeting was held on October 10th. We discussed, budget and projects for next year. Lost a trustee, Lewis Conway. They have seven candidates for his replacement. Vote for the levy.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2015-10: A resolution authorizing the Mayor, Charles Neff, or his designee, for the Village of Mount Sterling to purchase a utilities truck, declaring an emergency. Third Reading. A motion to place on third reading was made by David Timmons with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken-all yes. A motion to adopt was made by Jim Davis with a second from Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Ordinance 2015-12: An ordinance authorizing cooperative agreement for construction of High Street Phase II Project between the Village of Mount Sterling and the Ohio Water Development Authority and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken-all yes. A motion to place on third reading was made by David Timmons with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken-all yes. A motion to pass was made by Jim Davis with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

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. First Reading.

A motion to place on first reading was made by Lowell Anderson with a second from Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. Discussion: Diane Spradlin asked about who would get the increase. 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 had to vote. 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. First Reading.

A motion to place on first reading was made by David Timmons with a second from Rebecca Burns. Discussion: This is for Clevenger Avenue between Main St and Columbus St. A voice vote was taken. All yes.

Round Table:

Joe: HB5 Income Tax Ordinance has 70 page attachment. This will be ready for the next meeting.

David: Don't forget to vote.

Lowell: Last Sunday took a tour of Nellie Baker's house. It is up for auction on Sunday. A couple want to restore it. Concerned about financing. Advised them there are grants available and told them to talk to Joe. This is the first house in the village to have electric and water lines.

Rebecca: Thursday after Trick or Treat there will be a parade and costume contest. Sign up at the gazebo at 7:30 p.m. This is for children 12 years old and under and for pets. Parade is from the gazebo to the Dairy Freeze.

Mary Lou: Thanked everyone for their support. Proud of Mount Sterling even in the bad times. Appreciate all Joe has done and with the administration and employees. Proud to be part of it.

Motion to adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Diane Spradlin with a second from Rebecca Burns. The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Charles Neff, Mayor

Minutes were written on Tuesday, October 28, 2015