**Village of Mount Sterling Council**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday September 22, 2014**

**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, Scott McClelland, heather Rice, Lowell Anderson, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. Joe Johnson, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, representative of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited**.

**The minutes of the August 25, 2014 meeting** were accepted with corrections with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Heather Rice. All yes.

**Mayor’s Comments**: No comments,

**Public Comments**: Bobi Little. Thanked Joe and his employees for all the work they are doing. A correction to the article in the paper, grass cannot be blown from the street onto the sidewalk. Talked about the shape of the sidewalks and bushes in alleys. Said it is hard for handicap to get around. Grass growing out of grass in cracks in roadway. She said this makes our town look bad. She said she can’t imagine cancelling council meetings because there was nothing on the agenda. They are getting paid. They need to walk around and look at the village.

Chris Sisco: A new sign will be placed on the library lot. The Friends of the Library and the Museum are paying for it. Received money from Betty

October 3-Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at 10 a.m.

October 25-Business of the month and ribbon cutting at Kountry Klippings at 11 a.m.

Would like the councils’ endorsement for a .4 mill levy. 60% to replace revenue lost in 2008. We are down to 1990 level. Use to repair building and expand resources. Cost on a $100,000 home would be $14.00.

The Book Mobile has been in service for one year. We received a grant for the book mobile. Expanded the area we go to. We have two stops in the village, Madison plains, south solon and midway.

We had 19 children for story time and on October 2 we are going to have a paranormalist at the library.

A proclamation for the Friends of the Library week was made by Diane Spradlin with a second from Heather Rice. All yes. October 19-25, 2014 is Friends of the Library week.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

President Pro Tem: The Governor has balanced the budget at villages and libraries expenses. Lowell Anderson has preached on this for four years ad he will continue to do so.

Village Administrator: Thanked Bobi. Have a tree trimmer cooing tomorrow for Clark St. Assessed $13345 on property taxes for mowing yards. People don’t want to take care of their property. This has got to stop.

Sewer plant is done. Cooked 39,000 pounds of sludge in 1 ½ days. We were paying $350,000 to have sludge hauled. We are looking into taking in sludge from other places. Would be income for village.

We have new drawing of the water plant. Expected to break ground in fall or earl winter.

Start work on High St starts September 29th.

Work on Keihin project starts second week of October.

Look into speed bumps on High St.

Park and Rec. Ball diamonds at Mason Park have been tilled. Meeting is on October 8th at 5:00p.m.

Finance and water meeting for October 15th at 6 p.m.

Working on big projects for next year, will be good for the village.

Trick or Treat: Trick or Treat has been set for Friday October 31st from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

There was a tie for Nov. 1st and October 31st. The Mayor was tie breaker and chose October 31st. (For Nov. 1st: Heather Rice, Lowell Anderson, Scott McClelland. For Oct. 31st: Diane Spradlin David Timmons, Rebecca Burns.)

Sheriff’s Dept.: Nothing.

Law Director: Nothing

Clerk of Council: Nothing.

Committee Reports:

Finance: No bills presented to pay. RITA report: YTD $456,000. LYTD. $347,000. + $109,000.

Water/Wastewater/Streets: Covered by Village Administrator.

TCJFD: Nothing

SJAD: Nothing

Pleasant Twp.: Met September 15th. See attached report.

Park & Rec.: Meeting set for October 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Monument: Inaugural run was a success. Thanked everyone. Raised $1065.00. Had a great turn out.

Round Table: Nothing

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Lowell Anderson with a second from David Timmons. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council Charles Neff, Mayor.

Minutes written September 23, 2014.