

**Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 17, 2015**

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

Attending the meeting: Mayor Charles Neff, council persons Rebecca Burns, Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, Jim Davis, Lowell Anderson and David Timmons. Joe Johnson, Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff and citizens of the village. Absent was Diane Spradlin, motion to excuse her was made by Lowell Anderson with a second by David Timmons, all yes.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes of the November 23, 2015 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Rebecca Burns,

Minutes of the special council meeting on December 7, 2015 were accepted as written with a motion from Jim Davis and a second from Lowell Anderson,

Department Reports

Village Administrator: Bid for the water plant is now January 6, 2016 at 10 a.m. at the town hall.

December 23rd at noon is the Christmas Dinner. Joe read his letter of resignation. Joe: I think I have done a good job. I'm asking you to respect these employees. Sad it has to come to this. I didn't take this job to be harassed and slandered. Keep these employees. Hope you find someone that is as dedicated as I have.

Sheriff's Dept.: Run sheets for October and November. In October had 158 runs; November 176 runs. Included in the runs are fire and EMS.

Clerk of Council: Had a records retention meeting on December 2, 2015. Discussed the RC-2 and records to be destroyed. Need to do this every year.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Lowell Anderson made a motion to pay the bills of \$18,005.41 with a second from Jim Davis. All yes.

Streets: N. High St. is almost complete. Blacktopping tomorrow. Need a finance meeting. Friday December 18, 2015 at 2 p.m.

TCFD: Had a meeting on 11/24/15. Read and approved the minutes, paid bills. Monroe Twp. contract.

SJAD: Met last Wednesday. Complaint heard and discussed.

Pleasant Twp.: Met on 12/07/15. Read and approved the minutes, paid bills. Went over record retention and harassment policy.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 2015-15: An ordinance to amend section 880 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Mount Sterling, Ohio of regarding municipal income tax and declaring an emergency. Third Reading.

A motion to place on third reading by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, with a second from Lowell Anderson. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

A motion for passage made by David Timmons with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Ordinance 2015-16: An ordinance for the Village of Mount Sterling Budget and Appropriations for 2016 and declaring an emergency. Third Reading.

A motion to place on third reading made by Jim Davis with a second by David Timmons. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

A motion for passage made by David Timmons with a second by Lowell Anderson. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Round Table:

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff: Contacted by Sheila Johns. Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

David Timmons: Thanked village for turnout of tree lighting ceremony.

Rebecca Burns: Thanked Dave Taylor and Mike for bringing Santa Clause in on the Seagraves.

Lowell Anderson: Would like to see the Seagraves back and kept in Mount Sterling.

Jim Davis: Thanked Joe for what all he has done. Wish him well in all he does.

Motion to adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff with a second from Rebecca Burns. All yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Charles Neff, Mayor

Minutes written Thursday, December 17, 2015