**WATER/WASTE WATER WORK SESSION**

**MINUTES OF WORK SESSION SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Martin 1:02 PM

Attending the meeting:

Council Member- Pres. Pro Temp Rebecca Burns Fiscal Officer- Courtney Bricker

Council Member-Lowell Anderson (absent) Mayor- William Martin

Council Member Tom Ward

Council Member David Timmons

Council Member Becky Martin

Council Member Tammy Vansickle

Becky and Lowell were excused for the meeting. Motion take from David and 2nd from Rebecca and a roll call was done all in favor to excuse Becky and Lowell from meeting. Becky did join meeting at 1:08pm and was motion to join by Rebecca and 2nd by David roll call was taken to have her join all in favor.

**Visitor Presentation:** Billy introduced David Kell from Madison County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) to introduce what the MCCC does for the community. Mr. Kell provided to council (see attached) a list of incentives and projects that are being spoke about around the county. Mr. Kell also addressed and spoke about projects that are being worked on in Mt. Sterling from the Allcott building that received $225,000 from the state to repair and maintain building. The support and interest for a grocery store in Mt. Sterling to help the value and add quality to the community. David talked about the types of programs that are being introduced to the county. He advised council that Madison County is the 4th fastest growing county. David spoke about why it would benefit the village to join chamber as he explained what the governor bodies are made up and actions and interest that would be involved and hoped to continue to work with Mt. Sterling.

**Discussion:** Courtney started meeting by stating the questions from 09/11 work session. Courtney explained the response from UCL on the repairs that were repaired on the water tower. Courtney talked about the response from UCL on a payment voucher of the work that was done, and an inspection on work that was needed. Courtney also explained that the response from the auditors was that RITA contribution spending would have to approved in a five-year capital improvement plan. The village does not have a capital improvement plan. Each council member approved recommendation from Environmental Engineering Services (EES) on rate study. Rebecca made mention that a town hall meeting would need to be scheduled with presentation from Frank. Billy advised that residents will be upset and are already upset. David made mention that he did not want to be blind sided on councils vote on Monday and need to actively seek new employee. Tom asked if vote will be on emergency. All council responded no. Courtney asked about effective date of increase was discussed that December 1, 2018 as Misty has confirmed changes could be made. An intense conversation took place between Mayor Martin and council members. Job titles and duties were discussed and Mayor Martin said a Village Administrator is not hired as those duties are being covered by Courtney and Mayor. Becky voiced that she was an elected for this position and work hard not for the money but the concern for the residents. She also voiced that it was not fair when Mayor Martin advises that council does not do anything and would appreciate if he does not insult council. Becky advised that decisions will be hard and council needs to stick together and work through them. Tom mentioned that whispering during council meetings is forbidden per sunshine law. Mayor Martin advised he has read the law and it states that whispering and passing notes, no notes were passed. Rebecca stated that Mayor was out of control Mayor responded that she was out of control on talking about “petty items”. Mayor Martin advised that there are outside discussions being conducted between council members discussing business about village and that was against the law. Becky advised that she would like to not have anymore drama and a more uniform Mayor that does “not fly off the handle”. Mayor Martin responded he wants a council that gets things done. David got upset and said he mows the lawn and existed meeting. Becky said that we need to remind ourselves that we need to be professions and strong front. Tammy voided that it takes a group to work together and does not help that Mayor loses his cool. Mayor advised that he spends all day here working. Rebecca responded that we need to do things in the right order and that asking to hire someone without a strength ordinance approved was not right and that needed to be approved by council. It was then said that there have been complaints against Mayor on his reactions. Mayor advised the only complaints are coming form the council members. Conversation then continued to get intense making accusations that council was not following the law of holding private meetings. Tammy voiced that she works for the residents not for anyone else and she does not have to abstain anymore. She also mentioned that her vote is not to be based on anyone but what she thinks is best, that new administration was handed a mess. A resident then asked that how these additional fees were going to be labeled as if not properly labeled fee could only be used for designated spending.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm

Respectfully submitted:

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Courtney Bricker, Fiscal Officer/Clerk of Council William Martin, Mayor

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Rebecca Burns, Pres. Pro Temp.