Village of Mount Sterling Council

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Lowell Anderson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attending the meeting: Mayor Lowell Anderson, council persons Diane Spradlin, Rebecca Burns, Jim Davis Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff and David Timmons. John Martin, Cindy Miller, Bonnie Liff, representatives of the press and citizens of the village. Deputy Jack Dill absent due to illness.

Minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Jim Davis. Voice vote: Diane Spradlin-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes, David Timmons-yes.

Department Reports:

Village Administrator: (John Martin)

Community Service program:

* Have two applications. Waiting for good weather to have them come in.

Waste Water Treatment Plant:

* Continue to work on the list of repairs.

New Water Supply Plant:

* The building installation started last week.
* Sheet metal should be starting in the next couple of weeks.

Current Water Supply and Plant Repairs:

* We are continuing the mechanical water meter change program.

Street Signs/Stop signs/Speed bumps/Service department issues:

* Tagged and removed a few vehicles around the village in the past week or so.

Storm Drain/Water Supply/Waste Pipes:

* The County Engineer assures me that we will be moving forward on the project soon.

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (CDGB)

* Have received the Clevenger Road repair engineering quote.
* There has been some surveying work on both sections of Clevenger.
* Actual construction should start in the spring.

(See attached notes)

Requesting a finance committee meeting regarding the ordinance on procedures and methodologies for the payment of water and sewer bills.

David Timmons and John Martin talked about parking in front of the post office.

Diane Spradlin and John Martin talked about the visibility problem on E. Main St. and the traffic patterns in the village.

Committee Reports:

Finance: (Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff)

No warrants to sign. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff asked Cindy Miller to give a summary of where we are.

Cindy Miller:

Audit:

* Auditors coming back tomorrow.
* Close out 2016. Do certificate of resources.
* Will have full analysis in two to three weeks.
* Auditors will be a meeting with the council, mayor, village administrator and fiscal officer to go over the report. They will come back in 90 days to do a review.
* Received special password for the UAN system. Will be able to function.

Ordinance 2017-01:

* This is an ordinance to appropriate funds to pay bills.
* Usually have three readings but we need to pass this on a suspend the rules/emergency basis.
* When we receive the certificate of resources from the county we will be able to pay bills.

Adjustments:

* A large amounts of the adjustments are from 2011. This was not taken into consideration all this time.
* Have checks from 2008 that were not voided off.
* Negative in some accounts.
* If the auditors didn’t think we are getting a handle on this Cindy would not be here. There would be someone from the state here.
* When Cindy came here was negative in the street fund, it is not negative now.

Mayor: Auditors didn’t do justice to us. Allowed to go on way too long. Doing adjustments back to 2009. We have money but it is not in the right lines.

Finance meeting will be February 1, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Tri county Fire District: (Jim Davis)

Meeting January 26, 2017. Firefighter Barry Ladley passed.

Sterling Joint Ambulance District: (Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff)

Meeting was on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

Paid bills, accepted the minutes. Monroe Twp. contract returned. MARX radios installed. Body armor order completed. Evaluation monies are down. May need levy passage November 2017. Adjourned. Next meeting is February 9, 2017 at 8:00 P.M.

(Submitted to Mt. Sterling Council, Monday, January 23, 2017 by ML Stiverson-Ratliff)

Pleasant Twp.: (Diane Spradlin)

All present.

Old Business:

* Alarm on truck.
* Trustee conference on January 26, 2017
* Squirrels problem at the cemetery. On-going. Cemetery will restore the foundation at the complainant’s daughter’s grave.
* Cemetery board meets the 1st Wednesday of the month at noon.
* Burr Oaks problem with the trash. Someone burning trash. County Prosecutor Steve Pronai is proactive on the junk left on front of people’s properties. He will go to these properties to enhance enforcement.

New Business:

* Applicant of a driver for the snow plow. Motion to hire passed.
* Monitoring the generator to see if it needs to be serviced.
* February 13th engineers meeting. Trustee Gary Neff is going to this meeting.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 2017-01: An ordinance to approve 2017 budget and make appropriations for current expenses of the Village of mount Sterling, Madison county, Ohio during fiscal year ending December 31, 2017.

A motion to suspend the rules and keep emergency in made by Diane Spradlin with a second from David Timmons. Voice vote: Diane Spradlin-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; David Timmons-yes.

A motion to place on 1st, 2nd and 3rd and final reading and to adopt was made by Rebecca Burns with a second from David Timmons. Voice vote: Rebecca Burns-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; David Timmons-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes.

Adopted.

Round Table:

David Timmons: February 16th at 6:00 P.M. festival meeting at the community center.

Diane Spradlin: Made a motion to explore the possibility and process of filling the council seat that has been vacant for a year so we can be operating as a full council. Rebecca Burns second the motion.

Voice vote: Jim Davis-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; David Timmons-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Public Speaking:

Alisha McCown: A recovering addict spoke on addiction.

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Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council Lowell G. Anderson, Mayor.

Minutes were written Tuesday, January 24, 2017.