Village of Mount Sterling Council

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 13, 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, Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, representatives of the press and citizens of the village.

Minutes of the February 27, 2017 meeting were accepted as written with a motion by David Timmons, second by Jim Davis. Voice vote: Diane Spradlin-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes and David Timmons-yes.

Public Comments: Tim Dettwiller, Superintendent of Madison Plains Schools.

* Enrollment-level last two years.
* Eagle Internship-Junior and seniors who met graduation requirements can job shadow to see if it is something they want to pursue after graduation.
* Development of southern half of Madison County-Come together as a group to discuss how this can be accomplished.
* School finances-implemented several cost cutting measures.
* Graduation-Graduation ceremony is May 19, 2017. Invited the Mayor, President Pro Tem and Village Administrator to attend.

Mayor: Proclamation making the month of March as National Athletic Training Month.

Department Reports:

Village Administrator: (John Martin)

* Wastewater Treatment Plant:
* Repairs almost finished.
* Smell should be less in solids press building.
* New Water Treatment Plant:
* Roof is on.
* Building should be closed in by end of March.
* Will have to run the plant for a month before we can use the plant.
* Delivery date: August 23, 2017.
* Street Signs/Stop Signs/Speed Bumps/Service Department Issues:
* Will fill pot holes when the weather breaks.
* Clevenger Avenue bid opening is March 20, 2017 at Madison County Commissioners Office.
* Cliffview: ODOT said we could not hook into their line. Will tap into the catch basin.

Sheriff Department: (Jack Dill)

Handed out report for February 2017. Diane asked about the speeding issue. Report does not break down the traffic stops. Jack estimates 90% of the traffic stops are for speed.

Law Director: (Mark Pitstick)

Address the issue of Rules of Council:

* Rules of council are a minimum to go by.
* Council cannot waive any ORC or give away any powers.
* 2013 vs 2014 Rules of Council changes:
* Mayor at the time decided he wanted the power to appoint committees.
* What takes place after council approves contracts or business within the village, that the administrator would see it is done.

Diane Spradlin comments:

* Difference between 2013 and 2014 rules, would like to know how this becomes something different in the newspaper.
* Judge comment on 2014 rules changes gave Johnson power over finances. Council is taken aback by this. No way can it infer we had anything to do with it. Those two things did not give Joe broad powers over village finances. In no way shape or form did council give Johnson full control of finances in Rules of Council 2012 to present.
* Need to stick to the facts, not a lot of mumbo jumbo. No one aided and abetted him. No one here can be held to what he has done. Need to start cleaning up some of this rubbish. A lot of things were blown out of proportion. “Start sticking to the damn facts.” Too much fake new nationally and locally. Not doing a service to public servants who are doing their best.
* Do you think that if I knew he was doing this, I would not have called the sheriff?

Council and Mayor in agreement with Diane Spradlin and thank her for her presentation.

Committee Reports:

Finance: (Rebecca Burns)

* Finance work session:
* Met last Tuesday, March 7, 2017.
* Public was welcome to attend.
* Keep communication open.
* Fiscal officer’s resignation:
* Cindy Miller resigning April 15, 2017. Rebecca Burns made a motion to accept Cindy Miller’s resignation with a second by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. Voice vote: Rebecca Burns-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; David Timmons-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes.
* Need to advertise the positon.
* Reports:
* Cindy went over how to read the financial reports. Anyone can get a copy.
* Motion to approve payment listing, receipt listing, appropriation status and cash summary by fund for March 2017 by Jim Davis, second by David Timmons. Voice vote: Jim Davis-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; David Timmons-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes.
* Motion to approve the February 2017 bank reconciliation by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, second by Jim Davis. (The February bank reconciliation is reconciled with the same adjusting factors as we had in December 2016.) Voice vote: Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; David Timmons-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Jim Davis-yes.
* Finance workshop, Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.
* Expenditures of the village.
* Look at loans.
* Open to the public.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff:

* Reason why so much is being done in last two weeks, had to wait on sentencing.
* Sewn finances up tight as of 2/16/2017.
* Didn’t know where we were until two weeks ago.
* Have to know some things, have to be aware. Someone is a little more aware than you are.
* So happy where finance committee is going in 2017. Took on a lot of crap. Very proud of them.

Mayor:

* Bank reconciliation for February 2017. UAN and bank reconcile-$1,220,256.27. We are not broke.

Will have a separate meeting for disposition of property.

John Martin: When the sentence is entered, April 6, 2017, we can get the items. Plan is to inventory and appraise the items. Devise a method of disposition. May have a tag sale. We had an offer on the hose. Will talk to the people interested in the house when we get the deed.

Mayor: Village Administrator, solicitor and council will have the ability to take care of this.

Parks and Recreation: (Rebecca Burns)

Next festival meeting is March 16, 2017. James Cotton Football Camp is July 1, 2017, during the festival.

Tri County Joint Ambulance District: (Jim Davis)

Met on February 28, 2017. Approved the minutes, paid the bills. Discussed repairs on the truck at Clarks Lakes. Hired one new firefighter. Sending three firefighters to advanced training.

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

Meeting of March 6, 2017 8:00 p.m.

* Okayed minutes from last meeting.
* Paid bills.
* Updated staff and supplies information.
* Next meeting is April 12, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.
* Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

(Submitted to Mt. Sterling Council 03/13/2017 by ML Stiverson-Ratliff.)

Pleasant Township: (Diane Spradlin)

Met on 03/06/2017. Paid bills, read and approved the minutes. General discussion. Discussed millage for township, 10m, levy that may or may not happen in different township, zoning complaints.

Ordinances and Resolutions.

Ord. 2017-02: An ordinance adopting procedures and methodologies for the payment of water and sewer bills. Second Reading.

Motion to place on second reading by David Timmons, second by Rebecca Burns. Voice vote: David Timmons-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes.

Ord. 2017-04: An ordinance designating a downtown business district in the Village of Mount Sterling and declaring an emergency. Second Reading.

A motion to place on second reading by Jim Davis, second by David Timmons. Voice vote: Diane Spradlin-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; David Timmons-yes.

Round Table:

David Timmons: Complimented Tim Dettwiller for coming here.

Diane Spradlin: Asked if the videos and minutes of council meetings are on the website. Yes.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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

Minutes written on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.