

Village of Mount Sterling Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 23, 2016

**The meeting was called to order** at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Lowell Anderson.

**Attending the meeting:** Mayor Lowell Anderson, council persons Rebecca Burns, Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, Jim Davis, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. John Martin, Deputy Jack Dill, Mark Pitstick, Cindy Miller, Bonnie Liff, Dean Shipley of the Madison Press, Representative from the Madison Messenger and citizens of the village.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting** were accepted as written with a motion from Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff, with a second from David Timmons.

**Public Comments:** David Kell, Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Gave an update to council on what is going on.

Mayor: Poppy proclamation, May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. CDBG-signs are out for bid.

**Department Reports:**

**Village Administrator:**

Community Service program:

- One community service worker helping post all the flags in the village.

Waste Water Treatment Plant service:

- Still making progress on the punch list of items there.
- Plan to establish an account with Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) so we can take output from the waste press there for disposal.

New Water Supply Plant:

- The area for the building has been elevated with fill from grading and digging on the two storage tanks has started.

Current Water Supply Plant Repairs:

- Jim Mason has reinstalled most of the repaired components in the first clarifier.
- We will begin emptying the second softener as soon as we have the first one filled and running.
- We have ordered a number of new radio read meters to install in residences where the mechanical meters are either broken or otherwise inaccurate.
- We will be installing some updated meters in about 13 retail users to get good readings.
- Analyzing the water production, costs and billing to see where we are on revenue versus production.

Personnel:

- The HR package took effect this past Sunday.
- All employees have been advised of the new structure and other components of the system.

**Street Sign/Stop Signs/Speed Bumps:**

- Laid out the locations for the speed limit signs in the Wingate Subdivision.
- The signs are in and as soon as we get a chance to stall them, we will do so.

**Cliffview Water Run-off:**

- We spoke to the county engineer regarding a couple projects in the village.

**Street/Alley Maintenance:**

- All the flags are up and the flowers are also hung.

**Meetings Attended:**

- Madison County Engineer.
- Lighting representative to survey the Town Hall lighting for possible replacement with high efficiency LED bulbs.

**Sheriff Dept.:**

Nuisance notices have been going out since last week.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Finance meeting June 21 at 5:30 p.m. if we need it, if not we can cancel.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to pay the bills with a second from David Timmons. Mary Lou stated that all the bills have been looked over and initialed. Voice vote, all yes.

**Streets:** Parade route for parade on June 11<sup>th</sup>. David Timmons made a motion to accept the parade route with a second from Rebecca Burns, all yes. Will use the alley for parking and people to go home.

Nazarene Church having their street fair on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:30 p.m. Would like to close Market Street between Temple and Friend. Rebecca Burns made a motion to close the streets with a second from Jim Davis. All in favor.

**Parks and Rec.:** Need a meeting to finalize the layout and narrow down the playground equipment. The Mayor will contact Whitaker Wright to set up a meeting.

**Tri County Fire District:** Meeting on Tuesday, May 24, 2016.

**Sterling Joint Ambulance District:**

Meeting was called to order. Paid the bills. Advertised for a part time person. Audit done in about 2 weeks. Adjourned. (Submitted to council May 23, 2016 by ML Stiverson.)

**Pleasant Township:** Met on May 2, 2016. Approved the minutes. Chris Sisco, from the Library, talked about the levy. M. Webb from Department of Health about the zika virus. Cemetery backhoe is here and in use. Adjourned.

**Festival:** Jack is producing banners, they are down at the Community Center. Rebecca advised to go the Mt. Sterling Community Center's website to see what all is going on at the festival. Meadowview Village is having pirate float in the parade.

Rebecca Burns made a motion to close Church Street from London Street to Market Street for Car Show on June 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with a second from David Timmons. All yes.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Ordinance NO. 2016-19:** An ordinance amending ordinance no. 2015-16 by providing supplemental appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Mount Sterling, Madison County, Ohio during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Cindy Miller: OWDA loans for water plant and water tank agreement, the box was checked for all monies to the village. The engineers bill is 120 days past due of \$114,570.

Suspend the rules: Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to suspend the rules with a second from David Timmons. Voice vote was taken, all yes.

Third and final reading: Rebecca Burns made a motion to place on third and final reading with a second from Jim Davis. Voice vote was taken, all yes.

Adopt: Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to adopt with a second from Jim Davis. Voice vote was taken, all yes. Adopted.

Round Table:

David Timmons: May 31<sup>st</sup> WCHO will advertise the festival. If you know a veteran, shake their hand. Read a letter from Harry Truman to his father.

Adjourned: Adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

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Lowell Anderson, Mayor

Minutes were written Tuesday, May 24, 2016