

**Village of Mt. Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Bonnie Liff, members of the press and citizens of the village.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the August 22, 2016 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Rebecca Burns.

Public Comments:

Tom Ward: Commented on a post on Facebook by a council person. It was of a noose in a cemetery. He took it as a threat. Posted by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. That was her feelings after leaving council meetings. That she felt that way. This was posted in her private sector. Not intended as delirious mayhem.

Wanted to know who handles records requests. The village council looks at them. Village Administrator advised had two requests which were filled within 24 hours.

Bobi Little: Would like to see citizens receive a response from their questions on the issues. Would like this to be in the public record. On the matter of speaking after council meetings. The people that are not in the village should be able to participate, like the people who pay water/sewer bills.

Department Reports:

Village Administrator:

Community Service Program:

- We had one person who has requested to participate, he failed to show up on his first day.

New Water Supply Plant:

- The clear well walls are being poured and in short order we should be coming out of the pit.
- 15 change orders to date.

Current Water Supply and Plant Repairs:

- All but three of the larger commercial and retail meters have been installed. Scheduled for the next couple of weeks.
- 170 mechanical meters left to change to radio read meters.

Hydrant Flushing:

- Hydrant flushing is scheduled for October 10-14, 2016.

Streets Signs/Stop Signs/Speed Bumps/Service Department Issues:

- We have been cutting trees and brush in several alleys and have scheduled more.
- List of street lights submitted to AEP. No response.

Street Closings:

- The Craft Crew is requesting village support of another vendor event on October 15, 2016. No street closure. Canopies and tables along N. London St. from Main to Church, possibly in front of Town Hall or at the gazebo.
- Rebecca Burns made a motion to approve the Craft Day with a second from David Timmons. All yes.

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant (CDBG)

- Bid opened at the Madison County Commissioners office on August 29, 2016. Received one bid from Jay-Car for the park projects and two quotes for the playground equipment. The commissioners have requested a letter from the village accepting the park bid.
- Mary Lou Stiverson made a motion to accept the bid with a second from David Timmons. All yes.
- Clevenger Road repair specifications are being developed. We have submitted for an OPWC grant to cover some of the local share.
- The Veteran's Memorial remains as the final item to be decided.

Proposed New Water Tower Location:

- It was discussed that we move the tower location to the lot behind the plant. Several incentives on moving the tower. (see attached notes from the Village Administrator)
- Rebecca Burns made a motion to move the water tower with a second from Jim Davis. All yes.

Committee Reports:

Finance: (Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff). Went over all the bills, held out two. Everything was checked and rechecked. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to pay the bills with a second from Jim Davis. All yes.

Finalized the date and time for the finance workshop meeting which will be on September 22, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor: RITA report. YTD-\$508,000. LYTD: \$433,000.

Diane Spradlin: Talked about the Ohio Checkbook program.

Parks and Recreation: Had a meeting on August 31, 2016. Ordered 20 tons of ball fill mix to prepare the fields for next year. Discussed the drainage problem at the field.

Tri County Fire District: Had a meeting on August 25, 2016. Read and approved the minutes, paid the bills. Opened bids on the excess equipment. Next meeting is September 27, 2016.

Sterling Joint Ambulance District: The next meeting is October 14, 2016 at 8 p.m.

Pleasant Township: Approved the minutes, paid the bills. New street signs in Burr Oaks are up. Repaired drain at the township garage.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 2016-24: An ordinance authorizing Lowell Anderson, or his designee, to enter into an employment agreement with Clarence Liff, Jr. for janitorial services for the Village of Mount Sterling, Ohio and declaring an emergency. Third Reading.

David Timmons made a motion to place on third reading with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken: Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; and Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes.

Jim Davis made a motion to adopt with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken: Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; and Jim Davis-yes.

Ord. 2016-25: An ordinance to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Allen-Champaign-Hardin-Madison-Shelby-Union Joint Solid Waste management District. First Reading.

Jim Davis made a motion to place on first reading with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken: David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; and Diane Spradlin-yes.

Ord. 2016-26: An ordinance authorizing Lowell Anderson, or his designee, to enter into an employment agreement with Cindy Miller for the position of Fiscal Officer for the Village of Mount Sterling, Ohio and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to place on first reading with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken: Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; and David Timmons-yes.

Round Table:

David Timmons spoke on the festival's survey and remembering 9-11.

Rebecca Burns: We need to set a date for trick or treat. MORPC guidelines state October 31st as the day for trick or treat. Rebecca Burns made a motion to set the date for trick or treat as Monday October 31, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a second from David Timmons. All yes.

Ghoul School will be the last 3 weekends in October. There will be a parade and costume contest after trick or treat.

Diane Spradlin: Asked if we can upload tape of meetings on YouTube? Jack stated we can do it live if you want and can put it on the website. Jack will set it up.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Lowell Anderson, Mayor

Minutes were written on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.