

**Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 26, 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, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, members of the press and citizens of the village.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Minutes from the September 12, 2016 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from Jim Davis and a second from David Timmons.

Public Comments: Amanda Hampton spoke on Make a Difference Day. Will be held on October 22, 2016, held at the Mount Sterling Community Center. Trying to get projects for the volunteers to do. Any suggestions would be appreciated.

Department Reports:

Village Administrator:

Community Service Program:

- Had one person who completed 18 hours of service.

Waste Water Treatment Plant:

- Spoke to one contractor regarding items to repair at the bio-solids building. Will be speaking to another.

New Water Supply Plant:

- Two tanks are about finished and the filter waste tank is being formed.
- Water line and electrical boring to Mason Park is complete and turf rehab has been completed.
- Waiting on the well-pit castings to get those installed at each well head.

Current Water Supply and Plant Repairs:

- Radio read meters continue to be installed.

Hydrant Flushing:

- Hydrant flushing is scheduled for October 10-14, 2016.
- Continuing with hydrant repairs.

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

- We have been cutting trees and brush in several alleys and have several more scheduled.

Storm Drain/Water Supply/Waste Pipes:

- We had a couple blockages in storm drains on Spring Street. Those were flushed and seem to be moving water better.

Street Closings:

- The Craft Crew is having another vendor event on October 15, 2016.

Neighborhood Revitalization Grant. (CDGB)

- We need to accept the quote for the playground equipment. The pre-construction meeting is tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.
- Clevenger Ave. repair specifications are being developed. We have submitted for an OPWC grant to cover some of the local share of this. Construction will begin early next summer.
- The Veteran's Memorial remains as the final item to be decided. Whitaker Wright and a representative from the State CDGB office have requested a meeting toward the end of September to discuss the memorial.

Committee Reports:

Finance: (Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff): Went over the bills. Had questions on three. Cindy answered the questions. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to pay the bills to date with a second from David Timmons. All yes.

(Mayor Anderson): RITA report. YTD-\$545,000. LYTD-\$473,000. Anticipate more businesses coming to town. Mr. Alcott bought the old Versa building and is working on it.

Playground equipment: Mary Lou Stiverson made a motion to accept the quote on the playground equipment with a second from Jim Davis. Voice vote was taken: Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes and David Timmons-yes.

Employee Insurance: Finance committee discussed the employee insurance and recommend staying with Trusty Insurance.

Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion for Employee health insurance for 2017 stay with Trusty Insurance with a second from David Timmons.

Discussion: Diane Spradlin had questions on the insurance. Village Administrator John Martin answered her questions and Village Solicitor Mark Pitstick advised that Trusty Insurance is the broker. We are grandfathered into the affordable care act with this company. Will receive and go over quotes when they come in.

Voice vote was taken: Rebecca Burns-yes; Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes and David Timmons-yes. Village is staying with Trusty Insurance.

Parks and Recreation:

Festival: (David Timmons): Getting everyone on committees. Trying to decide on the time of the parade.

Ghoul School: (Rebecca Burns): Held the last three Friday and Saturday of October. This year the basement is included into the tour. Working with the Madison Plains high School Drama Club.

Mason Park Drainage: A motion to approve the funds for the Mason Park drainage made by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken: Mary Lou-Stiverson-Ratliff-yes; Jim Davis-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes and Rebecca Burns-yes.

Sterling Joint Ambulance District: (Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff): Discussed the radio system. Volunteer was hired. Recommendation on body armor. Still need four full time employees. Paid the bills and adjourned.

Pleasant Township: (Jim Davis): Met on September 19, 2016. Approved the minutes. Looking for someone to plow the snow.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

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. Second Reading.

A motion to place on second reading made by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff 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.

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. Second Reading.

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

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

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

Round Table:

Mayor Anderson: Next council meeting is October 10, 2016 which is Columbus Day. We will be having the council meeting on that day.

David Timmons: Watch the debate tonight.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Public Speaking: Meg Downing spoke on the water issue.