

Village of Mount Sterling Council
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday July 28, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Mayor Charles Neff.

Present at the meeting: Mayor Charles Neff, council persons Rebecca Burns, Scott McClelland, Heather Rice, Lowell Anderson, Diane Spradlin and David Timmons. Joe Johnson, Deputy Jackie Dill, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Dean Shipley of the Madison Press, Tom of the Madison Messenger and citizens of the village.

Minutes of the July 14, 2014 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Scott McClelland.

Mayor's Comments: The Mayor thanked the Madison Plains Football team for coming down here last Thursday. Deputy Dill thanked the Dairy Freeze for staying open. The Mayor commented on an e-mail he received from Rose Kennedy in regards to a flag in Wisconsin. The flag is 400 ft. high; the base is 11 ft. at the bottom and 5 ½ ft. at the top of the base; the flag is 60'x120', In good weather the flag weighs 220 lbs.; in bad weather it weighs 320 lbs. The stars are 3 ft. tall and the stripes are 4 ½ ft. long. The pole weighs 420 lbs.

Public Comments: Bobi Little: Cars are speeding on W. Columbus St. going and coming from SR 207. Semis are Jake braking. There are kids and people in wheelchairs in this area. Worried about their safety. Littering, cigarette butts, trash, pizza boxes, etc. Tired of picking the trash up. It makes the village look bad. The grass clippings are still being mowed into the streets and going down the drain. Why can't the officers warn them or write tickets? Jackie Dill is working on this.

Heather Rice commented about speeders going down Wingate Place.

Joe Johnson had complaints about the points. Flashing stop signs are \$2,000 apiece.

Diane Spradlin wanted to know if we could put out seed bumps. Joe said this falls under ODOT since Main and Columbus streets are state highways. He will check with ODOT.

Department Reports:

President Pro Tem: Nothing.

Village Administrator: Church Street project is going out for bid. Will be in the paper this week. High Street project is going out for bid. BST project will go out for bid in September. Painting

The water towers with the village logo is going out for bid. This will be in the paper this week. Resolution 2014-07 is good for the Village.

Sheriff's Dept.: Will check into bringing the Sheriff's info trailer down. Will leave a memo to the deputies about speeding, as well as speeding on Wingate. The stolen vehicle: two juveniles and one adult has been arrested. The suspects in the vehicle stolen from Pickaway County and wrecked in Madison County were juveniles. Have nine bicycles. Need to get them identified. If you had a bicycle stolen check these bikes out.

Law Director: Nothing.

Clerk of Council: Nothing.

Committee Reports: Finance: Lowell Anderson made a motion to pay bills to date (total \$128,833.23) with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

AEP issued a 3% rate increase through May 31, 2015.

Water: Nothing.

Wastewater: Nothing.

Streets: Nothing.

TCJFD: Meeting is this Thursday.

SJAD: Nothing.

Pleasant Twp.: See attached.

Block watch: See attached.

Park and Rec.: See attached.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ordinance 2014-06: An ordinance authorizing Charles Neff, Mayor, or his designee authority to sign, record and/or journalize documentation necessary for accepting a portion of Water Street for public purpose; accepting the dedication of a portion of Water Street and declaring an emergency. Second reading. A motion was made to place on second reading by Lowell Anderson with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken; all yes.

Resolution 2014-07: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement program(s) to execute contract as required and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

A motion to suspend the rules was made by David Timmons with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken; all yes.

A motion to place on third reading was made by Scott McClelland with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken; all yes.

A motion to adopt was made by David Timmons with a second from Heather Rice. A voice vote was taken; all yes.

Round Table: David Timmons: Thanked the football team for coming down.

Heather Rice: Council is in a better place. Suggested opening up the round table to the citizens for questions, comments, etc. Need to be open to the community. The Mayor wants to keep meetings under control. Try it next meeting.

Joe Johnson: Wanted to thank the Mudslinger 4H group for putting down the mulch. And thanked Raj Patel for donating all the mulch. He does a lot for the village.

Lowell Anderson: Mt. Sterling Chamber of Commerce golf outing is August 2, 2014.

Rebecca Burns: The outing starts at 8 a.m. TCJFD is having a golf outing on August 9, 2014.

Adjourn meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with a motion from Heather Rice and a second from Rebecca Burns, all yes.

Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

Minutes were written on Tuesday July 29, 2014.

Charles Neff, Mayor.