

VILLAGE OF MOUNT STERLING, OHIO
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING FOR JANUARY 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Marci Darlington at 7:01 pm

Attendees of the meeting, with a roll call being performed were

Mayor Marci Darlington
 Fiscal Officer- Courtney Bricker
 Pres. Pro Temp- Becky Martin
 Council Member Andy Drake
 Council Member- David Timmons
 Council Member- Craig Hix
 Council Member- Jay Pettey

Utility Clerk- Misty Vance
 Sheriff- Jack Dill

Mr. Blankenship lead meeting with prayer

Motion was asked by Mayor Darlington to amend the January 13, 2020 agenda for the reason that additional items have been added

Ordinance: N/A		Resolution: N/A			
Motion	Craig	COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:			
2 ND	Andy				
Voice Vote				YES	NO
	David			X	
	Andy			X	
	Craig			X	
	Becky	X			
	Jay	X			
Result of Vote:	Passed:	X	Failed:		

Motions and Discussions for Acceptance of Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from council meeting held on December 9, 2019 and special council meeting held on December 20, 2019

Ordinance: N/A		Resolution: N/A			
Motion	David	COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:			
2 ND	Jay				
Voice Vote				YES	NO
	David			X	
	Andy			X	
	Craig			X	
	Becky	X			
	Jay	X			
Result of Vote:	Passed:	X	Failed:		

**Courtney circulated a form for each council member to sign approving and accepting all minutes as presented. Roll call was taken accepting and, each council member signed.*

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Darlington made a statement that while working aside with current Council Members and others that becoming a new Mayor will defiantly have challenges. She assured all that being transparent and learning will be something she achieves. Mayor Darlington thanked everyone for electing her and holding confidence in her.

Public Comments:

Mike Stage a resident from Schadel Ln. voiced his concern out a light being out on the pole of the flag.

Mr. Blankenship asked about a follow-up to the placement of the "MP" symbol on roadways. Andy responded that the street committee is in the process of drafting legislation on the allowance and should be presented at either the next meeting or the first meeting of Feb. on a reading process.

Department Reports:

Sheriff's Report:

Jack Dill- Provided to Council a report that captures all incidents for 2019. Jack advised that the incidents documented are within the village limits. Jack noted that the report does not display how many citations were issued during the traffic stops but would look to see if that can be provided. Mayor Darlington asked if there were certain incidents that the public should be more aware? Jack advised open door seems to be happening more at businesses and homes. A resident asked if a citizen notices an open door can they approach resident and make them aware. Sheriff Dill advised please report do not attempt to resolve.

Village Solicitor:

Andy reported that due to a recent resignation of Mr. Pitstick would elected to retire after 20 plus years effective Dec. 31, 2019, the Village will be seeking a replacement. A job description is currently being drafted and a job opening will be posted soon.

Utilities Clerk:

Misty Vance- Clarified that the increase on the water and sewer bills are effective Jan. 1, 2020 will reflect an increase of 1.6% on usage. It has been asked if there could be a breakdown of the charges on the bill but the postcard only allows a certain text limit. Misty reported that there are still 300 payments pending and not yet posted to accounts. There are 81 accounts that are delinquent totaling \$17,000. Becky asked that the total bills delinquent are from months prior, Misty replied yes. Misty stated that hopefully for next council meeting that delinquents will be lower. She also thanked the employees for their hard work.

Fiscal Officer/Clerk of Council:

Courtney Bricker- Stated financials presented are for the month of December 2019 which ties to the Dec. 2019 bank reconciliation. Courtney wanted to inform residents about a scam of a letter that is being mailed to residents in regards to a neighbor block watch. Courtney also expressed that if someone cannot reach the water dept. to reach out to the Fiscal Officer, Mayor and or Council Members to ensure they are getting issues reports and questions answered.

Courtney explained that the RITA income collected will not be comparable to last year's acceptance as most of the delinquent accounts have been paid or set up for payment. She reported that monies that were not expended will be carried over to 2020 budget and expenses for 2019 were under budget on all funds. It was reported that loans were

paid for Jan 1, 2020 installments on both water and sewer. Courtney reminded the public that the village does participate on the Ohio Checkbook Program. The next Financial Commission meeting will be held on Feb. 11 at 10:00 am.

Motions and Discussions for Acceptance of Financial Reports:

Motion to accept financial reports presented

Ordinance: N/A		Resolution: N/A			
Motion	Craig	COMMENTS/DISCUSSION: Motion was carried to accept the following financial reports. Council signatures were captured. -Appropriation Status Report -Revenue Status Report -Receipt Listing Report -Payment Listing Report -Comparison of Budget and Appropriated -Cash Summary by Fund Report -RITA Report (s) -Bank reconciliation for December 2019 Courtney discussed all reports in detail.			
2 ND	Andy				
Voice Vote				YES	NO
	David			X	
	Andy			X	
	Craig			X	
	Becky	X			
	Jay	X			
Result of Vote: Passed:		X			
Failed:					

A Motion was asked by Mayor Darlington for an election of a Pres. Pro Temp for 2020. Mayor Darlington advised that once Pres. Pro Temp is selected then that person will assign members to the committees.

A motion was placed to elect David Timmons as Pres. Pro Temp. for 2020

Ordinance: N/A		Resolution: N/A			
Motion	Craig	COMMENTS/DISCUSSION: *No roll call was taken			
2 ND	Andy				
Voice Vote				YES	NO
	David				
	Andy				
	Craig				
	Becky				
	Jay				
Result of Vote: Passed:					
Failed:					

Round Table:

David- Heard some good comments on the bricks that have been placed at the Veterans Monument. David also voiced that there is a great museum at the library.

Andy-

Craig-

Becky- The Mt. Sterling library is offering a new program involving crafts and robots

Jay-


Mayor Darlington- Will announce during the next council meeting some set times on when she will be available to speak to residents about issues and or to answer questions they may have.

A motion was asked by Mayor Darlington to adjourn council meeting

Ordinance:	N/A	Resolution:	N/A		
Motion	Craig	COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:			
2 ND	David				
Voice Vote				YES	NO
	David			X	
	Andy			X	
	Craig			X	
	Becky	X			
	Jay	X			
Result of Vote:	Passed:	X	Failed:		

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Darlington at 7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted:


Courtney Bricker, Fiscal Officer/Clerk of Council


Marci Darlington, Mayor