

# VILLAGE OF MOUNT STERLING, OHIO

## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Anderson at 7:00 pm

Attending the meeting: Mayor Lowell Anderson  
 Council Member Jim Davis  
 Council Member Rebecca Burns  
 Council Member Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff  
 Council Member David Timmons  
 Village Solicitor Mark Pitstick  
 Courtney Bricker Fiscal Officer  
 Council Member Diane Spradlin

**Executive Session- No**

**Public Comments:** Mr. Dettwiller spoke about November 7, 2017 renewal. Forecasted balance of the school's general fund. The schools mission and district report card. Attached, is the documents that was provided by Mr. Dettwiller

**Department Reports: Yes**

**Village Administrator:** Courtney gave an update on Brett's injury. Intersection street signs are being installed by London City free of charge on Oct 25. Lowell and Courtney have been working with a potential buyer on 17 lots possibly being built. We have identified the location of the sewer lines but working on identifying the water lines. Known as Roy Adams Subdivision. Repairs are being done at the sewer plant on 2 large sludge pumps. Received a list of tasks that need to be done given by Tom Taylor, will be working to complete. Courtney is looking into possible free safety trainings for Village employees. Working with a resident and IBI on repairs to issues on Clevenger Rd. Working with insurance company on getting full coverage on new water plant.

**Sheriff's Office:** No report

**Village Solicitor:** No report

**Clerk of Council:** No report

**Fiscal Officer:** Ohio Checkbook is working with Courtney on building the site and it is currently under construction. Lauren Bowman will be coming to meet with Council and Mayor on an introduction session to review specifics of program. A insurance meeting will be held on Oct. 30 at 12:00 noon with Curtis Warner form Trusty insurance to discuss new medical plans for 2018. Discussed finance reports

Motion to approve October 9, 2017 council meeting minutes

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A			
<b>Motion</b>	Timmons	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  None			
<b>2 ND</b>	Ratliff				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Motion to accept October 16, 2017 special meeting minutes

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A			
<b>Motion</b>	Timmons	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  None			
<b>2 ND</b>	Burns				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b> Passed:		X	Failed:		

Motion to accept Payment Listing Report

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A			
<b>Motion</b>	Timmons	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  None			
<b>2 ND</b>	Davis				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b> Passed:		X	Failed:		

Motion to accept Receipt Listing report

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A			
<b>Motion</b>	Davis	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  Mayor-NO RITA has not been processed yet due to it being in the middle of the month			
<b>2 ND</b>	Ratliff				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b> Passed:		X	Failed:		

Motion to accept Appropriation Status Report

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A			
<b>Motion</b>	Davis	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  Council/Mayor/Courtney-discussed reports			
<b>2 ND</b>	Ratliff				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns			X	
	Davis			X	
	Spradlin			X	
	Ratliff	X			
	Timmons	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b> Passed:		X	Failed:		

Motion to accept the Cash Summary by Fund Report

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A	
<b>Motion</b>	Ratliff	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>	

<b>2 ND</b>	Davis			Courtney- talked about the Ohio Checkbook program and the construction of the site. Will have a intro meeting with Lauren Bowman
<b>Voice Vote</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		
	Burns	X		
	Davis	X		
	Spradlin	X		
	Ratliff	X		
	Timmons	X		Mary Lou- resending back her council check as a donation
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Failed:</b>	Mayor-water and sewer fund balances, loan payments

Resolution to abolish and repeal the Mt. Sterling pay bands and declaring an emergency (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	2017-18	
<b>Motion</b>	Timmons			<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>
<b>2 ND</b>	Burns			
<b>Voice Vote</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		
	Burns	X		
	Davis		X	
	Spradlin	X		
	Ratliff		X	
	Timmons		X	
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>		<b>Failed: X</b>	

Resolution to declare the individual pay rate for each of the Village employees and declaring an emergency (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	2017-19	
<b>Motion</b>	Burns			<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>
<b>2 ND</b>	Timmons			
<b>Voice Vote</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		
	Burns	X		
	Davis		X	
	Spradlin	X		
	Ratliff		X	
	Timmons		X	
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>		<b>Failed: X</b>	<p>Rebecca- Un authorized raises were given and Courtney researched a like Villages (6) if re send pay employees will be making more than surrounding villages. This was a difficult recommendation for employees and how they are appreciated.</p> <p>Timmons-How to keep quality work and by the time training is provided we will be spending more.</p> <p>Diane- Responding to David, assuming our employees would leave. They are valued. FO visited other liked villages and was able to bring back to work session. What is expected of us by the state auditors when we issue fiscal emergency report payroll is going to be looked at. We need to align this or the state will do it for us. State auditors will meet with council and forecast a 120 day how to reduce expenditures. We valued our employees and will re visit options. We need to be legal and responsible and move forward with leadership</p>

Resolution to contract for a Village Law Director (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	2017-20	
<b>Motion</b>	Ratliff			<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>
<b>2 ND</b>	Timmons			
<b>Voice Vote</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>		
	Burns	X		
	Davis	X		
	Spradlin	X		None

	Ratliff	X		
	Timmons	X		
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Failed:</b>

Resolution to approve 2018 budget and make appropriations for current expenses of the Village of Mt. Sterling, Madison county, Ohio during fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2018 (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	2017-21			
<b>Motion</b>	Davis	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Finance meeting Oct 30 12:00-Trusty Insurance for 2018				
<b>2 ND</b>	Timmons					
<b>Voice Vote</b>					<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns				X	
	Davis				X	
	Spradlin				X	
	Ratliff	X				
	Timmons	X				
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Failed:</b>		

Resolution authorizing Lowell Anderson, Mayor, or the designee to enter into an agreement with Rumpke waste & Recycling Services for the Village solid waste collection and disposal (1<sup>st</sup> reading)

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	2017-22			
<b>Motion</b>	Burns	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> Mayor-No increase for 2018but in 2019 up \$0.25				
<b>2 ND</b>	Davis					
<b>Voice Vote</b>					<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns				X	
	Davis				X	
	Spradlin				X	
	Ratliff	X				
	Timmons	X				
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Failed:</b>		

Motion to close Church St. for Spooktacular Car Show

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	2017-22			
<b>Motion</b>	Burns	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> None				
<b>2 ND</b>	Spradlin					
<b>Voice Vote</b>					<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Burns				X	
	Davis				X	
	Spradlin				X	
	Ratliff	X				
	Timmons	X				
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Failed:</b>		

## Committee Reports:

**Finance:** Pay bills, motion to accept financial reports Rebecca stated that she wanted to clear up the confusion with the termination of VA John Martin. That in May 2016 raises were given to employees illegally without Council approval and VA never benefited from the raises given. Current Fiscal Officer identified problem and was unable to identify Council

approved. We have a responsibility as a village to approve expenditures and a motion was then done to terminate John Martin

**Parks and Recreation:** No Report

**Tri-County Fire District:** (Council Member Davis reporting) Meeting will be held Oct. 25, 2017

**Sterling Joint Ambulance District:** (Council Member Ratliff reporting) Voted to accept minutes, paid bills, turned un paid bills over to collections, looking for up graded software, searching for an iPad grant, accepted 1 part-time, 1 full-time resignation, hired 5 employees, reminder that a renew squad levy is coming soon. Next meeting Nov. 8

**Pleasant Township:** (Council Member Davis reporting) filled in for Spradlin. Held meeting on the Oct. 15. Approved minutes, signed warrants, discussed repairs on a small truck, discussed the Alkire cemetery, Pleasant cemetery Gary took out 101 ground squirrels, discussed insurance renewal for 2018.

**Festival:** No meeting until Feb 2018

### **Round Table:**

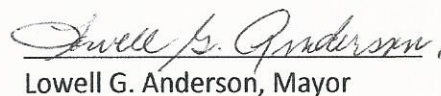
**Timmons-** Watch out for the kids on beggar's night. Church of the Nazarene will be celebrating 85 years in the Village. ave history of church

**Burns-** 1<sup>st</sup> annual Spooktacular Car show, chamber event on 10/28/17 at 10:00-2:00pm at Dairy Freeze. Close church street. Fall street Market with call craft and food vendors 10-3. Trick-or-Treat 6:00-7:30. Country Clippings, Dairy Freeze and Chamber will be hosting costume contest for children and pets as well as parade. Dedication for Veterans memorial Nov 11, 2017 at 11:00am. Meet the candidate night at 7:00pm at Community Night hosted by Chris C from library.

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Anderson at 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted:

  
Courtney Becker  
Fiscal Officer

  
Lowell G. Anderson, Mayor