

**VILLAGE OF MOUNT STERLING, OHIO**  
**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING FOR FEBURARY 12, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Martin at 7:02 pm

Attending the meeting: Mayor Billy Martin Council Member- Pres. Pro Temp Rebecca Burns Council Member-Lowell Anderson Council Member Tom Ward Council Member David Timmons Council Member Becky Martin Council Member Tammy Vansickle	Village Solicitor Mark Pitstick Fiscal Officer- Courtney Bricker Utility Clerk- Misty Vance Sheriff- Jack Dill
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Motion to approve minutes from Jan. 22, 2018 council meeting

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	N/A			
<b>Motion</b>	Tom	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>				
<b>2 ND</b>	David					
<b>Voice Vote</b>					<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell				X	
	Tom				X	
	David				X	
	Rebecca				X	
	Tammy				X	
	Becky				X	
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>				X	<b>Failed:</b>

**Sheriff's Report:**

Jack Dill- Provided report of reported criminal instances for 2018 (see attached report).

**Village Solicitor:**

Mark Pitstick-No report

**Utilities Clerk:**

Misty Vance- supply of meters are low asked council to consider. Collected 60,000 in payments. \$6500 in delinquent and shut off's allowing residents 10 to response. Have located on auditor's website residents and checking to make sure they are in the billing system. Working hard to work with delinquent bills setting up payments and working with residents. Looking to removing water deposits for village. Introduced to council and residents that payments can be paid through their bank (website). Mayor Martin is looking into a more efficient way of receiving their complete bill due to the equipment and paper issues. Council member Becky Martin asked how many meters are needed for project Misty advised a little over 100 and explained the new technology. Commended the employees on a great job of replacing meters. Mayor Martin stated that we are trying to clean up several years of neglect in the water department. Also explained how the system recognized the bills and how bills are sent. Mayor Martin advised employee Chris Ladley has given his resignation and Brian Arledge and EPA has been notified how to move forward and operation will not be affected.

**Village Administrator/Fiscal Officer/Clerk of Council:**

Courtney Bricker-Village employees received training from Terry Hicks-Buckeye State Pipe and Steal to train how to install, same money, fix meters and explained trouble shooting. Received positive feedback on the snow removal, advised process has been changed and allies are now being plowed as other main intersections have been. Thanked the employees for a great transition in what is asked of their job and changes in process. Received \$150.00 from unclaimed funds from a vendor from years ago. Year end has been closed on Jan. 29, 2018 for 2017. The ODNR grant monies have been received \$26,198.00, helped general funds were applied for in 2013. Advised the dumpsters at service garage are used for all trash removal except tires not just yard clippings. Explained EPA meeting that was held on Feb. 12 and how to decommission old water plant, how to abandon wells and address violations. Set timeframes up on how to accomplish financially what we have to do avoid future violations. Scheduled to meet with Environmental Engineering Company on Feb.13 1:00pm to possibly contract with them for operations for water and sewer plant. Want to compare how this would save money for the village using their services. Want to be transparent with residents and welcome everyone to ask questions. Thanked Jack Dill for his service and protecting community.

**Motion to accept Appropriation Status Report**

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A	
<b>Motion</b>	Becky		
<b>2 ND</b>	Tom		
<b>Voice Vote</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b> *Explained the due date on 5- year plan *Looking at creative ways to reduce expenditures changed chemicals companies for cheaper.
Lowell	X		
Tom	X		
David	X		
Rebecca	X		
Tammy	X		
Becky	X		
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b> X	<b>Failed:</b>	

**Motion to accept Cash Summary by Fund Report**

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A	
<b>Motion</b>	David		
<b>2 ND</b>	Rebecca		
<b>Voice Vote</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>
Lowell	X		
Tom	X		
David	X		
Rebecca	X		
Tammy	X		
Becky	X		
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b> X	<b>Failed:</b>	

Motion to accept Receipt Listing

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	N/A		
<b>Motion</b>	Tom	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>			
<b>2 ND</b>	Tammy				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Motion to accept Payment Listing

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	N/A		
<b>Motion</b>	David	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>			
<b>2 ND</b>	Becky				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Motion to accept RITA report

<b>Ordinance:</b>	N/A	<b>Resolution:</b>	N/A		
<b>Motion</b>	Tom	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>			
<b>2 ND</b>	Lowell				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Motion to accept Chris Ladley's resignation effective Feb. 23, 2018

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A			
<b>Motion</b>	David	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  *Lowell-Fought for Chris to be rehired 2 years ago. He showed he was upset he has resigned.			
<b>2 ND</b>	Rebecca				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	<b>Lowell</b>			X	
	<b>Tom</b>			X	
	<b>David</b>			X	
	<b>Rebecca</b>			X	
	<b>Tammy</b>	X			
	<b>Becky</b>	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

## Committee Reports:

**Finance:** (Council Member Rebecca Burns reporting): Thanked finance committee and Courtney working really hard on recurring meeting each Tuesday at 3:00 and open to public. Explained the process for 5-year plan and before due date and finance close to having this plan completed. State Treasurer office will be joining to Feb. 26 council meeting to celebrate the acceptance of the Ohio Checkbook. Explained program and details that it will show for the residents.

**Pleasant Township:** (Council Member Becky Martin reporting) Pay bills, Trustees met with Risk Management Reps. Truck is being repaired and will cost over \$5000 for repair. County is helping with their snow removal. Attended a conference that was informative. Feb. 12 county wide township meeting held at engineer office. Trainings/classes offered for public records, free. Next meeting Feb. 14 at 7:00pm

**Sterling Joint Ambulance District (Squad):** (Council Member Lowell Anderson reporting) Next meeting Feb.

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**Tri-County Fire District:** (Council Member Tom Ward reporting) See attached

**Water/Wastewater (Utilities):** (Council Member Rebecca Burns reporting) Held 1<sup>st</sup> meeting last week and will be reviewing water and sewer funds. Debit exceeds revenue and how to reduce expenditures. Next meeting Feb. 13 at 2:00pm recurring meetings and will bring strong recommendations to council

**Streets:** (Council Member Rebecca Burns) no report- Lowell mentioned that Community Center is no longer being handled by Village and Village cannot support removal.

**Record of Retention:** (Council Member Lowell Anderson reporting) working with Courtney

**Parks and Recreation:** (Council Member Rebecca Burns) Held first meeting a few weeks ago Jack held a great presentation on new events and changes to website, James Cotton football camp June 30. Great things to come! Bringing back the great community. Next meeting in March

**Nuisance and Abatement:** (Council Member Tammy Vansickle) First meeting held Feb. 7 Jack had a great presentation. Jack introduced the laws and how the program works. Village is responding to a lot comments on facebook on issues. We will be working with the health dept. for assistance. Jack added a front porch ordinance to help and that the Village will be firm on the citations. Tammy advised how to remain anonymous and how to report issues via website. Mayor Martin advised that there are horrible conditions around the community and is unexcusable and will not be tolerated.

**Block Watch:** (Council Member Tom Ward) committee is up and running received several residents that have signed up. Will post the meeting date and time and volunteers will be contacted. Mr. Ward expressed appreciations to Jack on his service and to protect each other. Mayor Martin advise community needs to be accountable. Is a well-organized program. Volunteer!

**Festival:** (Council Member David Timmons): Discussed what was good in last years festival. The return of the super heroes and Madison Plains band to perform. Car show, Timmons Rock N Roll trivia. Bake sale made \$1000.00 will meet again on March 22. Laser light show maybe discontinued. Taking sometime for his family.

# Ordinance/Resolutions:

Ordinance 2018-04: An ordinance amending the rules of council (3<sup>rd</sup> reading)

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2018-04		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A	
<b>Motion</b>	David		<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  *Lowell advised nuisance and abatement was taken out of rules of council during his Mayor term.
<b>2 ND</b>	Rebecca		
<b>Voice Vote</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
	Lowell	X	
	Tom	X	
	David	X	
	Rebecca	X	
	Tammy	X	
	Becky	X	
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>

Ordinance 2018-04: Motion for passage for ordinance amending the rules of council

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2018-04		<b>Resolution:</b> N/A	
<b>Motion</b>	Tom		<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>
<b>2 ND</b>	Tammy		
<b>Voice Vote</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
	Lowell	X	
	Tom	X	
	David	X	
	Rebecca	X	
	Tammy	X	
	Becky	X	
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>

Resolution 2018-10: Motion to suspend rules for a resolution authorizing Courtney Bricker, Fiscal Officer, to transfer funds from 1000-715-211-0000 OPERS to 1000-715-212-0000 social security and declaring an emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> 2018-10	
<b>Motion</b>	Lowell		<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  *Courtney explained resolution
<b>2 ND</b>	Tom		
<b>Voice Vote</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	
	Lowell	X	
	Tom	X	
	David	X	
	Rebecca	X	
	Tammy	X	
	Becky	X	
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>

Resolution 2018-10: Motion to place on 1,2,3 readings for a resolution authorizing Courtney Bricker, Fiscal Officer, to transfer funds from 1000-715-211-0000 OPERS to 1000-715-212-0000 social security and declaring an emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> 2018-10			
<b>Motion</b>	David	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>			
<b>2 ND</b>	Lowell				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Resolution 2018-10: Motion to adopt resolution authorizing Courtney Bricker, Fiscal Officer, to transfer funds from 1000-715-211-0000 OPERS to 1000-715-212-0000 social security and declaring an emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> 2018-10			
<b>Motion</b>	Rebecca	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>			
<b>2 ND</b>	Tom				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Resolution 2018-11: Motion to suspend rules for a resolution authorizing the appointment of Sara Thompson to the financial planning and supervision commission for the Village of Mount Sterling and declaring an emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> 2018-11			
<b>Motion</b>	Tom	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>			
<b>2 ND</b>	Rebecca				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

\*Mayor Martin explained the purpose on the appointing of Sarah. This was recommended by Melissa Snider

Resolution 2018-11: Motion to place on 1,2,3 resolution authorizing the appointment of Sara Thompson to the financial planning and supervision commission for the Village of Mount Sterling and declaring and emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> 2018-11			
<b>Motion</b>	David	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  *Lowell asked since Sarah works with council member Becky Martin is this a conflict. Law Director advised no			
<b>2 ND</b>	Tom				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Resolution 2018-11: Motion to adopt resolution authorizing the appointment of Sara Thompson to the financial planning and supervision commission for the Village of Mount Sterling and declaring and emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> 2018-11			
<b>Motion</b>	Tom	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>			
<b>2 ND</b>	Rebecca				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Ordinance 2018-12: To suspend rules on ordinance amending the 2018 budget and making appropriations for the current expenses of the Village of Mount Sterling, Madison county, Ohio during fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 and declaring and emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2018-12		<b>Resolution:</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	Becky	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  *Courtney explained resolution (acceptance of additional revenues)			
<b>2 ND</b>	David				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		



Ordinance 2018-12: To place on 1,2,3 reading for ordinance amending the 2018 budget and making appropriations for the current expenses of the Village of Mount Sterling, Madison county, Ohio during fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 and declaring and emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2018-12		<b>Resolution:</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	David	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>			
<b>2 ND</b>	Rebecca				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Ordinance 2018-12: Motion for passage for ordinance amending the 2018 budget and making appropriations for the current expenses of the Village of Mount Sterling, Madison county, Ohio during fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 and declaring and emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> 2018-12		<b>Resolution:</b>			
<b>Motion</b>	Lowell	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>			
<b>2 ND</b>	Tom				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Resolution 2018-13: To suspend rules on resolution authorizing William Martin or his designee to sign the renewal of insurance with Rinehart Walters-Danner insurance agency and declaring and emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> 2018-13			
<b>Motion</b>	Tammy	<b>COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:</b>  *Mayor Martin checked other insurance company for better rates this policy was the best			
<b>2 ND</b>	Rebecca				
<b>Voice Vote</b>				<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell			X	
	Tom			X	
	David			X	
	Rebecca			X	
	Tammy	X			
	Becky	X			
<b>Result of Vote:</b>	<b>Passed:</b>	X	<b>Failed:</b>		

Resolution 2018-13: To place on the 1,2,3 reading for resolution authorizing William Martin or his designee to sign the renewal of insurance with Rinehart Walters-Danner insurance agency and declaring and emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> 2018-13	
<b>Motion</b>	David		
<b>2 ND</b>	Tom		
<b>Voice Vote</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell	X	
	Tom	X	
	David	X	
	Rebecca	X	
	Tammy	X	
	Becky	X	
<b>Result of Vote: Passed:</b>		X	<b>Failed:</b>

**COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:**  
 \*Becky wanted to make sure contact info was removed. Advised will be removed. Wanted to ensure all vehicles were correctly listed

Resolution 2018-13: To adopt resolution authorizing William Martin or his designee to sign the renewal of insurance with Rinehart Walters-Danner insurance agency and declaring and emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> 2018-13	
<b>Motion</b>	Lowell		
<b>2 ND</b>	David		
<b>Voice Vote</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell	X	
	Tom	X	
	David	X	
	Rebecca	X	
	Tammy	X	
	Becky	X	
<b>Result of Vote: Passed:</b>		X	<b>Failed:</b>

**COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:**  
 \*Becky wanted to make sure contact info was removed. Advised will be removed. Wanted to ensure all vehicles were correctly listed  
 \*Lowell wanted to confirm savings and that vet monument was covered.

Resolution 2018-14: Suspend rules on resolution authorizing Courtney Bricker, Fiscal Officer to pay D & S for the Praxair Distribution Inc. invoice in the amount of \$814.51 and declaring and emergency

<b>Ordinance:</b> N/A		<b>Resolution:</b> 2018-14	
<b>Motion</b>	Becky		
<b>2 ND</b>	n/a		
<b>Voice Vote</b>		<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
	Lowell		
	Tom		
	David		
	Rebecca		
	Tammy		
	Becky		
<b>Result of Vote: Passed:</b>			<b>Failed: X</b>

**COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:**  
 \*Courtney explained resolution, was an invoice that Joe Johnson authorized with out council approval. Was a collection notice. Pitstick will submit on behalf of village that council has declined the payment of invoice  
 \*Pitstick explained how voting will effect legislation

## Round Table:

**David-** 209 Lincoln's birthday

**Tom-** Reminded the village residents to look out for police force. Thanked all enforcement

**Rebecca-** Nothing to report

**Lowell-** Nothing to report

**Tammy-** Joined ad thanked Dennis Case on riding along in a plow watching the removal of snow. Thanked, all employees

**Becky-** Chris Sisco- library received a levy passage through township. Extended hours for library and new programs to offer and a new created filer. Youth league baseball/softball sign ups on Tuesday's and Saturdays 10-2. 7<sup>th</sup> annual sweet heart tea on Feb. 17 by friends of the library, tickets available. Feb. 15 suicide prevention awareness at the job and family service building 6:30-8:00 pm

## Public Comments/Questions:

When will the residents be able to tour the new water plant? Mayor Martin advised a date will be set for some time in March

Meeting adjourned by Mayor Anderson at 8:42 pm

Respectfully submitted:

  
Courtney Bricker, Fiscal Officer/Clerk of Council

  
William Martin, Mayor