

**Village of Mount Sterling Council  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 22, 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. Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Dean Shipley of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Executive Session:** David Timmons made a motion to go into executive session for hiring of the Village Administrator and Fiscal Officer, with a second from Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. In executive session at 7:01 p.m. Out of executive session at 7:32 p.m.

**Mayor's Comments:**

- Motion to hire John Martin at \$65,000 per year as Village Administrator by Diane Spradlin with a second by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. A voice vote was taken-all yes.
- Motion to accept the resignation of Vickie Sheets as fiscal officer by Rebecca Burns with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken-all yes.
- Motion to hire Cindy Miller for fiscal officer at \$25.00 per hour by Diane Spradlin with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken-all yes.
- Motion to accept the resignation of Charles Neff as Mayor by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff with a second by David Timmons. A voice vote was taken-all yes.
- Motion to appoint Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff as President Pro Tempore by Rebecca Burns with a second from Jim Davis. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

**Motion to accept the minutes** from February 8, 2016, special council meetings from February 13, 2016 and February 20, 2016 as written by Rebecca Burns and a second by David Timmons. All yes.

**Public Comments:**

Kevin Wood from IBI gave an update on the village's projects.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Check #9332 is missing. A motion to pay the bills to date by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff with a second from Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken, all yes.

**Water:** Mayor advised the water is safe to drink. Has CCR report.

**Wastewater:** Discussed the wastewater plant with Kevin Wood.

**Streets:** High St. Phase II-Street didn't drain correctly. Held back \$30,000. Engineers are handling.

**Park & Rec.:** Meeting minutes attached. Liability Insurance on the park. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff made a motion to look into the insurance with a second from David Timmons. A voice vote was taken-all yes. The youth league has insurance on the players. Need to get an estimate on drainage for the field. Jack and John will look into this. Look into possibly moving the basketball court. This is where the overflow parking is.

**SJAD:** Met on 2/10/2016. Approved the minutes, paid the bills, and discussed the new squad vehicle. Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff will be the representative for the squad.

**Pleasant Twp.:** Met on 02/15/2016. Read and approved the minutes. Discussed repair on truck and snow removal.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Resolution 2016-02:** A resolution to contract with Madison County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services and declare an emergency. Third Reading.

A motion to place on third reading made by David Timmons with a second by Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

A motion to adopt was made by Jim Davis with a second by Diane Spradlin. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

**Resolution 2016-05:** A resolution authorizing Lowell Anderson, Mayor, or his designee to enter into a cooperative agreement for the purpose of planning and building a two hundred thousand (200,000) gallon water storage tank between the Village of Mount Sterling and the Ohio Water Development Authority and declaring an emergency.

Motion to suspend the rules made by Diane Spradlin with a second by Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Motion to place on third reading by Jim Davis with a second by David Timmons. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

Motion to adopt by Diane Spradlin with a second by Rebecca Burns. A voice vote was taken-all yes.

**Round Table:**

**Diane Spradlin.** Chair of the Veterans Monument. Diane will set up a meeting.

**Rebecca Burns:** Working of the Village Community Days Festival. Will be on June 9-10-11, 2016.

**Mary Lou Stiverson-Ratliff:** Thanked Jack Dill for being so dedicated to the young people.

**Lowell Anderson:** Will add monument committee and festival committee to the agenda. Brett helped in the interviews for the Village Administrator.

**Adjourned:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Bonnie Liff, Clerk of Council

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Lowell Anderson, Mayor

Minutes were written on Tuesday, February 23, 2016.