**Village of Mount Sterling Council**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday March 10, 2014**

**The meeting was called to order** at 7:01 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, Mark Pitstick, Bonnie Liff, Mac Cordell of the Madison Press and citizens of the village.

**The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Minutes of the** February 24, 2014 meeting were accepted as written with a motion from David Timmons and a second from Heather Rice.

Minutes of the Special Council Meeting on Friday March 7, 2014 were accepted as written with a motion from Scott McClelland and a second from David Timmons.

**Mayor’s Comments**: Jack Dill went home sick today.

**Public Comments:** Amanda (speaking for Annie Tomlinson) from the Mt. Sterling Community Center would like to close the streets Wednesday June 25th to Saturday June 28th for the Freedom Ring Festival. Streets will be closed as the streets for the F.D. Homecoming. Lowell Anderson made a motion for the streets to be closed for the Freedom Ring Festival with a second from Diane Spradlin. All yes.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**President Pro Tem:** Nothing.

**Village Administrator:** 2011 General Balance was - $8520.00. In general, water, wastewater, streets, and park combined were $338,559.08. With cutbacks and everything the 2014 balance $1.2 million.

Spoke on Facebook and Topix postings. This has upset his family. Explained Corey Jeffers posts. (Joe read some of them). We have 4 meter books and 225 radio reads. The radio reads are not in the books. Have estimated the last three (3) moths because of the weather. He is tired of all the slander and defamation of character. Said it is making the village look bad. Asked Walt Rice about Walt wanting him fired.

Heather Rice wanted to know the definitions of liable and slander. Mark Pitstick explained it to her. Heather Rice wanted the Mayor to remove Joe from the meeting.

Joe said this was interfering with his family and said the crap has got to stop.

Joe apologized to the Mayor and left the meeting.

**Sheriff Dept**.: Jack Dill absent

**Law Director**: Nothing

**Clerk of Council**: Nothing

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance:** RITA report 2014 is down from 2013. 2014-$53844.00.

Lowell Anderson made a motion to pay the bills with a second from David Timmons. Voice vote was taken-all yes.

Finance meeting held on Friday March 7, 2014-see attached report. Lowell Anderson made a motion to have Mark Pitstick to prepare the necessary information and to inform Mr. Brooks of the decision of the Finance Committee. Mr. Brooks and his clients have ten (10) days to pay the accounts in full plus interest with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice Vote was taken: Scott McClelland-yes; Heather Rice-no; Lowell Anderson-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes and Rebecca Burns-abstained.

Lowell Anderson made a motion to create a separate checking account at Chase Bank for the purpose of receiving moneys for water in and out projects and grants in and out with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice vote was taken-all yes. Heather Rice asked Mark Pitstick about executive sessions.

**Water**: Nothing

**Wastewater:** Nothing

**Streets**: Nothing

**TCJFD:** See attached report.

**SJAD:** Have not met yet.

**Pleasant Twp**.: See attached report.

**Block Watch:** No meeting, the doors were locked.

**Park and Rec.:** Nothing

**Nuisance and Abatement**: Nothing

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance No. 2014-01:** An ordinance amending the rules of council. A motion to place on third reading was made by David Timmons with a second from Scott McClelland. Discussion: Heather Rice asked if we could move the ordinance back to second reading or if it should have been tabled. Rebecca Burns inquired about the positive comments in the round table section. The Mayor stated his reasons.

A voice vote was taken: Heather Rice-no; Lowell Anderson-yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-no and Scott McClelland yes. A motion for passage was made by David Timmons with a second from Scott McClelland. A voice vote was taken: Lowell Anderson- yes; Diane Spradlin-yes; David Timmons-yes; Rebecca Burns-yes; Scott McClelland-yes and Heather Rice-no. Passed.

**Round Table**: David Timmons and others found a WWI Veterans Plaque at the school.

**Motion to Adjourn**: A motion to adjourn was made by David Timmons with a second from Heather Rice. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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**Clerk of Council**   **Mayor**

**Minutes written March 11, 2014**