

BOROUGH OF MT. OLIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 19, 2018
7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL-COUNCIL:

PRESENT: Viglione, Reft, Keener, Viale-Vice President,
Beltz, Lowe, McGough-President

ABSENT:

OFFICIALS:

PRESENT: Secretary, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer,
Solicitor Emily Mueller, Borough Manager, Chief
Juzwick, Code Enforcer, Fire Chief-Fran Kestner

ABSENT: Mayor Bernardini, Mrs. Wuenschel-Planning

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

McGough – Has everyone read last month's minutes? Any questions? I need a motion to approve last month's Council Minutes, January 15, 2018. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Keener** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Motion approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

There were a total of 519 calls for the month of January. There were 35 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There were nine arrest warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. There were two DUI's for the month of January. The K-9 Unit was used fourteen times. As of this date, there are zero Nuisance Properties under investigation. The Police responded to five Commercial Alarms and two Residential Alarms during the month of January. New computers have been installed in the Police Dept. and are running. End of Mayor's Report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

McGough – We have one motion from the Engineer's Report. The motion is to approve Payment Application #2 and Final to Robinson Pipe in the amount of \$2,986.21 for the 2017 CCTV Contract. Can I have a motion? **Viale** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Lowe** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Motion approved. End of Engineer's Report.

FIRE REPORT:

Fire Chief Kestner - This report is for the month of January. The Fire Department had a total of 15 incidents during January. There were 11 EMS calls. There was one motor vehicle accident with no injuries. There were three miscellaneous calls. The June lottery cards are out. Contact a Fire Department member. The Fish Fry started out great. It runs through lent on Fridays. Please stop by.

PLANNING REPORT:

None. End of Planning Report.

TREASURER REPORT:

Holzer – Everyone should have a copy of the January report. If you have any questions, just let me know. To date, we have collected in Property Tax 82%. End of Treasurer Report.

General Funds – NWB	-(8,029.13)
MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB	16,739.52
Parking Lot Account – NWB	111.00
Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB	146,498.86
Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB	55,431.47
MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB	5,602.38
MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB	13,286.85
MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB	21,751.73
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB	9,741.23
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB	10,328.17
Special Highway MM Account – NWB	28,813.65
Road Program MM – NWB	66,315.46
Delinquent Tax MM Account – NWB	19,308.47
MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB	2,945.34
Park Facility Checking Account – NWB	244.80
MOB Volunteer Fire Dept. – NWB	997.89
MOB Refuse Account – NWB	9,684.26
MOB Property Tax – NWB	6,928.75
Capital Reserve Checking – NWB	12,243.70
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking	4,288.29
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market	34,978.18
Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account	5,414.16

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Reft – The bills have been reviewed and signed, we need a motion to have all bills approved and paid this month.

McGough - Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Reft** - We need a motion to accept the resignation of Larry Hailsham as Auditor. Can I have a motion? **Keener** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second.

McGough - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? End of Administration & Finance Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING:

Beltz - I have a Status Report from Code Enforcement Officer, Tom McAllister for the period of January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018. There were 29 Violations which included: seven Notices sent out, eighteen Citations issued, and four Condemnations. There was \$475.00 collected in Fines for Early Trash and Snow and Ice. There were two cases heard. One was continued and the other was abated. One case was heard in front of the Court of Common Pleas regarding 141-143 Brownsville Road (Imminent Danger). The owner filed an injunction to allow the tenants back in the building. The Judgment was granted in favor of the Borough. We want to thank Attorney Kate Diersen for her help and appearance in Court. Tom has implemented a Smoke Alarm program in partnership with the American Red Cross. **McAllister** - I contacted the American Red Cross to see if they could help us out with smoke detectors. They gave us 48 Smoke alarms for Mt. Oliver residents. I will talk to the home owners about the importance of smoke detectors in their homes. I'll install them and fill out a form for the Red Cross. If you need one, just call my office number and leave a message if I'm not there. I will voluntarily come to your home and install the detector. This is not on Borough time. The detectors have a ten year lithium battery. There are good smoke alarms. **Viglione** - I received alot of compliments on your work from the residents on Giffin Avenue. You have been taking care of issues in a fast manor. End of Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT:

Viglione - The Police Dept. had a total of 519 calls. I spoke to the Chief about these young kids that are shoveling snow for the residents. Some of these kids are not getting paid for their work. This is leading up to eventually fining the landlords regarding nuisance properties, etc. We are looking into an ordinance that will work for Mt. Oliver. We have to fight the ACLU in order to get this ordinance to pass. We need to press Judge King regarding this issue. End of Public Safety/Risk Management Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/HEALTH & MAINTENANCE CONTROL:

Viale - I have the report highlights from Public Works Supervisor, John Michener for the month of January. Public Works responded to 34 PA #1 calls. They took down the Christmas tree and decorations and placed them in storage. They patched potholes on fourteen streets in Mt. Oliver. They removed a downed tree on Giffin and Margaret. They performed seven dye tests. They responded to two sewer backups, one at 400 Hays and the other at 432 Hays Avenue. They responded to a storm sewer issue at 204 Locust Street. They boarded up three properties, 216 Moye, 108 Stamm, and 48 Elizabeth. Public Works removed old lockers from the Fieldhouse and took them to scrap. Public Works did a great job on road maintenance during January. They spent 132 hours salting the streets and sidewalks. If anyone has any issues with snow on the streets, please let us know. EDS has initiated a program called Homefront Initiative. The program will provide qualifying residents with free contracted services such as grass cutting and snow removal. To qualify, you must be a homeowner living within Mt. Oliver Borough and be age 60 or older or have a disability. You can get an application from the office here or EDS. End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Reft - We haven't had any meetings. There is a Property Stabilization meeting this Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Pet Shop. Tom will be there. If you have any questions regarding codes, please be there. We have free food and snacks. This is a nice hour to meet neighbors and air your complaints. **Keener** - Will there be a spring event? **Hopkinson** - There probably will not be unless someone wants to put one together. I have an idea for a summer event and of course the Fall event. End of Economic Development/Community Affairs.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Emily Mueller - I don't have anything this evening. End of Solicitor's Report.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

McGough - We have two Resolutions this evening. Resolution #748-18 - Appointing Dan Warren to fill the Elected Auditor Vacancy. May I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Resolution #749-18 - Authorizing the submission of a CITF Grant in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the Middle Way Parking Lot Project. May I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Keener** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

McGough - Trash pickup is being moved to Tuesdays starting March 20th. Residents will receive a flyer the week before and a call the day before. **Chief Juzwick** - Will the signs be changed before March 20th? **Hopkinson** - Yes they will. **Reft** - There is a traffic issue on Walnut that crosses over to Moye only one lane of traffic can get through. It needs to be discussed sooner than later. We have to vote on this before an Ordinance can be passed. There needs to be a sign to cover Brownsville/Moye/Stamm that says cars are only allowed to park on one side. There was a sign up in the past. **McGough** - This will be addressed next month. **Viale** - There are a few street lights on this block that are not working. **Hopkinson** - John is working on this. He said there is water getting into the lights which is causing them to go out.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Resident - The garbage is not getting picked up on some of the streets. **Hopkinson** - They said there were equipment issues today and they would try to get to it today, if not tomorrow. **Resident** - At 339 Walter, there is carpet spread out all over the sidewalk. Also, people are not shoveling their sidewalks. **McGough** - Tom did cite some residents for not shoveling. **Resident** - There is also a problem on Anthony Street. It's filled with trash and furniture on the left side. **Viale** - Our contract with Republic Services is up at the end of this year. We are not the only municipality that is having issues with this company. All the members of SHACOG have the same problems. Hopefully, with better wordage in the new contract, we will end up with better service. **Resident** - What streets is the gas company working on? **Chief Juzwick** - Penn, Hays, Ormsby, and Margaret. They had an emergency in Carnegie, but they are due back at the end of this week.

ADJOURNMENT: McGough – We have an Executive Meeting immediately following regarding a Personnel matter. This meeting is adjourned until next month.

Next Council meeting – March 19, 2018.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy L. Connolly, Borough of Mt. Oliver Secretary