

**BOROUGH OF MT. OLIVER**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES – MARCH 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 Kate Diersen, Borough Manager, Mayor  
Bernardini, Chief Juzwick, Code Enforcer,

ABSENT: Mrs. Wuenschel-Planning, Fire Chief-Fran Kestner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

McGough – Has everyone read last month's minutes? Any questions? I need a motion to approve last month's Council Minutes, February 19, 2018. Can I have a motion? Keener - So moved. McGough - Second? Lowe - 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 482 calls for service for the month of February. There were 45 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There was one burglary on Hays Avenue - copper pipes. There were zero robberies. There were two DUI arrests. The K-9 Unit's training and certifications are ongoing. The K-9 Unit was used 26 times during the month of February. There were five arrest warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. The Police responded to two Commercial Alarms and six Residential Alarms during the month of February. There were thirteen abandoned vehicles posted for the month of February. Parking Enforcement wrote 107 Borough tags during the month of February. The Police Dept. wrote 43 tags. There were 63 State citations issued for parking violations. \$1,725 was collected in fines for tickets. \$200.00 was paid to the Magistrate for ordered fines. There were zero Nuisance Properties under investigation. When are we going to get on this ordinance to start investigating Nuisance Properties? Viglione - After everyone reviews it, we should have an Ordinance by the middle of the month. Mayor - All Protection from Abuse orders are on file and currently active. All evidence and cases are being reviewed and destruction orders are being obtained for closed cases from the District Attorney's Office. A new patrol car was added to the Police Dept. which replaced the 2013 Ford Police Interceptor. There was a total of 3,876 miles on the Police vehicles during the month of February. A total of \$398.11 was used on Vehicle Maintenance and Repair. All Firearms qualifications and training are complete and all officers passed their certifications. Legal update training will be completed during the week of March 12th. The Chief will begin to schedule elective training for the Police Dept. for the remainder of 2018. Mt. Oliver Police served an attempted Homicide Warrant. The Police arrested a male for illegally possessing a Firearm. The Public Safety Committee will conduct and interview on March 12, 2018 for a part-time Police Officer, which has already been done. If the Public has a concern, complaint, or compliment, come in and let one of us know. Marge, I would like this put in the paper. Bernadette Pawlosky - What is the definition of a Nuisance Property? Does it involve the Police? Mayor - We have been over this before. A Nuisance Property constitutes illegal activity, domestic violence, squatters, not maintaining the property. Viglione - The Council will be putting together an Ordinance which will mainly deal with the property owner and fining the owner for having a Nuisance Property. End of Mayor's Report.

**ENGINEER REPORT:**

**McGough** – There are no motions. **Hopkinson** - The Paving bid opening will be on April 6, 2018. We got the MS4 5 Year Waiver, because we don't have an impaired waterway. Gateway will be here for the April Agenda meeting to go over some items. End of Engineer's Report.

**FIRE REPORT:**

**McGough** - There is no report for this month. End of Fire Report.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

**None.** End of Planning Report.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

**Holzer** – Everyone should have a copy of the February report. If you have any questions, just let me know. Every check we write, out of every account is listed here in my report. This report shows where the money went for February. End of Treasurer Report.

General Funds – NWB	27,679.11
MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB	18,196.02
Parking Lot Account – NWB	111.00
Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB	34,615.63
Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB	165,451.43
MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB	4,576.31
MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB	9,561.68
MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB	18,391.68
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB	8,320.00
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB	8,545.13
Special Highway MM Account – NWB	21,803.28
Road Program MM – NWB	65,423.14
Delinquent Tax MM Account – NWB	27,958.45
MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB	2,628.64
Park Facility Checking Account – NWB	244.80
MOB Volunteer Fire Dept. – NWB	997.89
MOB Refuse Account – NWB	---
MOB Property Tax – NWB	70,859.31
Capital Reserve Checking – NWB	12,120.11
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking	4,458.29
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market	34,982.20
Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account	5,416.24

**ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:**

**Reft** – The month of February we deposited \$192,978.15. Out of that amount, we paid \$98,625.03 in bills. The total of Payroll was \$58,862.76. At the end of February, we were in the good \$27,000.00. Nothing out of the ordinary was submitted for payment. 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? **Viale** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Mayor** - How many credit cards are assigned to the Borough? **Reft** - Three. One for Administration, one for Public Works, and one for the Police Department. **Aaron Graham** - Is \$27,000.00 a typical surplus during the month? **Reft** - It depends on how many taxes come in. It depends on how many deposits there are. At the end of the year it balances. End of Administration & Finance Report.

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING:**

**Beltz** - I just want to remind everyone that effective this week, Trash Day is being moved from Monday to Tuesday. You can put out the trash Monday night after 6:00pm. **Hopkinson** - There will be a flyer going out this week. **Beltz** - I have a Status Report from Code Enforcement Officer, Tom McAllister for the period of February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018. There were 43 Violations which included: early trash, graffiti, debris, and storage of trash.

There were 33 Notices sent out, 5 Citations issued, and 5 Legals regarding Rental Licenses. There was one case heard. One was continued to April 12th regarding 141-143 Brownsville Road (Dangerous Structure). The owner has been required to submit plans, permit applications, and start work by the court date. During the month of February, there were 38 Rental Applications and Notices mailed out. \$5,373.00 has been collected year to date in municipal claims from denials. There were two Occupancy Inspections and one Building Permit issued to 225 Brownsville (Bakery Project). **McAllister** - This was a busy month. The weather is better and I have been out more to see what's going on and will be concentrating on litter. **Keener** - Can you give us an update on the Smoke Alarms? **McAllister** - We have a list and I haven't received a phone call this week. I plan on finishing the list by the end of this week and will give Rick a number of how many are left. If you know of anyone that needs a smoke detector (donated by the Red Cross), please get in touch with me. **McGough** - Does anyone know when the contractor equipment will be removed from the sidewalk in front of the school? It has been there all weekend and is a hazard to kids, etc. Is there a reason why this equipment couldn't be moved behind the school or back lot? **McAllister** - The Gas Company has been informed about the hazard of the equipment and the holes. They are aware. **Paul Doyle** - Is there a number of cans per household that can be put out for trash pickup? **Hopkinson** - You can put out fifteen bags of trash, you can put as many cans that will fit in fifteen bags. End of Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Report.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT:**

**Viglione** - I notice that there is activity at 516, 512, and 505 Giffin Avenue. **Chief of Police** - These are mostly Domestic situations where a person's life may be in danger. We cannot get too involved in these cases. **McGough** - We have a motion to make to hire Ryan Lawrence as a Part-Time Patrolman. Can we have a motion? **Viale** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Keener** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? 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 February. Public Works coordinated a temporary repair of the roof at the Borough Building. They responded to 14 PA #1 calls. Public Works installed two new poles for stop signs at Giffin and Hays. They installed new stop signs at Hervey & Margaret and at Quincy & Transverse. A new pole and stop sign was installed at Walter & Ormsby. They patched pot holes on sixteen streets in the Borough. They performed two Dye Tests during February. Public Works coordinated repairs to the breaker for the street light problem. The Department received an anonymous letter from a resident that praises Public Works for their snow cleanup on the streets of Mt. Oliver. End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:**

**Keener** - Wednesday night we have a Property Stabilization Meeting at 7:00pm at the Pet Shop. It is open to all residents. Please come and share your concerns. End of Economic Development/Community Affairs.

### **SOLICITOR REPORT:**

**Kate Diersen** - Nothing specific to report on this month. End of Solicitor's Report.

### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**McGough** - We have one Resolution and one Ordinance to adopt this evening. The first motion is to adopt Resolution #750-18 - Selling 225 Brownsville to Economic Development South for \$84,000.00. May I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The last motion is to adopt Ordinance #967 - Amending Chapter 248, Section 62 of the (Parking Prohibited at All Times Ordinance). May I have a motion? **Viale** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Lowe** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Viale** - We wanted to update this parking ordinance because of a safety issue on Walnut from Brownsville to Koehler there should be No Parking on that side, so we can keep the blind hill clear.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**None.**

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

**Cathi Blanchard** - I saw a car drive past a stopped school bus with flashing lights. A Police car was behind me, but did nothing about it. **Chief Juzwick** - If the Officer had witnessed this, he would have pulled the car over.

**McGough** - I did go to the SHACOG meeting to ask that Mt. Oliver Police Department be included in the SHACOG Mutual Aid Program. Lou said he will have a draft copy of the Mutual Aid Agreement ready for the Chief of Police Meeting in April. **Aaron Graham** - I noticed more trash strewn throughout the Borough which makes us look bad. I would like to see a Civil Out-Reach Program started to help with this issue. **McAllister** - You could attend our Property Stabilization Meeting to discuss this issue and others. **Keener** - I'd like a reminder to be put in the paper that Earth Day is on April 22, 2018. We should be cleaning up around our neighborhoods.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **McGough** – This meeting is adjourned until next month.

**Next Council meeting – April 16, 2018.**

Respectfully submitted

Kathy L. Connolly, Borough of Mt. Oliver Secretary