

BOROUGH OF MT. OLIVER

COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – JUNE 18, 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, Mayor, Chief Juzwick, Code Enforcer, Fire Chief, Fran Kestner, Asst. Fire Chief, Ron Lowrey

ABSENT: 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, May 21, 2018. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Motion approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

I would like to start off with some information from Jordan Tax regarding sewage. The report for May 21, 2018. There are 95 listings. There were at least ten addresses not listed. This is an indicator that something fell through the cracks. Not only on Jordan's part but also on our part. \$73,888.00 needs to be collected. We need to have a shut-off point at \$250.00 again. I asked to have a representative from Jordan come here this evening to speak. No one showed up. Taxpayers have paid for the deadbeats that don't pay their sewage for far too long. **McGough** - Ricky have you called Jordan to set up a meeting? **Hopkinson** - I have, but I was on vacation when Jordan got back to me. A meeting will be set up with the Adm. Committee and Frank. The Borough has denied Rental Permits to Landlords who have not paid their sewage. This program is working. **Bernardini** - TI know that fireworks are legal, but some people still bring in illegal fireworks from out-of-state. A resident should not be in fear of their home catching on fire and the police cannot be everywhere at all times. If you know of someone setting off fireworks near your home, call the police and they will see what they can do. There were a total of 693 calls for service for the month of May. There were 42 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There was one burglary on May 16, 2018 on Brownsville Road and arrest was made. There were one DUI arrest for the month of May. The K-9 Unit was used 37 times during the month of May. There were five demonstrations, eight arrests, 10 drug searches, 4 park & walks, 7 targeted patrols, and 3 warrants served. There were thirteen warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. The Police responded to two Commercial Alarms and ten Residential Alarms during the month of May. There were nine abandoned vehicles posted for the month of May. Parking Enforcement wrote 115 Borough tags during the month of May. The Police Dept. wrote 121 tags. There were 106 State citations issued for parking violations. \$3,360.00 was collected in fines for tickets. \$315.00 was paid in Magistrate fines. There were zero Nuisance Properties under investigation, but there will be. 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. There was a total of 4,217 miles on the Police vehicles during the month of May. A total of \$734.34 was used on

Vehicle Maintenance and Repair. All Firearms qualifications and training were completed this month and all officers passed their certifications. Corporal Candioto attended Hostage Negotiation Training at the FBI Academy. He will also be attending a one-day instructor class for Less Lethal Training in June. Mt. Oliver Police arrested a male for having an illegal firearm on Brownsville Road. They also arrested two males for possessing prohibited offensive weapons on Brownsville Road. The Mt. Oliver Police assisted the Pittsburgh Police with a sex assault investigation. End of Mayor's Report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

McGough – We have one motion from Gateway. The motion is to rescind the Borough's recommendation to SHACOG to award the Joint Municipal O&M Lining - Contract B - MH-MH Lining - Year 12 contract to Insight Pipe Contracting, LLC in the amount of \$517,305.00 with a Borough share of \$9,136.25 and authorize SHACOG to rebid the contract. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Motion approved. End of Engineer's Report.

FIRE REPORT:

Fire Chief Fran Kestner - This report is for the month of May. There were 57 calls, 46 calls were EMS and 19 were Fire related. **McGough** - I have had several residents ask what they can contribute to the family who lost the five year old in the Anthony Street fire. **Viale** - You can go to the go-fund-me website. **Chief Fran Kestner** - We are also referring people to Red Cross. **Resident (Jennifer Donnelly-Johnson)** - I live at 342 Anthony Street, the house beside me that burned down. I think the Fire Dept. did a great job. But, if we had a full-time Fire Dept., we could cut down on response time. Most of the homes in Mt. Oliver are made of wood. **McGough** - We would have to raise taxes in order to have a full-time fire department. **Asst. Chief Lowrey** - Our part-timers would love to be full-time, but there is a cost associated with it. From the time the 911 call was made, the responders were dispatched and arrived within three and a half to seven and a half minutes. **Police Chief Juzwick** - The video footage showed that the Borough Ladder Truck arrived within six minutes. **Asst. Chief Lowrey** - We could use more volunteers. We would love to have a Regional paid force through SHACOG. Most of the volunteers live outside of Mt. Oliver. **Donnelly-Johnson** - We could apply for grants that would help fund a full-time paid fire department. **Fire Chief Kestner** - The City Firefighters are not contracted through Mt. Oliver, therefore, Mt. Oliver would be billed by the City. We have a Mutual Aid Agreement with SHACOG with all 40 member communities and do not pay for those companies to assist us. **McGough** - Council will monitor response time and see what improvements can be made. End of Fire Report.

PLANNING REPORT:

None. End of Planning Report.

TREASURER REPORT:

Holzer – Everyone should have a copy of the May report. If you have any questions, just let me know. End of Treasurer Report.

General Funds – NWB	33,638.27
MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB	29,123.02
Parking Lot Account – NWB	111.00
Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB	113,487.89
Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB	165,645.68
MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB	11,498.10
MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB	13,386.17
MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB	8,311.53
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB	14,056.31
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB	13,196.01
Special Highway MM Account – NWB	76,622.92
Road Program MM – NWB	63,763.58
Delinquent Tax MM Account – NWB	58,149.74
MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB	1,307.06
Park Facility Checking Account – NWB	244.80
MOB Volunteer Fire Dept. – NWB	997.89
MOB Refuse Account – NWB	--
MOB Property Tax – NWB	385,795.12
Capital Reserve Checking – NWB	9,511.24

Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking	2,003.29
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market	34,995.43
Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account	5,422.12

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Reft – The month of May, the Borough's balance was \$57,782.96. We deposited \$249,778.42. Out of that amount, we paid \$120,668.41 in bills. The total of Payroll was \$96,058.17. At the end of May, we were in the good at \$33,638.27. 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? **Lowe** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? End of Administration & Finance Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING:

Beltz - I have the Report from Code Enforcement Officer, Tom McAllister for the period of May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018. There were 262 Violations which included: early trash, high grass, accumulation of garbage, debris, and failure to renew Rental License. There were 45 Notices sent out, 192 Citations issued, 4 State Citations issued, 17 Legals filed, and 4 No Mail Service received. There were \$2,150.00 collected in fines. There were fifteen cases heard in front of Magistrate King. During the month of May, there were 35 Rental Applications and Notices mailed out. There were fourteen denials for May due to Municipal Claims owed. There were two Occupancy Permits issued. The Property Stabilization Committee cleaned up at 131 Koehler Street. Tom has been driving around and what have you found? **McAllister** - I have found that there is large improvement in litter and trash. I have one repeat offender. High grass offenders will be cited. **Viglione** - I took a ride along with Tom this week and have found the Borough is looking better. People are starting to get the message that they will be cited if they don't maintain their property. **McAllister** - We had a Park and Walk on Quincy this month and have dealt with issues there. **Beltz** - There have been various rat sightings in the Borough. We have talked to John about baiting the sewers. End of Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT:

Viale - The Police Department has a Facebook page which highlights what goes on with the Police in Mt. Oliver. Praise was given to the Police by residents regarding the school bus stop situation. **Viale** - We need a motion to adopt the resignation of Police Clerk Linda Matthews who was with us for three years. **McGough** - Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Viale** - We are now accepting applications for the position of Part-Time Police Clerk. End of Public Safety/Risk Management Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/HEALTH & MAINTENANCE CONTROL:

Lowe - The Public Works report is from May 1 through May 31, 2018. Public Works performed routine facility maintenance. They empty trash three times per week in the Business District. They continued street detail on various residential streets. PW picked up tires and TVs around the Borough. They installed a new Stop Sign at Giffin and Hervey. PW responded to 36 PA #1 calls for the month of May. At Ormsby Park, trash cans were emptied three times per week. At Transverse Park, they installed new plot markers at the Community Garden. Ormsby Park water fountain was worked on. PW removed a tree that was hanging over Walter Avenue. They cut grass and cleaned alleys and steps. PW cut grass and maintained weeds at 41 vacant properties in the Borough. One dye test was performed for the month of May. PW performed routine vehicle maintenance. A replacement decorative street lighting pole was installed in the 500 block of Brownsville Road due to an accident that occurred several months ago. **Michener** - The water fountain at Ormsby Park has not been repaired. I am waiting on a part to come in to finish the repair. At 147 Ormsby, water is still running from the property. A #1 PA call was placed for this, it is now an emergency. Salt was ordered for the winter. The salt will be stored in the West End until the new Zone 3 Public Works Building is built. End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Reft - We are having a Community Day in Transverse Park on Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. **Hopkinson** - There will be a DJ, food, games and Beckman Motors will be sponsoring a Car Cruise. **Reft** - The former Kullman's Bakery is now the sight for The Bakery Society of Pittsburgh (TBSP) will have regular business hours starting Monday, July 9, 2018 from 7:00am to 6:00pm. HEDC is now accepting applications from Mt. Oliver Business Owners for Facade Grants, thanks to funding awarded by the PNC Foundation. End of Economic Development/Community Affairs.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Emily Mueller – There is a litigation issue to be discussed in Executive Session. End of Solicitor's Report.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

McGough – We have several motions this evening. The first motion is to adopt Ordinance #969 - Amending Section 248 (Vehicles & Traffic to provide for additional parking) of the Mt. Oliver Borough Code. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The second motion is to adopt Ordinance #970 – Authorizing Mt. Oliver Borough to enter into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the City of Pittsburgh, providing Animal Control Services to the Borough. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Viglione** - If someone has a problem, who do they call? **Hopkinson** - 911. **McGough** - The third motion is to adopt Resolution #754-18 - Authorizing participation in COSTARS contract for purchase of the 2019 Ford F-550 Chassis. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The fourth motion is to adopt Resolution #755-18 - Increasing indebtedness for purchase of 2019 Ford F-550 Chassis. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The fifth motion is to adopt Resolution #756-18 - Accepting the donation of 102 Brownsville Road. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? We have one more that came in late for this Agenda. This motion is to authorize GRB to work on an ordinance to adopt the Police Mutual Aid Agreement with SHACOG. Can I have a motion? **Viale** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Lowe** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

None.

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

Next Council meeting – July 16, 2018.

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