

BOROUGH OF MT. OLIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – AUGUST 20, 2018
7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL-COUNCIL:

PRESENT: Reft, Viglione, Lowe, McGough-President

ABSENT: Keener, Viale-Vice President, Beltz

OFFICIALS:

PRESENT: Secretary, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer,
Solicitor Emily Mueller, Borough Manager, Mayor,
Corporal Alex

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

McGough - We need a motion to accept the resignation of David Beltz as Councilman. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Please put in the Recorder that if anyone wishes to be on Council, they should submit a letter of interest to the Borough by September 5, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

McGough - Has everyone read last month's minutes? Any questions? I need a motion to approve last month's Council Minutes, July 16, 2018. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Motion approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Bernardini - I would like to give an update on Jordan Tax - Sewage. Jordan has put a sewage lien on 26 properties in Mt. Oliver. This amounts to \$1,539.44. Some have already made pay arrangements or have paid in full. We had a meeting on June 27, 2018 with Jordan Tax Services. The Borough and the taxpayers have made some progress. I also want to discuss Nuisance Properties. Drug trafficking and illegal activities occur in some Mt. Oliver properties. If you see anything, please call 911. You do not have to give your identity. **Bernie** - What has changed that we need another Nuisance Property Ordinance? **Viglione** - We can only go after the landlord. We cannot go after the tenants. We can fine the landlord up to \$1,000.00. **Bernardini** - For the month of July, there were a total of 581 calls for service. There were 38 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There was one burglary on July 9, 2018 on Rustic Avenue with a total of 4 arrests. There were three DUI arrests for the month of July. Training and certifications are ongoing. The K-9 Unit was used 30 times during the month of July. There were two building searches, one demonstration, seven arrests, 3 drug searches, 5 park & walks, 8 targeted patrols, and 5 warrant services. There were twelve warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. The Police responded to nine Commercial Alarms and eight Residential Alarms during the month of July. There were six abandoned vehicles posted for the month of July, one vehicle towed, and two vehicles posted last month were towed this month. Parking Enforcement wrote 115 Borough tags for the month of July. Mt. Oliver Police wrote 25 Borough tags in July. There were 71 State citations issued for parking violations. \$1,335.00 was collected from ticket fines in July. \$275.00 was paid in Magistrate ordered fines. There were zero Nuisance Properties under investigation. All PFA's are on file and are currently active. I have asked the Chief of Police to have his Officers bust all drug activities they see or hear about. All Protection from Abuse orders are on file and currently active. All evidence and cases are being reviewed and ¹

destruction orders are being obtained for closed cases from the District Attorney's Office. Total miles on all vehicles for the month of July was 3,666 miles. Vehicle Maintenance and Repair totaled \$1,108.71. The first half of the Police Dept. attended firearms and less lethal training and are now qualified for the year. The remaining Officers will attend training within the next couple of months. Several officers are scheduled for elective training over the next few months. The training will be reported as they attend their class. Corporal Candioto has been accepted as a Negotiator for the SHACOG Certification Team. End of Mayor's Report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

McGough – We have two motions from Gateway this evening. The first motion is to approve Payment Application #1 and Final to Pavement Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$6,151.72 for the work completed to date. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The second motion is to approve Payment Application #1 and Final to Soli Construction, in the amount of \$60,064.00 for the work completed. No payment is to be made until receipt of invoice from SHACOG. SHACOG has also indicated that the grant award was increased from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00 for this project. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? End of Engineer's Report.

FIRE REPORT:

McGough - This report is for the month of July. There were 61 calls, 42 calls were EMS and 19 were Fire related. Aid was given ten times. Aid was received a total of six times. The average response time (dispatch to arrival) for EMS was 4 minutes and 57 seconds. The response time for Fire was 5 minutes and 42 seconds. The average time on scene was 16 minutes and 8 seconds. End of Fire Report.

PLANNING REPORT:

None. End of Planning Report.

TREASURER REPORT:

Holzer – Everyone should have a copy of the Treasurer's Report. As of today's date, 75% of Real Estate taxes have been collected. This is about the same amount as last year at this time. End of Treasurer Report.

General Funds – NWB	30,023.95
MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB	29,123.02
Parking Lot Account – NWB	111.00
Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB	70,923.89
Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB	166,058.42
MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB	9,445.96
MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB	5,935.83
MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB	24,591.43
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB	11,213.85
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB	9,629.93
Special Highway MM Account – NWB	62,324.03
Road Program MM – NWB	63,816.87
Delinquent Tax MM Account – NWB	67,443.61
MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB	2,926.05
Park Facility Checking Account – NWB	244.80
MOB Volunteer Fire Dept. – NWB	998.13
MOB Refuse Account – NWB	---
MOB Property Tax – NWB	265,084.14
Capital Reserve Checking – NWB	21,764.15
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking	3,538.29
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market	31,003.51
Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account	14,428.26

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Reft – I have reviewed and signed the bills, we need a motion to have all bills approved and paid this month. **McGough** - Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **McGough** - Second. All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Reft** - We need a motion to accept SHACOG's bid tabulation for Solid Waste Collection for the 2019-2023 term to Waste Management. **McGough** - Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? End of Administration & Finance Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING:

Hopkinson - The Code Enforcement Report is for the period of July 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018. There were 242 Violations which included: early trash, overgrowth, accumulation of garbage, debris, and failure to renew Rental Licenses. There were 212 Notices mailed out, twenty-seven Citations issued, 2 Legals filed. There are 131 Open Cases as of today. Half of the cases have been closed. There were \$225.00 collected in fines during July. There were 13 cases heard in front of Magistrate King. During the month of July, there were 11 Rental (25 units) Licenses issued. There were 67 Rental Applications and Notices expiring by July 31st mailed out. There were 29 Rental Applications and Notices expiring by August 31st mailed out. There were three Occupancy Permits issued. A second inspector has been assigned to Mt. Oliver from BIU to assist in the volume of pending inspections. **Resident** - Complained about 183 St. Joseph, trash and debris, and arguments are constant. I have called 911 and the Borough on this issue. End of Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT:

Viglione - Asked Corporal Alex if the shooting in Knoxville was gang related. Corporal Alex said it appeared to be, but he did not have all the facts. End of Public Safety/Risk Management Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/HEALTH & MAINTENANCE CONTROL:

Lowe - On a positive note, the Public Works Dept. received a Thank You note from a resident for catching a groundhog on Penn Avenue. The Public Works report is from July 1 through July 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. They repaired the lock on the garage door. PW picked up tires and TVs around the Borough. They repaired a Stop Sign on Church Avenue. Public works repaired a Handicap Sign at Transverse Park. They installed No Parking Signs on Mary. PW responded to 29 PA #1 calls for the month of July. They continued supervisory activities relating to the 2018 Utility Projects. Potholes were patched throughout the Borough. At Ormsby and Transverse Parks, trash cans were emptied three times per week. Public Works cut and cleaned alleys and steps on various areas of the Borough. They trimmed trees on Borough Way. PW cut grass and maintained weeds at both parks and 30 vacant properties in the Borough. Thirteen dye tests were performed for the month of July. PW cleaned inlets around the Borough, responded to sewer backups at 228 Stamm and 220 Amanda, and coordinated repair of an inlet on Frederick Street before paving. They performed routine vehicle maintenance, finalized estimates for the new salt truck, and sold the 1995 Chevy on Municibid for \$4,100.00. Public Works took out the old benches in the Parklet and replaced floor boards. The Parklet will be painted in the fall with new tables installed in the spring. End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Reft - We had a HEDC meeting last week. On September 8, 2018, The Police and Fire Dept. are having a Gun Bash. The tickets are \$30.00 and you do not have to present to win. The former Kullman's Bakery (225 Brownsville Road) The Bakery Society of Pittsburgh's Bakery Incubator is now open from 8:00am and 6:00pm. On September 22, 2018 we will be having our FallFest at Transverse Park from 12:00pm - 5:00pm. Food and Drinks will be provided by Rusty Cold Brewery, Leo's Sunday Sauce, and Trinity Lutheran Church. There will be a Farmer's Market (Janoski's Farms and Greenhouse). DJ, Balloon Twisting, Pumpkin Painting, Local Vendors, Chili Cook-off and more. Contact Megan McGinnis for further information (412-431-8107 ext. 106). We also will be having Up on the Hilltop on December 1, 2018. **McGough** - I'd like everyone to know that there are two bakeries in Mt. Oliver. They each have different bakery items. End of Economic Development/Community Affairs.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Emily Mueller – I want you to know the process to fill the Council's vacancy. Thirty days from tonight we should have the position filled. End of Solicitor's Report.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

McGough – We have several motions this evening. The first motion is to adopt Ordinance #972 - Amending the Mt. Oliver Borough Code by establishing regulations and requiring permits for the placement and use of bulk storage containers and dumpsters within the Borough. The property owner has 14 days to keep the dumpster on their site. They may have an additional 10 days if needed for an extra cost. The cost is \$50.00 for 14 days. The Public Works Supervisor may require blocks under the dumpster at some locations. The dumpster company must have a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of \$100,000.00 naming The Borough of Mt. Oliver additionally insured. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The next motion is to adopt Ordinance #973 - Amending Chapter 248-62, Parking Prohibited at All Times which is restricting parking on Mary Street and St. Joseph. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Resolution #761-18 is to appoint Rick Hopkinson as Code Enforcement Officer for the time being. Can I have a motion? **Reft** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Lowe** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Resolution #762-18 is to adopt the Police Bargaining Agreement. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Resolution #763-18 is to adopt the Agreement with Keystone Collections. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Debbie N. - There are cars that block our driveways on St. Joseph. Is there anything we can do? **Corporal Alex** - Just call 911 and we will be there and have the vehicle towed. **Resident** - I am concerned about a neighbor who is open burning on Verena. **Bernie P.** - I called the County about the Burning Rules and Regulations. Karen said that the wood has to be clean wood. It has to be off the ground and be covered for at least six months. Ambers should not be flying more than two feet away. The County is willing to come to Mt. Oliver to educate everyone on the rules and regulations of open burning. This issue has to be addressed. **Cathie B.** - Are the streets and sidewalks ever going to be put back to normal. **Hopkinson** - The concrete work will begin this year. **Debbie N.** - At 190 Ormsby, a dog is chained outside all the time and is constantly barking. Is there anything I can do? **Solicitor** - You can call the Humane Society. **Corporal Alex** - We can put in a call to the Humane Society.

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

Next Council meeting – September 17, 2018.

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