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BOROUGH OF MT. OLIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2018
7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL-COUNCIL:

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

ABSENT: Vacancy (To be occupied by Aaron Graham)

OFFICIALS:

PRESENT: Secretary, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, Solicitor Emily Mueller, Borough Manager, Mayor, Chief Juzwick, Fire Chief Fran Kestner, Asst. Fire Chief Ron Lowrey

ABSENT: Mrs. Wuenschel-Planning

McGough - We need a motion to adopt Resolution #765-18, appointing Aaron Graham to fill the Council vacancy. Can I have a motion? **Keener** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? At this point, Aaron will be sworn in by the Mayor. (Mayor Bernardini swears in Aaron Graham as new Council member).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

McGough - Has everyone read last month's minutes? Any questions? I need a motion to approve last month's Council Minutes, August 20, 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:

Bernardini - (The Mayor read a letter he wrote to the South Pittsburgh Reporter informing the residents of Mt. Oliver that a proposal was made at the September 10th Council Agenda meeting. Action Housing wants to purchase the former Mt. Oliver School and lease it to Auberle Health Care. Auberle intends to use the school as a health and care giving facility. The Mayor feels this will be nothing more than a Rehab Center and has initiated a petition to be circulated throughout the Borough for residents who are not in favor of this proposed facility). **Police Report** - For the month of August, there were a total of 577 calls for service. There were 40 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There was one burglary on August 5, 2018 on Hays Avenue. There were two DUI arrests for the month of August. Training and certifications are ongoing. The K-9 Unit was used 34 times during the month of August. There was one building search, two demonstration, eight arrests, four drug searches, four park & walks, twelve targeted patrols, and three warrant services. There were eleven warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. The Police responded to six Commercial Alarms and six Residential Alarms during the month of August. There was one abandoned vehicle posted for the month of August and eight warnings. Three vehicles posted last month were towed this month. Parking Enforcement wrote 130 Borough tags for the month of August.

Mt. Oliver Police wrote 23 Borough tags in August. There were 44 State citations issued for parking violations. \$1,585.00 was collected from ticket fines in August. Three Hundred and Eighty-Five dollars was paid in Magistrate ordered fines. There were zero Nuisance Properties under investigation. All PFA's are on file and are currently active. All evidence and cases are being reviewed and destruction orders are being obtained for closed cases from the District Attorney's Office. Total miles on all vehicles for the month of August were 3,896 miles. Vehicle Maintenance and Repair totaled \$490.50. The second half of the Police Dept. will be attending firearms and less lethal training September and October. Several officers are scheduled for elective training over the next few months. Officer Snyder has completed Patrol Rifle Instructor Certification through the Pennsylvania State Police in the month of August. We are improving on Sewage delinquency payments, for the month of August we collected \$83,644.69 and for September, \$61,451.15. End of Mayor's Report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

McGough – There are no motions from the Engineer's report this month. End of Engineer's Report.

FIRE REPORT:

Fire Chief Kestner - This report is for the month of August. There were 47 total calls, 32 calls were EMS and 15 were Fire related. Aid was given seven times. Aid was received a total of three times. The average response time (dispatch to arrival) for EMS was 3 minutes and 31 seconds. The response time for Fire was 8 minutes and 34 seconds. **McGough** - I would like to mention something regarding the Fire Dept. There have been rumors going around that the Council wants to get rid of our Fire Dept. and have the City Fire Dept. take care of our calls. This is not true. We do not have any intentions of getting rid of our Fire Department. End of Fire Report.

PLANNING REPORT:

None. End of Planning Report.

TREASURER REPORT:

Holzer – I only have the Budget Report this month because Northwest is behind on their statements. When I get the Treasurer Report completed, I will have copies for anyone that wants one. End of Treasurer Report.

General Funds – NWB	60,262.00
MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB	29,123.02
Parking Lot Account – NWB	111.00
Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB	160,855.13
Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB	166,268.56
MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB	8,419.89
MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB	22,210.66
MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB	18,231.38
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB	9,792.62
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB	7,846.89
Special Highway MM Account – NWB	55,095.14
Road Program MM – NWB	61,251.92
Delinquent Tax MM Account – NWB	76,072.32
MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB	3,795.09
Park Facility Checking Account – NWB	244.80
MOB Volunteer Fire Dept. – NWB	998.13
MOB Refuse Account – NWB	---
MOB Property Tax – NWB	231,238.08
Capital Reserve Checking – NWB	21,773.39
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking	2,588.29
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market	31,007.46
Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account	14,184.38

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? **Viale** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Reft** - There have been no unusual purchases or amounts charged this past month. End of Administration & Finance Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING:

Hopkinson - The Code Enforcement Report is for the period of August 1, 2018 through August 31, 2018. There were 253 Violations which included: early trash, overgrowth, accumulation of garbage, debris, and failure to renew Rental Licenses. There were 227 Notices mailed out and twenty-six Legals filed. There are 245 Open Cases as of today. There were 20 cases heard in front of Magistrate King. During the month of August, there were 27 Rental (74 units) Licenses issued. There were 28 Rental Applications and Notices expiring by September 30th mailed out. There were five Occupancy Permits issued, three Building Permits issued, and one Zoning Permit issued. The Property Stabilization Committee cleaned up 507 Hervey and assisted a resident at 256 Church Avenue on August 15th. Demolition Orders were filed for 253 Ormsby and 118 Penn Avenue on August 27th. 118 Penn Avenue is actually going up for Sheriff Sale. We will wait to see what happens with that before talk of demolition for that property. End of Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT:

Viale - The Gun Bash held on September 8th was a success with the amount brought in at \$19,549.00. The proceeds will go to both the Fire Department and the Police Department. **Keener** - I would like to let the public know that we had two windows hit with paint balls over the weekend. I am asking you to keep aware and call 911 if any activity may occur. End of Public Safety/Risk Management Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/HEALTH & MAINTENANCE CONTROL:

Lowe - The Public Works report is from August 1 through August 31, 2018. Public Works performed routine facility maintenance. They emptied 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 repaired Stop Signs on Louisa and Quincy. They installed a Children Playing sign on Verena. PW responded to 33 PA #1 calls for the month of August. They continued supervisory activities relating to the 2018 Utility Projects. Potholes were patched throughout the Borough. They repaired curbs on Church Avenue. Public Works emptied trash cans three times per week at Ormsby and Transverse Parks. Public Works cut and cleaned alleys and steps on various streets of the Borough. They cut and cleaned curbs on several Borough streets. PW cleared down trees at Transverse Park and Otto Way. PW cut grass and maintained weeds at both parks and over 30 vacant properties in the Borough. Four dye tests were performed for the month of August. PW cleaned inlets around the Borough, responded to sewer backups at 505 Hervey, 252 Giffin, and 132 Penn, repaired a manhole at Hays and Beatty. Public Works worked with the SHACOG Sewer Vac/Camera crew and flushed and camera prescribed storm and sanitary lines and gave the data to Gateway for review. End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Reft - We will be having a HEDC meeting on Tuesday. On September 22, 2018 we will be having our FallFest at Transverse Park from 12:00pm - 5:00pm. We will be having "Up on the Hilltop" on December 1, 2018. End of Economic Development/Community Affairs.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Emily Mueller – I would like to have an Executive Session after the Council Meeting to discuss the demolition process for 253 Ormsby. End of Solicitor's Report.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

McGough – We have a motion to adopt Resolution #764-18 - Articles of Agreement with Waste Management. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Cathie B. - Why doesn't anyone board up the windows of the vacant building at 300 Hays Avenue? **Reft** - This property is not owned by the Borough, it is in Estate. **Hopkinson** - There are plans to have it refurbished. **Cathie B.** - When are the sidewalks and streets going to get done? **Hopkinson** - Restoration with hot mix is to be completed in the Spring. **Several Residents** - Made it known that they do not want a Rehab in Mt. Oliver. **Onyx Resident** - Out-of-State license plates are a problem and the Chief said it is hard to prove that the vehicle owner lives out of state. Also, Onyx homes 315, 320, 325, and 326 all need to be demolished. There are more tenants than home owners and Police cars barely come down our street. **Sandy Heckman** - How many times do we have to call 911 before citations will be issued to the landlords? **Chief Juzwick** - The new ordinance is not finalized yet. If it is a domestic, there is nothing that can be done. If there is loud noise or pot smoking, we can do something about that. **Keener** - We plan on passing the new ordinance next month and after sixty days of having three or more calls, the landlord will be cited. **Paul Doyle** - I'm concerned about the safety issue at 116 Locust Street, the sidewalk is open and dangerous and there are no barriers. **McGough** - Rick, please check up on this.

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

Next Council meeting – October 15, 2018.

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