

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

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL-COUNCIL:

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

ABSENT: Graham

OFFICIALS:

PRESENT: Secretary, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer,
Solicitor Emily Mueller, Borough Manager, Mayor,
Fire Chief Fran Kestner, Mrs. Wuenschel-Planning

ABSENT: Chief Juzwick

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

McGough - We have decided to table the discussion regarding a Handicap Sign to be placed at 140 Koehler at the request of Arlene Hurt. Council feels there is more research needed to come to a conclusion.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Bernardini - For the month of October, there were a total of 689 calls for service. There were 32 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There was one burglary on October 13, 2018 on St. Joseph Street. There was one DUI arrest for the month of October. Training and certifications are ongoing. The K-9 Unit was used 20 times during the month of October. There was one arrest, one drug search, five park & walks, nine targeted patrols, two traffic stops, and one warrant served. There were eleven warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. The Police responded to three Commercial Alarms and eleven Residential Alarms during the month of October. There were four abandoned vehicles posted for the month of October and thirty-six warnings. One vehicle was towed this month. Parking Enforcement wrote 99 Borough tags for the month of October. Mt. Oliver Police wrote 36 Borough tags in October. There were 49 State citations issued for parking violations. \$1,630.00 was collected from ticket fines in October. Three Hundred Ninety-Five dollars was paid in Magistrate ordered fines. The Borough will be adopting a new nuisance property ordinance this month. 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. All equipment is operating properly. Total miles on all vehicles for the month of October were 3,719 miles. Vehicle Maintenance and Repair totaled \$1,482.78. All officers are currently certified. There were 125 traffic stops during October. The Police Department will be hiring one Part-Time Officer. I'd like to address the article in the last Reporter. At this point in time in the Borough, Auberle is not suitable for us. Drug Dealers will circle this area if they know there is drug abuse. When I write anything in the Reporter, I put my name to it. This last article did not have a name to it. You should have the decency to confront me regarding this issue. The CEO of Auberle contacted Donna Smith. I feel the Zoning Committee has been compromised. **Solicitor Emily Mueller** - We cannot speak regarding a conversation that we are not privy to. **Bernardini** - The Borough needs to clean up our own mess before we get involved cleaning up the County's mess. According to the Borough Code, the Borough intends to favor the Public Interest over any Private Interest. End of Mayor's Report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

McGough – There is one motion from the Engineer's report this month. The motion is to award the contract to John Zottola Landscaping, Inc. in the amount of \$88,800.00 for the Ormsby Park Wall Repairs. Can I have a motion? **Reft** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Lowe** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Bernardini** - John, who is going to be monitoring their work when they start? **Michener** - I'll be there. **Viglione** - There should be an inspector there on site. **Michener** - If you want one there, I'll tell them, but it's going to cost. End of Engineer's Report.

FIRE REPORT:

Fire Chief Kestner. For the month of October there were a total of 52 calls. Forty were EMS calls and twelve were Fire calls. Our average response time was seven minutes, seven seconds. I want to report that on December 6th at 7:00pm there will be a "Stop the Bleed" class open to the Public. An example of this would be what is currently happening across the United States, random shootings. This would teach people how to make tourniquets and pack wounds. Most casualties from gun shots are from blood loss. The Lottery Calendars are available for \$10.00 each for the month of January 2019. End of Fire Report.

PLANNING REPORT:

Mrs. Wuenschel - We had a Planning Committee Meeting on November the 5th. We discussed zoning with Debbie Grass. We had an application for the Approval of Cadman-Schwartz properties (subdivision). She would like to buy those garages. **McGough** - Do we need a recommendation from Council to approve the motion of the Cadman-Schwartz Subdivision? May I have a motion to approve the Cadman-Schwartz Subdivision? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? End of Planning Report.

TREASURER REPORT:

Holzer – We have enough money to pay all the bills. You have a copy of the report. If you have any questions, just let me know. End of Treasurer Report.

General Funds – NWB	40,314.16
MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB	14,745.52
Parking Lot Account – NWB	111.00
Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB	166,601.47
Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB	166,682.85
MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB	6,367.75
MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB	14,760.32
MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB	11,511.28
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB	6,950.16
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB	14,280.81
Special Highway MM Account – NWB	41,296.87
Road Program MM – NWB	57,416.47
Delinquent Tax MM Account – NWB	89,678.90
MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB	984.98
Park Facility Checking Account – NWB	94.80
MOB Volunteer Fire Dept. – NWB	998.26
MOB Refuse Account – NWB	---
MOB Property Tax – NWB	83,386.63
Capital Reserve Checking – NWB	20,672.18
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking	5,498.29
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market	25,514.65
Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account	15,683.68

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Reft – There have been no unusual purchases or amounts charged this past month. I have reviewed and signed the bills, we need a motion to have all bills approved and paid this month. Can I have a motion? **Keener** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Lowe** - Second. **McGough** - 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 October 1, 2018 through October 31, 2018. There were 68 Violations and notices were mailed out. Since I took over as Code Enforcer in July, initially there were 666 cases open. To this date, there are only 63 cases open. I want to see that number go down each month. There were \$2,274.47 collected in fines. \$150.00 of that were Borough tags and \$2,124.47 were in Magisterial fines. I had 49 hearings in front of Judge King. During the month of October, there were 24 Rental (40 units) Licenses issued. I mailed out 25 Rental Applications and Notices expiring by November 30th. There were two Occupancy Permits issued. There was one Building Permit issued to 622 Margaret Street to install a porch roof. There were no zoning permits issued. We are continuing legal proceedings for the demolition of 253 Ormsby and 118 Penn. This report along with all other reports are available online. The Hays Avenue concrete issue is continuously being monitored and the gas company is making limited progress. Our ordinance allows them for up to a year regarding the Grading Permit. We need to update our Ordinance so there is not a limitation of one year regarding Grading Permits and change it to 30 days. End of Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT:

Viale - Mt. Oliver Police Dept. is searching for part-time officers. An ad will be placed after that regarding one Full-Time Officer. There will be free parking the week preceding Christmas (Dec. 17-Dec. 22).

Hopkinson - There will also be free parking for Small Business Saturday, Saturday, December 1, 2018.

Viale - I will make a motion to accept the resignation of Kevin Lockhart. **McGough** - Justin made the motion, do we have a second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Viale** - We also need a motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Lawrence. I will make the motion. **McGough** - Justin made the motion, do we have a second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? End of Public Safety/Risk Management Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/HEALTH & MAINTENANCE CONTROL:

Lowe - We have an early Christmas present this year, early in December, we will be getting a new truck, a 2018 Ford F550 with salt spreader. The Public Works report is from October 1 through October 31, 2018. Public Works emptied trash three times per week in the Business District and the parks. They picked up TVs, tires, and debris through the Borough. Public Works responded to 19 PA 1 calls for the month of October. They patched potholes throughout the Borough. Public Works emptied trash and spot swept both parks three times per week. They cut grass and weed whacked the parks along with 35 vacant properties. Public Works performed nine dye tests, cleaned inlets throughout the Borough, responded to a sewer issue at 123 Frederick, worked with SHACOG truck to locate sewer tap for the 300 block of Hays. They worked with Gateway on smoke testing at Transverse Park. They performed routine vehicle maintenance. Water has been turned off at the parks and the community garden. The Parklet was repainted and leaf sucking began throughout the Borough. **McGough** - I received a call regarding a tree that is falling over at Ormsby Park on Church. **Solicitor Emily Mueller** - A notice was posted on the property, that the owner will have 24 hours to remove the tree himself. If he does not, the Borough will contract the removal of the tree and then put a lien on the property. **Michener** - I got 200 tons of salt in and it will be stored in the City. **McGough** - Public Works and the Fire Dept. put up the Christmas tree in the Parklet. End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Reft - The Cookie Tour which is Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 2:00pm - 6:00pm. Flyers have been sent out throughout the Borough. Each business participating will be highlighted on a map that will be given out to anyone interested in taking the tour. Each business will offer a cookie or some other item. The tree will be lit at 5:30pm. Santa Claus will be at TC Candy. End of Economic Development/Community Affairs.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Emily Mueller - I want to mention about the Lease Agreement. The monthly rent needs to be filled in on the Resolution. (\$100.00 was decided upon) End of Solicitor's Report.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

McGough – The first motion we have is to adopt Resolution #768-18 - Authorizing the Settlement Agreement with Kevin Lockhart. Can I have a motion? **Viale** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The next motion is to adopt Resolution #769-18 - Accepting the donation of 199 Ormsby and 434 Hays Avenue. Can I have a motion? **Keener** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? We need a motion to adopt Resolution #770-18 - Authorizing the Purchase of 195 Ormsby Avenue. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? We need a motion to adopt Resolution #771-18 - Appointing the Zoning Board Hearing Members which will consist of Regular member - Sandy Seiler, and alternate members - Paul Doyle and Nick Jaramillo. Can I have a motion? **Reft** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Lowe** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The last motion is to adopt Resolution #772-18 - Authorizing a Lease Agreement for 134 John Street with a monthly rent of \$100.00. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reft - The Zoning Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7:00pm here in the Council Chambers.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Paul Doyle - Are the residents going to be able to ask questions regarding Auberle on Tuesday? **Solicitor Emily Mueller** - Auberle will present their case first. The Board will have an opportunity to ask questions. Residents should be able to ask questions or comment after the Board has asked their questions. If more people show up then this venue can hold, the meeting would have to be delayed or moved immediately to a larger location. The date cannot be more than sixty days after the initial date.

ADJOURNMENT: **McGough** – This meeting is adjourned until next month. There is an Executive Session following to discuss Personnel issues.

Next Council meeting – December 17, 2019.

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