

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

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL-COUNCIL:

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

ABSENT:

OFFICIALS:

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

ABSENT: 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, November 19, 2018. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Keener** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Motion approved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Bernardini - For the month of November, there were a total of 626 calls for service. There were 14 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There was one burglary on November 9, 2018 on Giffin Avenue. There was one robbery on November 20, 2018 at Northwest Savings Bank and the actor was arrested. There were no DUI arrests for the month of November. Training and certifications are ongoing. The K-9 Unit was used 22 times during the month of November. There were four arrests, two drug searches, six park & walks, eight targeted patrols, one traffic stop, and one warrant served. There were four warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. The Police responded to ten Commercial Alarms and twelve Residential Alarms during the month of November. There were seventeen abandoned vehicles posted for the month of November and thirty-eight warnings. Three vehicles were towed this month. Parking Enforcement wrote 95 Borough tags for the month of November. Mt. Oliver Police wrote 56 Borough tags in November. There were 45 State citations issued for parking violations. \$1,781.00 was collected from ticket fines in November. Three Hundred Seventy-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 November were 2,617 miles. Vehicle Maintenance and Repair totaled \$1,823.76. All officers are currently certified. There were 103 traffic stops during November. I'd like to address the article in the last Reporter. How many times was this property rezoned? Per our Borough Code, the Borough tends to favor the Public's interest against any private interest. **Hopkinson** - This property meets the zoning requirements. Auberle wants a Use by Special Exception through a zoning hearing. As the Zoning Officer I am to be the first point of contact prior to a Zoning Hearing. It's up to the Zoning Board to determine how this plays out. **Bernardini** - Thank you Madam President for allowing me to speak. End of Mayor's Report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

McGough – There is one motion from the Engineer's report this month. The motion is to approve Payment Application #1 in the amount of \$46,748.41 to Mele and Mele for work completed to date on the 2018 paving Program. Can I have a motion? **Viglione** - I want to make it known that if the work is not completed, we will not make a payment. **Reft** - This is just the first payment, not the final payment. **McGough** - May 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 - For the month of November there were a total of 55 calls. Forty-three were EMS calls and twelve were Fire calls. Mutual aid was given three times and mutual aid was received five times. The average response time for all calls was four minutes and fifty-eight seconds. The average response time for EMS calls was four minutes and fifteen seconds. The average response time for Fire calls was six minutes and thirteen seconds. The "Stop the Bleed" class which was open to the public was a success. There were about twenty-five people that attended. End of Fire Report.

PLANNING REPORT:

Mrs. Wuenschel - We are working on updates for the Borough Zoning for approval at the next meeting. End of Planning Report.

TREASURER REPORT:

Holzer – Everyone has a copy of the Treasurer's Report for November. I have updates on property taxes. As of December 14th, we have collected 82% in property taxes which comes to \$711,765.87. In 2017, we collected 83% in property taxes which came to \$723,000.00 which is very close to this year. I have an update on all delinquent taxes that have been collected by Tina and Keystone Collections. The amount is \$130,311.00. We haven't raised taxes since 2006. If you have any questions, just let me know. End of Treasurer Report.

General Funds – NWB	10,925.21
MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB	24,643.27
Parking Lot Account – NWB	111.00
Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB	209,701.85
Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB	166,886.98
MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB	5,341.68
MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB	31,035.15
MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB	28,151.23
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB	5,528.93
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB	12,497.77
Special Highway MM Account – NWB	33,087.10
Road Program MM – NWB	50,259.56
Delinquent Tax MM Account – NWB	100,241.01
MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB	339.04
Park Facility Checking Account – NWB	94.80
MOB Volunteer Fire Dept. – NWB	998.26
MOB Refuse Account – NWB	---
MOB Property Tax – NWB	69,274.72
Capital Reserve Checking – NWB	19,797.04
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking	5,373.34
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market	25,517.80
Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account	15,690.11

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Reft – There have been no unusual purchases or amounts charged this past month. We are still waiting on John's truck to come in and with that comes the bill. I have reviewed and signed the bills, I need a motion to have all bills approved and paid this month. Can I have a motion? **Graham** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? End of Administration & Finance Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING:

Graham - The Code Enforcement Report is for the period of November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018. There were 30 Violations and notices mailed out. Out of those there were 24 Notices, 4 Citations, and 2 Legal Filings. There are only 46 open cases out of 696 year to date. There were about \$1,300.00 collected in fines. There were 13 hearings in front of Judge King. During the month of November, there were 35 Rental (73 units) Licenses issued. 21 Rental Applications and Notices were mailed out for licenses expiring by December 31, 2018. There were zero Occupancy Permits issued. There were zero Building Permits issued. There was one zoning permit issued for 671 Margaret Street Garage. We are continuing legal proceedings for the demolition of 253 Ormsby and 118 Penn. We are working on a revised Rental Ordinance. **Viglione** - What's going on with The Family Dollar Parking Lot? **Hopkinson** - I will be meeting with the new Manager and explaining the expectations of a clean parking lot, otherwise they will be fined. I explained about spot sweeping. End of Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT:

Viale - Mt. Oliver Police Dept. is looking for part-time officers and a full-time Police Officer. If interested applications for full-time Police Officer must be in the first week of January. The test for this position is January 22nd. **Viglione** - We are down two officers and the weather are the reasons for less drug arrests. End of Public Safety/Risk Management Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/HEALTH & MAINTENANCE CONTROL:

Lowe - The Public Works report is from November 1 through November 30, 2018. Routine facility maintenance (empty trash, clean/sweep, restock supplies) was completed by the Public Works Dept. They emptied trash three times per week in the Business District and the parks. Public Works detailed Amanda, Middle, Charles, Goldbach, Penn, Ormsby, and Walter. They picked up TVs, tires, and debris throughout the Borough. A No Parking sign was removed in the 100 block of Locust. Public Works responded to 54 PA 1 calls for the month of November. There was continued supervisory activities related to the 2018 Utility Projects. They patched potholes throughout the Borough. Public Works emptied trash and spot swept both parks three times per week. Public Works performed seven dye tests and cleaned inlets throughout the Borough. They performed routine vehicle maintenance and winterized all tools and equipment. Streets were salted on four different dates totaling 25 hours of work. Public Works Supervisor attended the weekly staff meeting with the Manager, with Gateway, and contractors related to the O&M Projects. He also attended a deposition downtown for a trip and fall claim on Sherman. Public Works put up the Christmas Tree and hung wreaths along Brownsville. They coordinated replacements of seven burned out street lights throughout the Borough. Merry Christmas to everyone. **Michener** - I spoke to the dealership and the plow is in and is being mounted and the truck should be here in a week or so. **Viglione** - Why was Vance cleaning the windows at the HEDC Building. **Hopkinson** - We were getting ready for the Cookie Tour. **Viglione** - Other businesses wondered why those windows were being cleaned by the Borough. **Hopkinson** - That was a one-time event and we will never clean any windows other than those owned by the Borough. End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Reft - The Cookie Tour was a positive event. The tree looked beautiful. End of Economic Development/Community Affairs.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

McGough - The first motion is to adopt Ordinance #976-18 - Stormwater Ordinance. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The next motion is to adopt Ordinance #977-18 - Tax Levy Ordinance. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The next motion is to adopt Resolution #773-18 - The 2019 Budget. Can I have a motion? **Graham** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? We need a motion to adopt Resolution #774-18 - Police Pension Contributions. Can I have a motion? **Viale** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Keener** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? We need a motion to adopt Resolution #775-18 - 2018 Allocation of State Aid Pension Funds (Act 205). Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Graham** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The next motion is to adopt

Resolution #776-18 - 2019 Salaries. Can I have a motion? **Low**e - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays?
The last motion is to adopt Resolution #777-18 - The 2019 Fee Schedule. Can I have a motion? **Graham** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

McGough - The garbage bills were sent out along with the Ambulance Service applications. The garbage bills went up \$6.00 from last year. Waste Management will be our new trash collector in January. **Hopkinson** - We pay Waste Management directly on a monthly basis. It is billed by Keystone Collections on our behalf. **Reft** - The ambulance service cost is still \$35.00. The Zoning Hearing is scheduled for tomorrow, December 18, 2018 at 7:00pm here in the Council Chambers. If it is too large a crowd, we will relocate.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Emily Mueller – The owner of 253 Ormsby gave us authorization to pay the attorney fees that were acquired due to the Borough's cost of demolishing the property. That was good news. **Hopkinson** - This will happen after the holidays at no cost to the Borough. End of Solicitor's Report.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Paul Doyle - Are you still going around the Borough watching for people putting trash out early? **Hopkinson** - I go out on Monday's and if the trash is out, they will be cited. **Doyle** - Behind Maietta's Building, there is a large stack of wood. **Hopkinson** - I did see that.

ADJOURNMENT: **McGough** – This meeting is adjourned until next month and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Next Council meeting – January 21, 2019.

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