

BOROUGH OF MT. OLIVER
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 18, 2019
7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL-COUNCIL:

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

ABSENT: Keener

OFFICIALS:

PRESENT: Secretary, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer,
Solicitor Emily Mueller, Mayor, Borough Manager,
Chief Juzwick, Fire Engine Captain-Roy Grimm

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, January 21, 2019. 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 want to thank everyone who attended the Auberle Zoning Hearing on Tuesday. It was a large turnout and I'd like that kind of turnout at our Council meetings. For the month of January, there were a total of 598 calls for service. There were 28 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There were no burglaries. There were two robberies. One was on Brownsville Road where cash and cigarettes were taken (still under investigation). The other was on Ottillia Street and cash was taken (an arrest was made). There was one DUI arrest for the month of January. Training and certifications are ongoing. The K-9 Unit was used 28 times during the month of January. There were two arrests, one drug search, twelve park & walks, twelve targeted patrols, and one traffic stop. There were eight warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. The Police responded to three Commercial Alarms and nine Residential Alarms during the month of January. There was one abandoned vehicle posted for the month of January and twelve warnings. Parking Enforcement wrote 72 Borough tags for the month of January. Mt. Oliver Police wrote 32 Borough tags in January. There were 55 State citations were issued for parking violations. \$1,280.00 was collected from ticket fines in January. Two Hundred and Thirty dollars was paid in Magistrate ordered fines. 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 January were 4,555 miles. Vehicle Maintenance and Repair totaled \$330.54. All officers are currently certified. There were 150 traffic stops during January. End of Mayor's Report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

McGough – There is one motion from the Engineer's report this month. We need a motion to approve Payment Application #2 and Final in the amount of \$2,460.45 to Mele and Mele for the work completed to date on the 2018 Paving Program. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? End of Engineer's Report.

FIRE REPORT:

Roy Grimm - Fire Report for the month of January 2019. The Fire Department had a total of 62 incidents. Forty-two were EMS related calls and twenty were Fire related calls. The average response time for a call is 8 minutes and 2 seconds. Members of our staff are volunteer and are available on a 24 hour basis. Two new recruits started basic training at the academy. The Fish Fry is starting March 6, 2019, Ash Wednesday. We are working with Red Cross regarding Fire Detectors. If a resident in Mt. Oliver needs a smoke detector, please call the Fire Department and we will bring you the detector and install it for you. End of Fire Report.

PLANNING REPORT:

Viale - We will have a Planning meeting next Monday at 6:00pm. End of Planning Report.

TREASURER REPORT:

Holzer – Everyone has a copy of the Treasurer's Report for January. If you have any questions, just let me know. Property tax that has been collected for 2018 and is at 86%. So far we have collected \$742,525.05. Face Value - \$870,974.93. End of Treasurer Report.

General Funds – NWB	48,924.48
MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB	29,472.27
Parking Lot Account – NWB	111.00
Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB	229,375.06
Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB	167,309.63
MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB	13,289.54
MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB	23,584.81
MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB	21,431.13
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB	12,686.47
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB	8,931.69
Special Highway MM Account – NWB	21,653.79
Road Program MM – NWB	2,231.08
MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB	3,331.92
Capital Reserve Checking – NWB	42,984.06
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking	5,347.36
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market	25,524.30
Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account	15,703.44

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE:

Reft – There have been no unusual purchases or amounts charged this past month. 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? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Holzer** - The 2019 Property taxes are being printed and will be going out by the end of February. End of Administration & Finance Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING:

Graham - The Code Enforcement Report is for the period of January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019. There were 60 Violations and notices mailed out. Forty-six were Notices, three were Citations, and there was one Legal Filing. There are only 51 open cases out of 793 year to date. \$1,860.00 were collected in Magisterial fines. There were another \$4,175.00 worth of fines issued by Magistrate King. There were 200.00 collected in fines. There were two hearings in front of Judge King. During the month of January, there were 31 Rental (51 units) Licenses issued. Twenty-nine Rental Applications and Notices were mailed out for licenses expiring by February 28, 2019. There were two Occupancy Permits issued. There were four Building Permits issued and one Zoning Permit issued. 253 Ormsby and 118 Penn Avenue have been demolished. The Rental and Occupancy Ordinance Amendments are ready for adoption. Tina and Sandy have been assisting with fact checking for occupancy of all properties. **Reft** - We are making sure that all Rentals are being inspected. We are about 60% done. If you as residents see people moving into Rentals, please let us know. We do not always know when there are new tenants. **Graham** - It does seem that property values are going up in the area. There is a big difference from what houses were worth a few years ago and I think we have a big opportunity to make Mt. Oliver a better place. End of Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT:

Viale - We need a motion to hire Ryan Lawrence as Part-Time Patrolman. **McGough** - Can I have a motion? **Viale** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? **Viglione** - What's going on with the Shot Spotter program? **Chief Juzwick** - The gun shot detection technology is being used in Mt. Oliver. The City of Pittsburgh is paying for this tool. It is not 100% accurate, but it helps the Officers find crime scenes in time to help victims. End of Public Safety/Risk Management Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/HEALTH & MAINTENANCE CONTROL:

Lowe - I want to thank John and the Public Works crew for fixing the Stop Sign on Brownsville and Quincy. It was turned 90 degrees in the wrong direction. If you see something out of place or is not right, please give us a call. **Michener** - The new truck is running good. **Lowe** - There was praise for the Public Works Dept. regarding snow removal. Mt. Oliver tends to get cleared before any of the City streets. The Public Works report is from the month of January. Routine facility maintenance (empty trash, clean/sweep, restock supplies) was completed by the Public Works Dept. They emptied trash and spot swept three times per week in the Business District and the parks. Public Works detailed the 400 block of Hays Avenue. They picked up TVs, tires, and debris throughout the Borough. They returned three shopping carts. They replaced a stop sign and pole at School & Ormsby and Quincy and Hays. They repaired a stop sign at Giffin and Hervey and Giffin and Transverse. They patched potholes throughout Mt. Oliver. They emptied trash cans and spot swept three times per week at Transverse and Ormsby Parks. Public Works cleaned leaves at the bottom of Margaret Street. Inlets were cleaned throughout the Borough and the 300 block of Onyx had their sewers baited. Routine vehicle maintenance was performed and the new salt truck is in service. Public Works salted the streets and sidewalks which totaled 92 hours. The Public Works Supervisor attended the weekly staff meeting with the Manager, attended the monthly Gateway Meetings, and attended a meeting with Gateway and contractors related to the O&M Projects, the 2018 Paving Punchlist, and the structural issues with the Fire Department floor and the Borough Building parapet wall. Public Works took down the Christmas decorations throughout the Borough and delivered the meeting packets to Council members. The sidewalk in front of Family Dollar Parking Lot is getting alot of complaints. **Hopkinson** - I am filing a legal at the end of this week. His time to fix it has run out. End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Hopkinson - There will be an Easter Event on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 10am - 2pm. There will be a pancake breakfast at the Fire Hall, the Easter Bunny at TC Candy, and the Mt. Oliver businesses will be participating handing out eggs and candy. A flyer will be out next week and on Facebook. End of Economic Development/Community Affairs.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

McGough - We have three Ordinances. The first motion is to adopt Ordinance #978-19 - the Rental License. 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 #979-19 - Sale of Real Property. Can I have a motion? **Graham** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The last motion is to adopt Ordinance #980-19 - Street Openings. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Mueller - There will be an Executive Session after the meeting regarding a Personnel issue. End of Solicitor's Report.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Resident - What is going on with the house at 190 St. Joseph? It has been vacant for over three years and I believe the owners have died. **Hopkinson** - I am waiting to see what steps the family takes. It may go up for Sheriff Sale. **Paul Doyle** - At the Zoning Hearing Meeting I noticed many residents wanted to speak out and I mentioned to them that on the third Monday of the month, they are welcome to come to the Public Meeting and speak during Questions and Answers. **Resident** - I live at 83 Amanda Avenue, across the street from me is a property that has a flat roof where garbage is being tossed onto. Sometimes the garbage misses the roof and ends up on the street. I am worried about a fire starting. Who do I report this to? **Hopkinson** - I will check into this.

ADJOURNMENT: **McGough** – This meeting is adjourned.

Next Council meeting – March 18, 2019.

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