

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

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL-COUNCIL:

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

ABSENT: McGough-President

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 and Agenda Minutes, February 11 and 18, 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 – For the month of February, there were a total of 657 calls for service. There were 25 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There were two burglaries, one on Ormsby Avenue-copper pipe and one on Stamm Avenue-Home Invasion, money and marijuana was taken. There were no robberies. There was one DUI arrest for the month of February. Training and certifications are ongoing. The K-9 Unit was used 25 times during the month of February. There were four arrests, one drug search, eight park & walks, and thirteen targeted patrols. There were nine warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. The Police responded to six Commercial Alarms and eleven Residential Alarms during the month of February. There was one abandoned vehicle posted for the month of February and nine warnings. Parking Enforcement wrote 73 Borough tags for the month of February. Mt. Oliver Police wrote 12 Borough tags in February. There were 40 State citations issued for parking violations. \$920.00 was collected from ticket fines in February. One 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 February were 3,780 miles. Vehicle Maintenance and Repair totaled \$183.28. All officers are currently certified. Legal updates are going to be started in the next few months. First Aid/CPR training will also be conducted this month. There were 140 traffic stops during February. There are two addresses in Mt. Oliver that we have to address. One is on St. Joseph Street and is the cause for a long time taxpayer to want to sell her property. There is another on Ormsby wanting to sell their home. We are losing our tax base. These are both Nuisance Properties. **Hopkinson** - I am on this, I have sent letters and citations. Court dates are pending. **Keener** - Marge would you put this in the paper, we are looking for Mt. Oliver residents to be on a Nuisance Property Board. We need three individuals. We have to have a review board in place before we can take action on any of these properties. It is an On-Call, No Paid position. End of Mayor's Report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

Viale – There are no motions this month on the Engineer's report. I would like to mention that work has begun on the Ormsby Park Retaining Wall and Sidewalk. End of Engineer's Report.

FIRE REPORT:

Viale - There is no Fire Report for the month of February 2019. I want to remind you that the Fish Fry is ongoing every Friday through Lent. The Fire Department is working with the Red Cross regarding Fire Detectors. If a resident in Mt. Oliver needs a smoke detector, please call the Fire Department and they will bring you the detector and install it for you. End of Fire Report.

PLANNING REPORT:

Mrs. Wuenschel - The Planning Board along with Rick Hopkinson and Debbie Grass, our consultant, will be updating the Zoning Ordinance. On March 25, 2019 at 6:00pm at a Public Hearing Meeting, the draft will be gone over. This is a long process and the Council will be notified by Debbie Grass when all updates and considerations have been reached. End of Planning Report.

TREASURER REPORT:

Holzer – Everyone has a copy of the Treasurer's Report for February. If you have any questions, just let me know. Property taxes are still coming in for 2019 and at Discount amount until the end of April. End of Treasurer Report.

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| General Funds – NWB | 46,207.16 |
| MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB | 22,312.27 |
| Parking Lot Account – NWB | 111.00 |
| Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB | 303,003.47 |
| Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB | 167,500.87 |
| MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB | 12,263.47 |
| MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB | 19,859.64 |
| MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB | 18,071.08 |
| MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB | 11,265.24 |
| MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB | 7,148.65 |
| Special Highway MM Account – NWB | 14,765.34 |
| Road Program MM – NWB | 2,231.10 |
| MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB | 2,630.31 |
| Capital Reserve Checking – NWB | 23,499.72 |
| Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking | 5,802.40 |
| Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market | 25,527.24 |
| Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account | 15,709.46 |

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? **Keener** - So moved. **Viale** - Second? **Lowe** - Second. **Viale** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **Viale** - Any nays? Motion approved. End of Administration & Finance Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING:

Graham - The Code Enforcement Report is for the period of February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019. There were 40 Violations and notices mailed out. Most of these was due to early trash, debris, and late rental licenses. Thirty-three were Notices, one was a Citation, and six Legal Filings. There are only 52 open cases out of 833 year to date. Nothing was collected in magisterial fines. There were twelve hearings in front of Judge King. During the month of February, there were 28 Rental (43 units) Licenses issued. Fourteen Rental Applications and Notices were mailed out for licenses expiring by March 31, 2019. There were two Occupancy Permits issued. 709 Brownsville which is four units and 715 Transverse. There was one Zoning Permit issued for 203 Onyx to install solar panels. Tina and Sandy are continuing to assist with fact checking for the occupancy of all properties. End of Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT:

Viale - We need a motion to hire Ryan Lawrence as Full-Time Police Officer. **Viale** - Can I have a motion? **Graham** - So moved. **Viale** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. **Viale** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **Viale** - Any nays? Motion carried. End of Public Safety/Risk Management Report.

PUBLIC WORKS/HEALTH & MAINTENANCE CONTROL:

Lowe - The Public Works report is from the month of February. 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 Charles, John, Middle, School, and Walnut. They picked up TVs, tires, and debris throughout the Borough. They repaired stop signs at Brownsville and Quincy, Quincy and Fulton, and Transverse and Giffin. They posted temporary no parking signs at Ormsby Park and the 100 block of Brownsville. A list of signs throughout the Borough that need replaced or repaired has been created. Public Works responded to fifteen PA #1 Calls during February. They patched potholes throughout Mt. Oliver. They coordinated with Columbia Gas to fill in a sinking patch on Koehler. They emptied trash cans and spot swept three times per week at Transverse and Ormsby Parks. Public Works performed five Dye Tests during the month of February. They cleaned inlets around the Borough. They flushed and televised the sewer lines on Moye and submitted the data to Gateway. Public Works responded to a sewer back-up at 205 Penn Avenue. The Borough's main line was clear. Routine vehicle maintenance was performed. Public Works salted the streets and sidewalks of Mt. Oliver on seven days during the month of February for a total of 71 man-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 2019 Paving Punch list, and the structural issues with the Fire Department floor and the Borough Building parapet wall. Public Works troubleshoot a street lighting issue in the 100-200 block and the 500 block of Brownsville Road. Public Works took down the Christmas tree. They responded to service requests and delivered packets to the Borough Council. **Bernardini** - What's going on with the paving that's supposed to be done on Arlington and Amanda? **Hopkinson** - Columbia Gas has the money to do it but have to hold off until the Street Light Project is complete. End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Reft - We have an HEDC meeting tomorrow. You may or may not be aware at the Bakery Society they now have the Commonwealth Sandwich Shop. There will be an Easter Event on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 10am - 2pm. There will be tickets available at the Fire Hall for \$5.00 for a pancake breakfast at 120 Brownsville Road from 10:00am - 12:00pm. The Easter Bunny will be at TC Candy and pictures can be taken with him for a contribution. 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:

Viale - We have two Resolutions. The first motion is to adopt Resolution #782-19 - Municipal Records Retention Policy. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **Viale** - Second? **Keener** - Second. **Viale** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **Viale** - Any nays? The next motion is to adopt Resolution #783-19 - Borough Technology Policy. Can I have a motion? **Graham** - So moved. **Viale** - Second? **Lowe** - Second. **Viale** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **Viale** - Any nays?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Mueller - We finished the Response to the Right-To-Know Request that is pending. End of Solicitor's Report.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Joerg Gerlach - I moved here seventeen years ago from Berlin Germany and brought a technology for burn patients at the UPMC Mercy. I made a lot of money with that technology. I live on 18th Street and am applying my retirement money to purchasing properties in Mt. Oliver. I have purchased 222 Brownsville Road which will be a gallery for artists from everywhere. The second property I purchased was at 107 Penn Avenue which will be for Craftsmen from everywhere with a Coffee Rosterie. Parking is an issue. When all is said and done, I will have invested over \$2,000,000.00. I am waiting on a license from Pennsylvania for a small distillery for rye, gin, and brandy. I would like to purchase the lot beside Beckmans for the parking. Beckman is now interested in purchasing the property. I would hope that Mt. Oliver Council would discuss helping me to obtain that lot for parking. **Mueller** - This is a public auction due to a Sheriff's Sale. The Borough cannot help sway the auction in any way. We have no control on whomever the successful bidder will be. This is a legal process where anyone can bid on this property. **Carol Finch** - I live at 707 Louisa Way. Every time someone moves into 711 Louisa, they park their cars on the curb in front of our garage. There are three garages. **Chief Juzwick** - There are no restrictions about parking on the street across from a garage. **Hopkinson** - The No Parking signs are not clear. If Council wanted to they could amend the Ordinance to include that side of Louisa. **Viale** - Council will look into this and make a decision as to whether or not to add Louisa in an Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: **Viale** – Meeting is adjourned. (8:20pm)

Next Council meeting – April 15, 2019.

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