

**BOROUGH OF MT. OLIVER**

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES – JUNE 17, 2019**

**7:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL-COUNCIL:**

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

**ABSENT:** Keener, Graham

**OFFICIALS:**

**PRESENT:** Secretary, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, Solicitor-  
Jessica Crown, 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 Agenda Meeting Minutes-May 13, 2019. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viglione** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? I also need a motion to approve last month's Council Meeting Minutes-May 20, 2019. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays?

**SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**Bernardini** – For the month of May, there were a total of 715 calls for service. There were 45 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There was one burglary, on Giffin Avenue (money) which was solved. There was one robbery on Hays Avenue. There were three DUI arrests for the month of May. Training and certifications are ongoing. The K-9 Unit was used 39 times during the month of May. There were two arrests, two drug searches, twelve park & walks, twenty-one Targeted patrols, and one Warrant Service. There were eleven Warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. The Police responded to eight Commercial Alarms and thirteen Residential Alarms during the month of May. There were four abandoned vehicles posted for the month of May and sixteen warnings. Parking Enforcement wrote 96 Borough tags for the month of May. Mt. Oliver Police wrote 12 Borough tags in May. There were 33 State citations issued for parking violations. \$915.00 was collected from ticket fines in May. Two Hundred and Ninety-five dollars was paid in Magistrate ordered fines. There was zero Nuisance Properties. Next month, the three members of the Nuisance Property Committee will be in place. 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 May were 4,054 miles. Vehicle Maintenance and Repair totaled \$40.95. Firearms training and qualifications will continue through the month of June. There were 79 arrests made during the month of May. About a week ago, Marty Palma past Council President passed away. He served the Borough honorably and with respect. With all of his years on Council, his experience and continued service, he will be missed. **Viglione** - Chief, what is going on at the rental house on Giffin where nineteen shots were fired? **Chief** - I believe the final eviction went through. I am not sure there is anything going on at the present time. **Bernardini** - This property will be placed on the top of the Nuisance Property list. End of Mayor's Report.

**ENGINEER REPORT:**

**McGough** – There are no motions this month on the Engineer's report. **Hopkinson** - Hays Avenue is finished. The Walnut Street Parking Lot Project is going to be rebid. The original bid came in too high and there are several parts to this project. End of Engineer's Report.

**FIRE REPORT:**

**McGough** - The Fire Report for the month of May 2019 - There were 59 calls during the month of May. Forty-eight were EMS related and eleven were Fire related. Mutual Aid was given six times and mutual aid was received three times during the month of May. The average response time for the EMS calls was five minutes and thirty seconds. The average response time for the Fire calls was seven minutes and twenty-seven seconds. The average time for the Fire Dept. to stay at the scene was seventeen minutes and fifty-four seconds. End of Fire Report.

**PLANNING REPORT:**

**Mrs. Wuenschel** - A planning dept. meeting will be held next month. End of Planning Report.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

**McGough** – Everyone has a copy of the May Treasurer's Report. Let me know if you have any questions. End of Treasurer Report.

**May's Treasurer Report**

General Funds – NWB	347,886.55
MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB	22,235.02
Parking Lot Account – NWB	111.00
Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB	345,920.80
Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB	168,130.73
MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB	9,185.26
MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB	28,684.13
MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB	7,990.93
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB	7,001.55
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB	11,799.53
Special Highway MM Account – NWB	91,480.80
Road Program MM – NWB	2,361.16
MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB	6,359.23
Capital Reserve Checking – NWB	15,596.51
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking	2,557.40
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market	25,536.89
Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account	15,729.27

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING:**

**Hopkinson** - The Code Enforcement Report is for the period of May 1, 2019 through May 31, 2019. There were 111 Violations and notices mailed out. There are 65 open cases year to date. There was \$69.20 in fines collected during the month of May. There were seven hearings in front of Judge King, \$700.00 in fines was levied. During the month of May, there were 21 Rental (37 units) Licenses issued. Thirty-eight Rental Applications were mailed out for licenses expiring by June 30, 2019 which totals 52 units. There were two Occupancy Permits issued. 325 Anthony-Sale of a Single Family property and 232 Stamm-reinspection of a property already sold. There were two Building Permits issued - 221 Brownsville to replace lintels and 407 Brownsville to replace the roof. There were no Zoning Permits issued. The Property Stabilization Committee

cleaned up a vacant lot at Stamm and Walnut on May 15th. If you would like to volunteer, please join our Property Stabilization Committee. **McGough** - We do have a resignation we need to vote on. Sharon Stadler has resigned from the Zoning Board. Can I have a motion to accept her resignation? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Motion approved. End of Code Enforcement/Planning & Zoning Report.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY/RISK MANAGEMENT:**

**Viale** - The Police Department is advertising for a full-time Police Officer to take a Civil Service test in August. Animal Friends is sponsoring a Vaccine Clinic (cash only) on Sunday, July 21, 2019 from 11:00am - 1:00pm which will be held at 120 Brownsville Road, the Mt. Oliver Fire Dept. The Fire Dept. is hosting a Sportsman Bash which will be held at Braddock Fire Dept #2. The date for the bash is September 14, 2019 at 12:00pm. The cost of the tickets is \$40.00 and are available at the Fire Hall. End of Public Safety/Risk Management Report.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS/HEALTH & MAINTENANCE CONTROL:**

**Lowe** - The Public Works report is for the month of May. 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, Goldbach, Middle, Anthony, Hays, Margaret, and Coutts. They picked up TVs, tires, and debris throughout the Borough. They replaced a Stop sign at Hervey & Margaret, repaired a Stop sign at Locust & Walnut, Painted and refurbished old sign posts, and conducted inventory signs on hand and placed a sign order. Public Works responded to 50 PA #1 Calls during May. They patched potholes throughout Mt. Oliver. They emptied trash cans and spot swept three times per week at Transverse and Ormsby Parks. Public Works performed grass maintenance at Ormsby Park and Transverse Park. They repaired playground equipment at Ormsby Park and repaired a water line at the Community Garden. Public Works trimmed trees, cleaned and weeded tree pits along Brownsville Road. Maintenance was performed on Right-of-Ways on Hays Extension, Sunoco Steps, and the Gas House Steps. Maintenance was performed on vacant lots at 204 Amanda, 240 Anthony, 1738/1780/1784/1790 Arlington, 725 Brownsville, 258 Church, 111/122/129 Frederick, 117,125,127 Fremont, 131 Koehler, 404/434/453/455 Hays, 507 Hervey, 513 Louisa, 208/212 Onyx, 184 Ormsby, 522 Ottillia, 156/165/167/183/193-195/201/206/212/226 Penn, 301 Quincy, 97/98/200 Rustic, 121/125/157/177 St. Joseph, and 139/200 Stamm. Public Works performed one Dye Test during the month of May. They cleaned inlets around the Borough. They performed vehicle maintenance. 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, Ormsby Park Wall Replacement, and Hays Avenue Restoration. They responded to service requests and delivered packets to the Borough Council. **McGough** - We have an application for a handicap parking space at 436 Carl Street which we need to approve or disapprove. (Council disapproved because of off street parking). End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:**

**Reft** - A reminder that there will be a *Cruising into Summer Street Fair and Classic Car Cruise* event which will be held on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at the 100-200 block of Brownsville Road from 2:00pm-7:00pm. The Car Cruise is by Beckman Motors. The Street Fair will include a DJ, food, drink, games, vendors, and activities for children. We could use more volunteers, please contact either myself or Rick. **Hopkinson** - The second quarter of the newsletter is going out. There will be information on the rules and regulations of burning in Mt. Oliver. End of Economic Development/Community Affairs.

#### **RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

**McGough** - The first motion is Resolution #791-19 - to amend the Policy for Employee Use of Borough Equipment. (Borough employees cannot borrow Borough equipment). Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Reft** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? The last motion is Resolution #792-19 - to appoint John Prokop to the vacant position on the Disruptive Property Appeals Board from January 1, 2019 through January 1, 2020. Can I have a motion? **Lowe** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Viale** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays?

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Paul Doyle** - What is going on with Auberle as far as starting the work? We are running out of time.

**Hopkinson** - The property hasn't transferred yet. **Bernardini** - On June 6, 2019, myself along with Mr. Viglione met with Congressman Mike Doyle, Auberle officials, and Action Housing. I asked for an itemized list of what would be done, ex. repairs, etc. If there are any problems, I will get involved and Mr. Doyle also stated he would get involved.

**SOLICITOR REPORT:**

**Crown** – Nothing new. End of Solicitor's Report.

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

**Mr. Heckman** - This question is for the Chief, what is being done with the cars sitting on our streets that don't move. They are taking up space. **Chief** - If the vehicles have valid plates and stickers, they can sit on the street indefinitely. **McGough** - On ride-arounds, the Police do check on illegal plates and stickers. **Cathi Blanchard** - Hays Avenue looks great with the paving, when can we expect Ormsby Avenue to get paved? **Hopkinson** - Ormsby and John Street will be paved soon. We understand the Water Company plans on doing some work there. We don't want to pave and then the Water Company dig into a finished road. We will wait until the Water Company completes their work. The streets will be paved curb to curb. **Bernie P.** - 503 Margaret is now a vacant lot, the house was torn down. Kids are playing there with bats and hard balls. I have many ball marks on my steel siding of my house and I do have a fear of my safety and the safety of my property. My neighbor almost got hit on the head with a ball from that vacant lot. No one supervises these children. Something should be done about this. I would like a tree planted there.

**There will be an Executive Session immediately following regarding Personnel Issues.**

**ADJOURNMENT:** **McGough** – Meeting is adjourned. (8:16pm)

**Next Council meeting – July 15, 2019.**

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