

BOROUGH OF MT. OLIVER

COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES – JULY 15, 2019

7:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL-COUNCIL:

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

ABSENT: Keener, Lowe

OFFICIALS:

PRESENT: Secretary, Solicitor-Jessica Crown, Mayor,
Borough Manager, Chief Juzwick,
Mrs. Wuenschel-Planning

ABSENT: Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, 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-June 10, 2019. Can I have a motion? **Graham** - 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-June 17, 2019. Can I have a motion? **Viale** - 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 June, there were a total of 673 calls for service. There were 51 Narcotics arrests for seizure of Marijuana, Crack Cocaine, Heroin, and Drug Paraphernalia. There were two burglaries, on Locust Street (money stolen) and on Ormsby Avenue (warrant issued for actor). There were no robberies. There were four DUI arrests for the month of June. Training and certifications are ongoing. The K-9 Unit was used 25 times during the month of June. There were four arrests, two drug searches, six park & walks, thirteen Targeted patrols, and one Warrant Service. There were fourteen Warrants served by the Mt. Oliver Police. The Police responded to two Commercial Alarms and eight Residential Alarms during the month of June. There were six abandoned vehicles posted for the month of June and thirteen warnings were issued. Parking Enforcement wrote 97 Borough tags for the month of May. Mt. Oliver Police wrote 16 Borough tags in June. There were 45 State citations issued for parking violations. \$1,100.00 was collected from ticket fines in June. One Hundred dollars was paid in Magistrate ordered fines. There was zero Nuisance Properties. 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 June was 4,114 miles. Vehicle Maintenance and Repair totaled \$572.17. All officers completed the 2019 Firearms training and qualifications. The Police Department conducted over 100 traffic stops during the month of June. Although Fireworks are allowed by the State of PA, these privileges have been abused. There must be 150' between properties when Fireworks are used. Call 911 to get the call documented regarding problems with Fireworks. Police cannot be everywhere 24/7. **Juzwick** - On the Fourth of July, we can't do anything. Any time after the 4th, if we see them do it we can issue a citation, but we need to have a witness to testify in Court in order for it to stick. End of Mayor's Report.

ENGINEER REPORT:

McGough – We have one motion to award the base bid and Alternate 2 to Soli Construction in the amount of \$106,760.00 for site grading, retaining wall, drainage work at the Walnut Street Parking Lot and a second access point onto Walnut Street. Can I have a motion? **Viale** - So moved. **McGough** - Second? **Graham** - Second. **McGough** - All those in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? End of Engineer’s Report.

FIRE REPORT:

McGough - The Fire Report is for the month of June 2019 - There were 56 calls during the month of June. Forty-three were EMS related and thirteen were Fire related. There were two Carbon Monoxide incidents. Mutual Aid was given nine times and mutual aid was received five times during the month of June. The average response time for the EMS calls was five minutes and twenty-four seconds. The average response time for the Fire calls was twenty-one minutes and seven seconds. The average time for the Fire Dept. to stay at the scene was forty-five minutes and one second. End of Fire Report.

PLANNING REPORT:

Mrs. Wuenschel - I will be moving along with my husband and I must resign from my post as Chairperson of the Planning Department. Thanks was given to Mrs. Wuenschel by Councilman Graham for her service over the years. The Borough will have to readvertise for the Zoning Hearing to be held in August. End of Planning Report.

TREASURER REPORT:

McGough – Everyone has a copy of the report. Let Diane know if you have any questions. **Hopkinson** - I would like to give a report on the Real Estate Taxes. We have collected to date, \$626,069.00 out of \$861,780.00 which is 73%. We have been filing assessment appeals regarding properties in Mt. Oliver during January through March. We have lost property taxes during many Sheriff Sales and Foreclosures. End of Treasurer Report.

June's Treasurer Report

General Funds – NWB	288,992.76
MOB - CD Activity Checking – NWB	64,380.02
Parking Lot Account – NWB	111.00
Sanitary Authority Checking – NWB	410,811.62
Sanitary Authority MM Savings – NWB	168,336.63
MOB Anthony Street Watershed Sanitary Sewer System – NWB	8,159.19
MOB Anthony Street Storm water Sewer System – NWB	24,958.96
MOB Anthony Street Storm Sewer Phase II – NWB	24,630.88
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair I- NWB	5,580.32
MOB Consent Decree Sewer Repair II- NWB	10,016.49
Special Highway MM Account – NWB	85,041.14
Road Program MM – NWB	2,361.18
MED Account (Health Coverage HRA) – NWB	6,226.61
Capital Reserve Checking – NWB	13,973.31
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB Checking	7,557.40
Mt. Oliver Ambulance Service – NWB – Money Market	20,539.79
Mt. Oliver Boro Police K-9 – New Account	15,735.73

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? **Graham** - Second. **McGough** - All in favor? **Council** - Aye. **McGough** - Any nays? Motion approved. **Reft** - I would like to say that any time we advertise, it is very expensive with the Post-Gazette and the Reporter. End of Administration & Finance Report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/PLANNING & ZONING:

Graham - The Code Enforcement Report is for the period of June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. There were 54 Violations and notices mailed out, mostly debris and overgrowth. There were 33 open cases year to date. There was \$220.60 in fines collected during the month of June. There were two hearings in front of Judge King. During the month of June, there were 30 Rental (73 units) Licenses issued. Thirty-nine Rental Applications were mailed out for licenses expiring by July 31, 2019 which totals 59 units. There were zero Occupancy Permits issued. There was one Building Permit issued - 126 St. Joseph - demolishing a detached garage. There was one Zoning Permit issued - 240 Hays to replace the sign. The Property Stabilization Committee spruced up two prior year projects at 455 Hays and 503 Margaret. The Committee also planted flowers in the Mt. Oliver Planter at Brownsville and Arlington. The new paving on Hays and Arlington looks good. The newsletter went out. The parking lot is going to bring value to our Borough and the businesses. We need more volunteers. 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 on August the 20th. 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:

Hopkinson - The Public Works report is for the month of June. 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, and Locust. They picked up TVs, tires, and debris throughout the Borough. They replaced a Stop Here on Red sign at Hays & Ormsby, installed a No Parking Both Sides sign on Louisa, and replaced a sign pole at Charles and John. Public Works is working on replacing faded and damaged signs throughout the Borough. Public Works responded to 17 PA #1 Calls during June. They patched potholes throughout Mt. Oliver. They filled a sink hole with gravel and cold patch on Hays & Ormsby. Public Works is working with Gateway on monitoring and identifying the source to the potholes before complete restoration. 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 cleaned and weeded tree pits along Brownsville. Overhanging branches were cut on Brandon and Holzer. Maintenance was performed on Right-of-Ways on Brandon, Beatty, Douglas, Hamel, Holzer, Horn, Sunoco Steps, and the Gas House Steps. Maintenance was performed on 43 vacant lots which included: 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, 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 two Dye Tests during the month of June. They cleaned inlets around the Borough. They cleaned a storm drain at Transverse Park. Public Works responded to a sanitary sewer back-up at 141 Margaret which was determined a private issue. They performed routine vehicle maintenance and the 1995 Chevy F-550 was taken to Missionary for repair of the malfunctioned Hydraulic system. The Public Works attended the weekly staff meeting with the Manager, removed an old fence and weeds in the employee parking lot on Middle Way and the parking lot on John Street and in the Walnut Street Parking Lot. They responded to service requests and delivered packets to the Borough Council. End of Public Works/Health & Maintenance Control.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

Reft - Everyone knows about the events that are occurring on Saturday, July 20, 2019 and Sunday July 21, 2019. End of Economic Development/Community Affairs.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES:

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

SOLICITOR REPORT:

Crown – I have a report for Council regarding a personnel issue that will be discussed at the Executive Session. End of Solicitor's Report.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

Resident 1 - I hear chickens being murdered by my next door neighbor who owns several chickens (Renters) on Anthony Street. I brought this up to the Borough Manager last year. Kids are also hearing this. **Hopkinson** - We plan on changing this particular Zoning Ordinance regarding chickens. This will be addressed this year. **Resident 2** - On Verena, there are pit bulls and the owners let them run without a leash. One of the pit bulls attacked a neighbor's dog and now there is animosity between the neighbors. The resident wanted to know what happens when she calls 911. **Juzwick** - The Chief stated that there is a leash ordinance for pets. The officer that responds can cite or issue a warning. **Attendee** - Amanda Cassidy introduced herself to the audience stating that she wished to provide free Socio Economic Financial Literacy Programs to the residents of Mt. Oliver and the surrounding area. Her plans were to provide resources for residents at the Library monthly or quarterly.

****Executive Session to follow****

ADJOURNMENT: **McGough** – Meeting is adjourned. (8:50pm)

Next Council meeting – August 19, 2019.

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