

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFF COUNCIL

APRIL 4, 2016

The Council of the Borough of Vandergriff met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., with Vice President Carricato presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathleen Chvala	Vernon Sciallo
Frank Moliterno	Brian Carricato
James Rametta	Christine Wilson
Lenny Collini	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Louis Purificato, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfido, Solicitor	Theresa Gelts, Asst. Secretary
Joseph Caporali, Police Chief	

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 7, 2016 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Sciallo. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

A motion was made by Mr. Moliterno, second by Mr. Collini, to hear from visitors at this time. Motion carried.

Christine & Jacob Porter, 106 Hamilton Ave., addressed Council in regards to the vacant structure at 104 Hamilton Ave. She stated that she has addressed this matter at several Council meetings. She stated that the owner has boarded up some of the windows, but also has indicated that he is unwilling to raze the structure.

Jacob Porter presented two alternatives for Council's consideration to help in having this structure razed. He stated that one is with the Westmoreland County demolition program through the County Redevelopment Authority. He stated that the Authority requires a \$3000.00 match. The other program is through the County's Land Bank Program that addresses blighted property.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that the Land Bank Program is not feasible at this time due to Kiski Area School District's unwillingness to participate, which would require the school district to eliminate all delinquent taxes. However, he stated that he would contact the owner of the property for the purpose of assisting him in having the property razed through the Westmoreland Redevelopment Authority.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, requested that Council take the action in enforcing the illegal parking throughout the town, such as too close to stop signs, fire hydrants and at intersections.

President Carricato requested the Chief of Police to begin enforcing these violations.

Debbie Raschiatore, 241 McKinley Ave., East Vandergrift, addressed the matter of cars parking on the West side of Franklin Avenue at the intersection of Franklin & East Vandergrift Lane. She stated that cars parked in this area restrict the visibility of on-coming traffic when pulling out of EV Lane onto Franklin.

President Carricato turned this matter over to the Police & Public Safety Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to return to the regular order of business. Motion carried.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No Report

#### COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented and reviewed the following correspondence received and distributed to members of Council:

Exhibit 1-A: Natalie Jaworsky, manager of Farmers' Market.

Subject: Request permission to use lower partition of Columbia Parking Lot and Teeple Park for the Vandergrift Farmers' Market.



Vandergrift Farmers' Market  
PO Box 191  
Spring Church, PA 15686  
724-422-3883



March 7, 2016

Vandergrift Borough Council  
c/o Steve Delledonne, Borough Secretary  
109 Grant Avenue  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Council Members:

On behalf of the Vandergrift Farmers' Market, I ask your permission to use the lower portion of the Columbia parking lot and Teeple park for the market.

The market will be open from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Thursday beginning June 9th and ending October 13th, 2016.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Jaworskyj".

Natalie Jaworskyj  
Market Manager  
724-422-3883

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

Exhibit 2-A: Kurt Scalzott, President of Festa Italiana di Vandergrift 2016.

Subject: Request to use Kennedy Park on Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, to their annual Festival. Also, to make Jackson Ave. one-way from 24<sup>th</sup> St. to Walnut, And Kennedy Drive one way from Walnut to 24<sup>th</sup> St.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the aforementioned request, subject to said organization providing the proper certificates of insurance, and working the Steve Potoka and the Recreation Committee. Motion carried.

Exhibit 3-A: Darrin Zacklene, Chief of RECO.

Subject: Request permission to have a Boot Drive on April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 pm to dusk, with alternate date of April 16<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Moliterno, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

Exhibit 4-A: Kyle Harris, president of KVL>

Subject: Request to use Kennedy Park for their football and cheerleader Practices to begin August 1<sup>st</sup> and run through early November.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the aforementioned Request, subject to said organization providing the property certificates of insurance. Motion carried.

Exhibit 5A: Anthony Ferrante, president Victorian Vandergrift Museum & Historical Society.

Subject: Request permission to have a car/bike cruise on Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> on Grant Avenue.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

#### REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Sciallo, to pay all stated and approved bills. Motion carried.



# **Festa Italiana di Vandergrift**



Post Office Box 115—Vandergrift, PA 15690

[www.Festaitaliana.us](http://www.Festaitaliana.us)

March 3, 2016

To Borough of Vandergrift Council,

The Festa Italiana di Vandergrift is requesting the use of Kennedy Park for our Festival on Sunday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

We request the use of the field from Wednesday August 10<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup> for setup and cleanup.

We are also requesting Jackson Avenue to be turned into a one-way street from 24<sup>th</sup> Street to Walnut Street and Kennedy Drive one way from Walnut Street to 24<sup>th</sup> Street.

This is similar to what we have requested for past Festivals.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at the information below.

Thanks so much for your help!

Kurt Scalzott  
President, Festa Italiana di Vandergrift 2016  
(724) 972-7205

Exhibit 3-19  
**RAINBOW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS  
& OPERATIONS, INC.**

**1013 Howell Street  
Vandergrift, PA 15690**

**Phone: 724-448-6896**

March 25, 2016

Dear Members of Vandergrift Borough Council:

Rainbow Emergency Communications & Operations, Inc., otherwise known as RECO, which is a volunteer organization, does the traffic control for the Memorial Day and Christmas parades in Vandergrift, and assists the police and fire departments when requested for traffic control.

We are requesting permission to do a Boot Drive on Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 PM to dusk. In case of inclement weather, it will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016. This is a fundraising event to help with our yearly expenses. If permitted, please contact Darrin Zacklenc, Chief of RECO, at (724) 448-6896. Our mailing address is 1013 Howell Street, Vandergrift, PA 15690.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Darrin J. Zacklenc  
Chief, RECO

Exhibit 4-4

Kiski Valley Lancers  
Youth Football Organization

Mailing: 126 Lafayette Street, Vandergrift, PA 15001

April 1, 2016

To the Council of Vandergrift Borough:

On behalf of the officers of the Kiski Valley Lancers Youth Football Organization (KVL), I would like to request permission for the use of Kennedy Park for football and cheerleader practices this football season. Practices begin August 1, 2016 and run through early November.

Practices are held Monday-Friday from approximately 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. As KVL has done in years prior, we will make the necessary changes in order to accommodate special events that are held at the park.

Your support of KVL is very much appreciated. Should you have any questions or need any additional information please contact me at 724-980-7124.

Thank you.

Kyle Harris  
President, KVL

KVL: Kyle Harris - President  
Commissioner: Michael Stetson - Vice President

Kiski Area  
Kiski Area

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VICTORIAN VANDERGRIFF MUSEUM AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

184 SHERMAN AVENUE

VANDERGRIFF, PA 15690

APRIL 4, 2016

Vandergrift Council  
109 Grant Avenue  
Vandergrift, Pa. 15690

Dear Council Members:

The Victorian Vandergrift Museum and Historical Society would like to have a car/bike cruise on Friday, June 10, 2016. The car cruise would benefit the Museum. We would like to have Grant Avenue closed from 4 pm until 10 pm from Columbia down to Sumner Avenue on Friday (upper part of Farragut may be needed also – down to Pomfret's and Just Dance). We would like to post no parking signs on Grant notifying vehicle owners so the parking spots are free for the cruise. We will be parking the cars on the diagonal rather than parallel.

Please advise if we can proceed.

Sincerely yours,

*Anthony Ferrante*

Anthony Ferrante  
President  
(724) 568-2068



SPECIAL BILLS:

The Secretary presented an invoice from Bove Engineering Company in the amount of \$11,700.00, for work performed to date on the 2016 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project. (See page 4-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to pay the aforementioned invoice from Bove Engineering Co. in the amount of \$11,700.00. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No Report

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

REF: Item No. 2\*  
 2016 CDBG Street Reconstruction  
 for Months of January and February

JAN	DESCRIPTION	
19	Started typing rough draft specs	Deb
21	Finish typing rough draft specs	Deb
22	Prepared draft of Bid Tab, Daily Quantity Sheet, Payment Estimates, etc.	Deb
25	Various clerical preparing for project	Deb
26	Various clerical preparing for project	Deb
27	Various typing and printing of specs	Deb
29	Type rough draft letter to PNG in response to their request for Borough's road paving list and schedule, etc.	Deb

FEB.	DESCRIPTION	
8	Worked on plans and specs	Lu
9	Worked on plans and specs	Lu
10	Worked on plans and specs	Lu
10	Worked on plans and specs	Lu
12	Type final draft response letter to PNG with attachments	Deb
15	Worked on plans and specs	Lu
16	Worked on plans and specs	Lu
17	Worked on plans and specs	Lu
18	Worked on plans and specs	Lu
19	Worked on plans and specs	Lu
25	Work on quantities and Cost Estimates	Lu
25	Various typing and clerical to prepare for project	Deb
25	Type changes into specs	Deb
25	Started on drawings and location maps	MWB
26	Work on quantities, Cost Estimates and map of 2015 and 2016	Lu
26	Worked on drawings	MWB
29	Field viewing streets for conditions/needs	Lu
29	Worked on drawings	MWB

- Represents projects paid by percentage.

AS PER THE 2016 CDBG APPLICATION, THE ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST IS \$390,000. AT THIS TIME WE ARE REQUESTING OUT OF THE 10% ESTIMATED FOR ENGINEERING OR (390,000 @ 0.03 ) = \$11,700.00.

THANK YOU!

Solicitor Loperfido stated that an agreement has been reached in regards to sale of the former Vandergrift Senior Citizen Building, 306 Spruce Street, for the amount of \$25,000.

Solicitor Loperfido, therefore, presented for adoption Resolution No. 3-2016 which authorizes the sale of the property located at 306 Spruce Street to the Kiski Area Youth Network on or after April 7, 2016 under the terms of the Agreement of Sale in the amount of \$25,000. (See pages 5-A thru 5-C)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt Resolution No. 3-2016. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. Chvala, to accept the Solicitor's Report. Motion carried.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Collini stated that he has received complaints regarding the dumping of trash on the former Sherman Avenue Playground, currently owned by Norfolk Railroad.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he will attempt to contact someone at Norfolk.

Mr. Collini questioned if anything is done about the about of trash piled outside at the property located at 500 Hancock Avenue.

Chief Caporali stated that Officer Callipare has advised the owner that a citation will be issued if said trash is not removed.

Mr. Collini questioned whether the Borough can restrict the number of cars parked on the streets.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that the Borough can not restrict the number of cars on a public street.

Mr. Collini questioned if parking line stalls can be painted on Jackson Avenue.

Mr. Sciallo stated that these marking will need to be painted after the paving of this street.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

**RESOLUTION 3 OF 2016**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO AUTHORIZE GRANTORS/SIGNORS FOR THE SALE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF AND SOLD PURSUANT TO THE ACT OF OCTOBER 27, 1979, P.L. 241, NO: 78; ENTITLED AN ACT AUTHORIZING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND MUNICIPALITY AUTHORITIES AND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND THE SALE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WHERE NO BIDS ARE RECEIVED.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Vandergrift is the owner of a lot, piece or parcel of real property situate in the Borough of Vandergrift and more specifically identified on the plan of subdivision known as the Plan of Vandergrift Park made and surveyed for the Vandergrift Land and Improvement Company by Wilkins and Davison, Engineers, which said plan is recorded the Recorder's Office of Westmoreland County in Plan Book Volume 4, Pages 122 and 123; namely, Lot No. 15 and part of Lot No. 14 in Block No. 11, as laid out in said plan identified in the Tax Map records of Westmoreland County at Tax Map No: 37-01-05-0-222 and in the deed recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Westmoreland County at Deed Book Volume 2194, Page 738. A copy of said deed is attached hereto and made a part hereof this Resolution as Exhibit "A"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Vandergrift attempted two auctions; namely on March 2, 2015 and November 16, 2015, both of which were properly and duly advertised and neither one yielded any offers to the Borough of Vandergrift; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Vandergrift entered into negotiations, thereafter, for the sale of the property following the two failed auctions based upon the fact that no compliant bids were received after advertisement in compliance of the requirements of the Act of October 27, 1979, P.L. 241, No. 78, entitled an authorizing political subdivisions and municipality authorities and transportation authorities to enter into contract for the purchase of goods and the sale of real and personal property where no bids are received;

**WHEREAS**, the Borough does hereby resolve to enter into an Agreement of Sale with the Kiski Area Youth Network on or after April 7, 2016, under terms and conditions as are set forth on the Agreement of Sale which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "B";

WHEREAS, following public notice, at the public meeting of March 7, 2016, and April 4, 2016, acknowledging that negotiations with the potential buyer, Kiski Area Youth Network (KAYN) had yielded a sale price of \$25,000.00, it is the intent of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift to move forward with the sale of the aforementioned property under and subject to the terms of a sales agreement providing for a sale price as identified in this Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, intending to be legally bound, the Council hereby RESOLVES as follows:

RESOLVED: That the Borough of Vandergrift shall present to the Buyer, Kiski Area Youth Network, a 501(c)(3) entity (Duane Prusia, owner), an Agreement of Sale in form and substance similar to the Agreement of Sale which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "B" under and subject to the understanding that minor modifications not affecting the sale price or any other material term may be altered without further action of Council under and subject to the authority of the signors identified herein in order to complete the contemplated sale.

RESOLVED: Brian J. Carricato, Council President, Vernon E. Sciullo, Council Vice-President and Stephen J. DelleDonne, Borough, Secretary, shall be designated and authorized to execute all documents on behalf of the Vandergrift Borough Council and to attest the same as so required, into affix the seal of the Borough of Vandergrift, to take any additional action as necessary to facilitate the contemplated sale, to execute any and all necessary documents that are proper and appropriate to effectuate the transfer as contemplated in this Resolution and to collect the proceeds of the sale for the purpose of depositing the same in the general fund of the Borough of Vandergrift.

RESOLVED: The Borough of Vandergrift shall tender a deed, in form and substance as attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit "C" under and subject to modifications, not affecting the sale price as amended by authorization of the signors, so designated by this Resolution for the purpose of facilitating and completing the sale to the Kiski Area Youth Network, as contemplated by this Resolution.

RESOLVED: The authorized signors shall have full authority of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift to sell the within described and attached property with the understanding that the Borough of Vandergrift shall yield a net sum of \$25,000.00 and with the understanding, that should, at any time, any documents appear before the signors evidencing a net amount less than that stated herein, the authorized signors shall have no authority to execute or enter into any agreements or complete the sale of the property without further action of Council.

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RESOLVED, at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016, the undersigned hereto attached their hand and affix the seal of the local government as of the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT**

By:   
**BRIAN J. CARRICATO**  
Council President

By:   
**VERNON E. SCIULLO**  
Council Vice-President

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)  
**STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE**  
Borough Secretary

APPROVED:

  
**LOUIS PURIFICATO, Mayor**



A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.