

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lenny Collini
Christine Wilson Karen McClarnon
Casimer Maszgay Kathleen Chvala

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Barbara Turiak, Mayor Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfido, Solicitor Thereasa Geltz, Assistant Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the August 2, 2021 meetings were approve by motion of Mr. Masazgay, second by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Jody Sarno, 227 Whittier Street, read the following names of thirteen (13) U.S. service members killed in Afghanistan attack:

1. Sgt. Johanny Pichardo, 25, of Lawrence Masschusetts- Marine
2. Sgt, Nicole gee, 23, of Sacramento, California-Marine
3. Staff Sgt. Darine Hoover, 31, of Salt Lake City, Utah-Marine
4. Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, of Indio, California-Marine
5. Cpl. Daegan Page, 23, of Omaha, Nebraskal-IMarine
6. Cpl. Humberto Sanchez, 22, of Logansport, Indiana-Marine
7. Lance Cpl. David Espinoza, 20, of Rio Brava, Texas-Marine

8. Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz, 20, of St. Charles, Missouri-Marine
9. Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, 20, of Jackson, Wyoming-Marine
10. Lance Cpl. Dylan Merola, 20, of Rancho Cucamonga, California-Marine
11. Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikoui, 20, of Norco, California-Marine
12. Corpsman Maxton Soviak, 22, of Berline Heights, Ohio-Navy
13. Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss, 23, of Corryton, Tennessee-Army

In regards to issue of permitting chickens in the Borough, Mr. Sarno requested that Council take more time in making a decision on this matter. He also requested that Council look into other town for the purpose of seeing how they handled this matter. He also pointed out that permitted chickens may have an impact on the property values.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, questioned how he can get rid of a skunk.

Mrs. Wilson stated that he can call the office to obtain a number of a person who performs this service.

Frank Souchock, 190 Washington Avenue, addressed the following requests from Council

1. Provide a solar light stop sign at Hancock & Custer Avenues.
2. Target different areas of town for speeding, especially Washington Avenue.
3. Eliminate all parking meters on Washington Avenue.
4. Have police ticket those who are parking on the wrong side of the road.
5. Commence the painting of parking stull markings on the streets.

Representative Jason Silvis stated that he has received calls from residents of Sherman & Hamilton Avenues regarding motorcycles flying up & down the streets; lack of line painting; and why there are two vehicles with antique plates allowed to park on Sherman Avenue.

Lorraine Jones, 181 Hamilton Avenue, requested that Council take action to resolve two tree issues in front of her house, one of which, was struck by lightning. She stated that she has been requesting something to be done for some time.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that she will have the trees scheduled to be taken down.

John Wallace, 210 Washington Avenue, also requested that Council act on the issue of two trees in front of his house. He stated that the trees are a nuisance and very dirty.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that there is no money to remove these trees, but indicated that she will have an arborist look into the possibility of trimming the trees.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Collini, to return to the regular order of busiess. Motion carried.

OPENING OF BIDS:

At this time the Secretary opened and read aloud bids received Street Reconstruction Project for a portion of Sherman Avenue, Lafayette Avenue and 7th Street. He stated that said project is fund using CDBG Funds. (See page 3-A:Bidders List)

Engineer Bove stated that the County is unable to fund the project at this time. He stated that the bids can be held for ninety (90) days, which sets the award date to December 6, 2021.

Engineer Bove stated that due to Tresco Paving Corp. setting certain conditions in their bid proposal may invalidate said bid.

At this time the Secretary opened and read aloud bids received on the Casino Theater & Library Building Improvement Project using Borough Funds. (See page 3-B:Bidders List)

Mrs. McClarnon questioned if members of Council knew this project was to be funded by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, of which the Borough has received its first payment of two in the amount of \$255,131.00 She stated that there are a lot gray areas as to how the funds are to be used and therefore, recommended that the public be given a choice as to how the funds are to be spend in the next round of funding.

Following a discussion of the bids received, the Engineer Bove recommended that Council award Bid 3: Area 1 and Area 2 to Raimondo Masonry the low bidder at \$94,200.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Maszgay, to award Bid 3: Area 1 & Area 2 to Raimondo Masonry the low bidder at \$94,200.00 subject to review and approval of the Borough Engineer; and that the funding of this project using the American Rescue Act of 2021. Motion carried with Mrs. McClarnon opposing.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Maszgay, to table action on other portions of bids on the Casino Theater & Library Improvement Project. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented and reviewed Financial Requirement and Minimum Obligation regarding the Vandergrift Police Plan for the 2022 Municipal Budget. (See page 3-C)

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Maszgay, to accept the Secretary's Report. Motion carried.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
2021
STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
PORTION OF SHERMAN AVENUE, LAFAYETTE AVENUE & 7th STREET
USING CDBG FUNDS

BID TABULATION

Bid Opening: September 7, 2021

Item	Description	Qty.	Units	1st		2nd		Bid Rejected	
				Unit Price	Cost	Unit Price	Cost	Unit Price	Cost
1	Rotomill 2 1/4" Depth	7,270	SY	\$2.75	\$19,992.50	\$2.25	\$16,357.50	\$1.50	\$10,905.00
2	Soft Area Repair	185	SY	\$17.65	\$3,265.25	\$40.00	\$7,400.00	\$10.00	\$1,850.00
3a	Lamphole Adjustment Riser Rings	4	EA	\$116.00	\$464.00	\$200.00	\$800.00	\$250.00	\$1,000.00
3b	Manhole Adjustment Riser Rings	5	EA	\$360.00	\$1,800.00	\$250.00	\$1,250.00	\$250.00	\$1,250.00
4	3/4" Leveling Course	297	TN	\$90.25	\$26,804.25	\$100.00	\$29,700.00	\$87.00	\$25,839.00
5	1 1/2" Wearing Course	595	TN	\$90.25	\$53,698.75	\$96.00	\$57,120.00	\$87.00	\$51,765.00
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:					\$106,024.75		\$112,627.50		\$92,609.00

No Bid was received from: Daniels Excavating, Holbein, Inc., C.H.& D. Enterprises, or Derry Construction

* Please note that the Bid from Tesco Paving Corp. was a conditional bid which cannot be accepted according to the Information to Bidders Item 4 "Qualifications of Bidders" and therefore must be rejected.

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VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH
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 CASINO THEATER & LIBRARY BUILDING
 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
 Using Borough Funds
 BID OPENING: Tuesday, September 7, 2021

BIDDERS LIST

CONTRACTOR	BID BOND	REF. S.	PWEV FORM	NON-COL AFFIDAVIT	BID 1 Option A Flat Roof Black EDPM	BID 1 Option B Flat Roof White EDPM	BID 1 Option C Flat Roof Silicone System	BID 2 Option A Sloped Roof Shingles	BID 2 Option B Sloped Roof Metal	BID 3 Masonry Repoint Area 1 & Window Sills	BID 3 Masonry Repoint Area 2	BID 3 Masonry Repoint Area 3	BID 3 Masonry Repoint Area 4	BID 4 Option A Plaster Wall Repair	BID 4 Option B Alternate Wall Repair
1 FULLER BUILDING GROUP Meadville, PA 16335					\$ 19,411.00			\$ 305.31							
2 BRIAN HANNIGAN Apollo, PA 15613					\$										
3 RAIMONDO MASONRY Greensburg, PA 15601					\$					\$ 51,200.00	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 36,800.00	\$ 52,000.00		
4 ALLEGHENY RESTORATION, INC. Greensburg, PA 15601					\$					\$ 15,200.00	\$ 9,100.00	\$ 61,200.00	\$ 18,400.00		
5					\$										
6					\$										

Note: Contractors may bid on any or all Bids & Options

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN
FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT AND MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION
FOR 2022 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

A. Normal Cost

1. Normal Cost as a Percent of Payroll	22.885%
2. Estimated 2021 Payroll for Active Participants	\$ <u>552,661</u>
3. Normal Cost (A1 x A2)	\$ <u><u>126,476</u></u>

B. Financial Requirement

1. Normal Cost (A3)	\$ 126,476
2. Anticipated Insurance Premiums	0
3. Anticipated Administrative Expense	31,502
4. Amortization Payment, if any	<u>0</u>
5. Financial Requirement (B1 + B2 + B3 + B4)	\$ <u><u>157,978</u></u>

C. Minimum Municipal Obligation

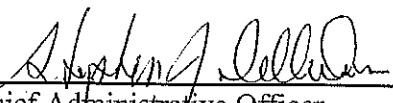
1. Financial Requirement (B5)	\$ 157,978
2. Anticipated Employee Contributions (6.23% of Estimated Payroll)	34,431
3. Funding Adjustment, if any	<u>10,987</u>
4. Minimum Municipal Obligation (C1 - C2 - C3)	\$ <u><u>112,560</u></u>

NOTES:

1. 2022 General Municipal Pension System State Aid may be used to fund part or all of the municipal obligation and must be deposited within 30 days of receipt. Any remaining balance must be paid from municipal funds.
2. Deposit into the Plan's assets must be made by December 31, 2022 to avoid an interest penalty.
3. Any delinquent Minimum Municipal Obligation from prior years must be included in the 2022 budget along with an interest penalty.

I hereby certify that the above calculations, to the best of my knowledge, are true, accurate, and conform with the provisions of Chapter 3 of Act 205 of 1984.

Certified By:



Chief Administrative Officer

9/7/21

Date

Prepared using the January 1, 2019 Valuation.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

No Report

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented and reviewed the following communications received:

Exhibit 1-A: John Peterman, Athletic Director Kiski Area High School.

Subject: Request to use the Ellen Toy Grass Volleyball Court at Kennedy Park.

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

Exhibit 2-A: Vandergrif Business Association.

Subject: Tour of Vandergrift Event.

Exhibit 3-A: Chelsa Walker, Watershed Program Manager, Westmoreland Conservation.

Subject: PennDot Stormwater Mitigation Project-Columbia Avenue Sidewalk and Parking Lot.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported that the metal fencing for Davis Field, along 24th Street, is in very bad condition and needs repaired. She also stated that the fencing is allowing water to drain into the hillside of the field and is causing problems.

Mrs. Wilson reported that the Street Department is unable to paint the crosswalks, curbs and parking stalls due to a back order of the traffic paint.

Mrs. Wilson stated that she is proposing to use the road millings for the purpose of provide temporary parking at the site of the Olmsted Park.



Exhibit 1-B
KISKI AREA HIGH SCHOOL

John Peterman ~ Athletic Director

August 6, 2021

Borough of Vandergrift
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift PA 15690

Dear Borough of Vandergrift,

We, at Kiski Area, are preparing for a great season of Cavalier volleyball, and would like to request the use of the Ellen Toy Grass Volleyball Court at Kennedy Park on Monday, September 13, 2021 beginning at 4:30pm. We will be hosting Norwin for "Pack the Park" evening of volleyball in remembrance of our former coach Ellen Toy.

You should have our proof of insurance on file for our use of Project 70 baseball field, but if you need me to send it, please let me know.

We certainly appreciate your assistance and hope that we can count on your support.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Peterman', is written over a horizontal line.

John Peterman
Director of Athletics
john.peterman@kiskiarea.com
724-845-6683



To: Vandergrift Town Council

From: Vandergrift Business Association

Date: August 21, 2021

Subject: Tour of Vandergrift Event

Per the request of the Town Council, the Vandergrift Business Association is providing a letter detailing our first event coming up in September 2021.

Prior to the weekend of September 17-19th, we are going to distribute cards that will list all of the local businesses that are participating in the Tour of Vandergrift Event. Everyone who wishes to participate in the event will obtain a card at no cost to the participant. During the weekend of the event, participants will complete the Tour of Vandergrift card by visiting as many of the businesses on the card as possible. Each business will offer the participant a sample of their goods, a coupon for purchase, or any other item designated by the business in an effort to engage existing and new customers and promote all local Vandergrift businesses. Participants that complete the card and turn it will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket featuring items from participating businesses. We have partnered with the McMurtry Fire Hall and cleared this event with the Westmoreland County Treasurer's Office.

We hope this event will be the first of many events led by the Vandergrift Business Association to encourage business exposure and growth for our area. We hope that the success of this event and future events will also lead to growth of the Business Association. The more businesses that join, the greater chance we have at hosting successful events in our area to benefit all local businesses.

If the council needs any further information about this event/business promotion, please contact Robert Buchanan of the VBA @ 412.721.1753



J. Roy Houston Conservation Center
 218 Donohoe Road
 Greensburg, PA 15601-9217
 Phone: 724-837-5271
 FAX: 724-837-4127
 email: wcd@wcdpa.com website: westmorelandconservation.org

Exhibit 2-A

August 25, 2021

Board of Directors

Ron Rohall
 Chairman

Charles Duritsa
 Vice Chairman

Kim Edward Miller
 Treasurer

Emil Bove, PLS
 Secretary

Jay Bell
 Director

County Commissioner
 Douglas W. Chew
 Director

William Doney
 Director

Paul R. Sarver
 Director

Fred J. Slezak
 Director

Vandergrift Borough Council
 Attn.: Stephen J. DelleDorine
 109 Grant Avenue
 Vandergrift, PA 15690

**RE: PennDOT Stormwater Mitigation Project
 Columbia Avenue Sidewalk and Parking Lot**

Dear Vandergrift Borough Council,

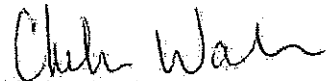
The Department of Transportation (PennDOT) intends to replace the Salina Bridge over the Kiskiminetas (Kiski) River near the town of Salina and Edmon. The Salina Bridge links Kiskiminetas Township, Armstrong County, and Bell Township, Westmoreland County. PennDOT and the Westmoreland Conservation District (WCD) would like to partner with Vandergrift Borough to control post construction stormwater runoff at an off-site mitigation area; at a sidewalk and parking lot area along Columbia Avenue (see enclosed conceptual design) owned by Vandergrift Borough. Proposed conceptual design includes extending the pervious concrete pavers to continue the phase 1 sidewalk completed in 2010. We would also install multiple raingardens within the borough parking lot to infiltrate stormwater runoff. The purpose is to mitigate for the stormwater impacts generated by the construction of State Route 1060 Salina Bridge crossing the Kiski River.

All costs including design, permits (if required), construction and inspection associated with the Columbia Avenue Sidewalk/ Parking Lot Stormwater Management Project will be covered by PennDOT. WCD will design the project in partnership with Vandergrift Borough and PennDOT, and WCD will bid the project and oversee construction. The Borough will need to provide PennDOT and WCD access to the project area and perform long term operation and maintenance to the installed stormwater best management practices (BMPs). The BMPs proposed will have a low maintenance level and low maintenance cost (i.e. mowing and managing vegetation).

The WCD is requesting the borough/landowner's approval to move forward with the conceptual proposal in partnership with PennDOT and the WCD for the Columbia Avenue Sidewalk/Parking Lot Project as Offsite Stormwater Management Mitigation for the Salina Bridge replacement.

If Council decides to move forward with this project, I would be more than willing to attend a future council meeting to discuss the project further. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at (724) 837-5271 or send an email to Chelsea@wcdpa.com.

Sincerely,


 Chelsea Walker
 Watershed Program Manager

Printed on recycled paper

Enclosure: Concept drawings

Mrs. Wilson reported that the Mini Street Sweeper, which was advertised for sale, has received a high bid at \$25,000. She stated that this was below the minimum reserve of \$45,000. She stated that this street sweeper is just sitting idle and is of no effective use to the Street Department, and therefor recommended that Council accept the bid of \$25,000.00

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second Mr. Maszgay, to accept the bid of \$25,000.00 for the sale of the Mini Street Sweeper. Motion carried with Mr. Collini opposing.

Mrs. Wilson stated that she will be meeting with Peoples Gas Company in regarding to seeking the proper restoration of the following streets: Jackson Avenue and East Adams & West Adams Avenues. She explained that the gas company's equipment has caused damage to the roadways and curbing.

Mrs. Wilson reported on the water main break on Linden Street causing the erosion of the lower portion of the street, from Chestnut Street to the concrete portion of Linden. She stated that the water company is requesting the repair of the section of Linden Street with cement, rather than the replacement of the bricks.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. McClarnon, to require the water company to restore the street in the manner of replacing all bricks. Motion failed due to Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Maszgay, and Mrs. Chvala opposing.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Maszgay, to permit the water company make the restoration work on Linden Street by cementing a section from Chestnut Street to the existing cement portion of Linden Street. Motion carried with Mr. Collini and Mrs. McClarnon opposing.

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mrs. McClarnon, to accept the Street & Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove discussed the Westmoreland Conservation District's plan to partner with PennDot and provide construct a stormwater runoff mitigation site at a sidewalk and parking lot area along Columbia Parking Lot. He stated that raingardens within the parking lot will be installed to infiltrate stormwater runoff. He stated that the Westmoreland Conservation District will do the bidding and assume all costs in this project.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. McClarnon, to move forward with the aforementioned project. Motion carried.

At this time, Engineer Bove discussed the consideration of locations for the 8' and 4' "V" shaped monument. He stated that placement of these items along a PennDot road raises too many issues.

NOTICE OF ABSTENTION

I, Christine A. Wilson, Councilperson for the Borough of Vandergrift located in the County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby set forth this affirmative declaration of abstention regarding any matter involving Bove Engineering. I am employed by Bove Engineering and as such, under the Ethics Act, I shall not engage in any restricted activities as is set forth under Section 1103 of the State Ethics Act. Pursuant to said section of the Ethics Act, I set forth this written memorandum, filed with the Borough Secretary of the Borough of Vandergrift advising that I am unable to take any action on a matter involving Bove Engineering. I acknowledge that I have a conflict regarding matters that would financially impact Bove Engineering and cannot participate and must comply with the disclosure requirements of Section 1103(j) of the State Ethics Act. I acknowledge that my conflict in this matter, includes making motions and voting, and also includes actions such as lobbying other members, speaking as to motions or advocating for a certain result.

I do hereby execute this document in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission disclosure requirements and apply the same to all actions, on behalf of Bove Engineering which may arise before the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift as of the date, time and meeting identified in the minutes of the Borough meeting.

Christine A. Wilson
CHRISTINE A. WILSON

Sept. 7, 2021

ON VOTE TO SUBMIT LIST OF STREETS
FOR PAVING TO COUNTY PLANNING DEPT.
FOR 2022.

Following a discussion of this matter, a motion was made by Mrs. McClarnon, second by Mrs. Wilson, to erect the 8' "V" within the proposed Olmsted Commons to reflect the steel heritage of the Borough, and the 4' "V" in the fenced area in front of the Police Department. Motion carried.

Engineer Bove reported that he will be meeting a county official to perform an asbestos inspection of the properties located at 109 & 111 Washington Avenue.

Engineer Bove stated that an individual is desirous of creating a parking lot on Longfellow Street in the area of the former Post Office site.

Engineer Bove reported on the issue regarding a speed reduction sign on the LaBellvue Road and is recommending that Council approve installing a "Reduced Speed" sign which will help warn motorists in advance of the speed reduction. He stated that PennDot has no problem with erecting this sign, but will be at the Borough's expense.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Maszgay, to approve the erection of a "Speed Limit 25" along the LaBellvue Road. Motion carried.

Engineer Bove presented the following list of streets for reconstruction for the 2022 CDBG Grant Program:

1. Pennsylvania Avenue from LaBellvue Rd to Delaware Avenue.
2. Pennsylvania Avenue from Delaware Avenue to Indiana Avenue (Northern)
3. Pennsylvania Avenue from Virginia Avenue to Bend (Northern).
4. Center Avenue from California Avenue to Oregon Avenue.
5. 13st Street from from 13th to Washington Avenue & to 13th Street.
6. 13th Street from Custer Avenue SR 0056 to 13th Street & to Washington Avenue.
7. 11th Street from Farragut Avenue to 3rd Street.
8. 5th Street from Sherman Avenue to 11th Street.
9. Florida Avenue-two sections between Carolina Avenue & Alabama Avenue.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Maszgay, to submit the aforementioned list of streets to the Westmoreland County Planning Department for the 2022 CDBG Grant Program. Motion with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. McClarnon, to execute a Release of Entry and paying \$250.00 matching fee to the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority for the proposed funding for the demolition of 326 Longfellow Street. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. McClarnon, second by Mr. Collini, to execute a pending Release of Entry and paying \$250.00 matching fee to the Westmoreland Redevelopment Authority for the proposed funding for the demolition of 3371 ½ Longfellow Street. Motion carried.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

Chairperson Maszgay requested all committee chairpersons turn their 2022 budget requests to the Secretary as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mrs. McClarnon, to accept the Budget & Finance Report. Motion carried.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

President Chvala presented the following report for Mr. Holmes, absent at this meeting.

1. The Renewed Life Church of 305 Emerson Street has requested a handicap parking space for Sunday mornings between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm and on Wednesday evenings between 5:45 pm and 8:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Maszgay, to approve the aforementioned handicapped parking space as specified. Motion carried.

2. A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. Wilson, to hire Michael McSherry as an extra police officer serving on a part-time basis for the Borough of Vandergrift from time to time on an hourly or daily basis as needed contingent on him passing a background check and a child clearance. Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Maszgay, to hire Zachary Byers as an extra police officer serving on a part-time basis for the Borough of Vandergrift from time to time on an hourly or daily basis as needed contingent on him passing a background check and a child clearance. Motion carried.

4. Due to a possible upcoming vacancy on the police force, a motion was made Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Maszgay, to activate the Civil Service Commission to explore the possibility of initiating a testing process. Motion carried

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. Wilson, to accept the Police & Public Safety Report. Motion carried.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Chairperson Collini stated that Council needs to make the necessary repairs to the Casino Theater & the Public Library. He stated that this structure is a part of the history of Vandergrift and is a focal point of the town.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mrs. McClarnon, to accept the Building & Grounds Report. Motion carried.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson McClarnon reported that she is planning on removing and trimming tree with monies left in this 2021 budget. She stated that any trees not addressed this year be added to the list in 2022.

Mrs. McClarnon addressed the bench that was donated by Shawn Rowe to be placed on the island at the top of Washington Avenue.

Mrs. Wilson stated that this area is not a park or playground, but is designed as a traffic medium to direct traffic. She stated that the placement of this bench is unsafe and would not vote for it.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. McClarnon, to recommend that the Police & Public Safety Committee look in to this issue and report back to Council. Motion carried.

Mrs. McClarnon handed out to each member of Council recommendations of the "Chicken Committee" relative to a propose ordinance of this matter. (See pages 8-A)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Chvala reported that the cable franchise agreement between the Borough of Vandergrift and Comcast will expire as of September 10, 2021. She stated that the term of this agreement is ten (10) year period.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. Wilson, to renew the Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough of Vandergrift and Comcast for a term of ten (10) years. Motion carried with Mr. Maszgay opposing.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. McClarnon, to accept the General Government Report. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

At this time, Mrs. McClarnon said that she wished to bring up an issue regarding the purchase of the boiler system at the Vandergrift Pool.

Vandergrift Chicken Committee Notes September 1, 2021

- Council Members:
- McClarnon, Mazgay, Wilson
- Community Member:
- Tim Gourley

Page 1: 7 female chickens permitted

Page 2: 7 female chickens permitted

- No permit costs
- No fees
- Roosters: no roosters but we would ask that the rooster on Whittier be grandfathered in and left alone.

Page 3: Only inspections if any complaints. After 2nd complaint with reasons to have concern- chickens must go.

- Application fees waived
- No Master Chicken Keeper Certificate required

Page 4: Code officer only goes to residence if complaints concerning health and safety.

Page 5: Enforcement- take out council members. Absolutely not

President Chvalal stated that if this issue was not on the agenda, it cannot be discussed per Senate Bill 554, of which was reported on at the August meeting and that each member of Council was notified of its mandate.

At this time, Mrs. McClarnon stated that she was going to bring it up anyway, and that President Chvala can gavel her and the conversation pursued. At this point, President Chval said "Stop" and that Council needs to uphold what was mandated and the discussion ended.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

In regards to the property located at 328 Longfellow Street, Solicitor Generelli stated that the Borough may need to move forward with an amended court order to obtain a right of entry to allow the County to enter said property.

A motion was made Mrs. McClarnon, second by Mr. Maszgay, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

Solicitor Generelli stated that the court has order a right of entry for the 109 Washington Avenue and is waiting for action on the property at 111 Washington Avenue.

Solicitor Generelli stated that Mr. Loperfito is working on a proposed Chicken Ordinance and provide a copy for members of Council.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS;

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Jody Sarno 227 Whittier Street, question if a zoning variance was issued for one incident is this restriction still stand and why does not this restriction still be in place.

The Secretary stated that variance in question was a one-time action and does not mean that any future variances regarding chickens will require action by the Zoning Hearing Board. He stated that the proposed ordinance will now provide a means to establish the ability for residents who wish to have chickens without action by the Zoning Hearing Board.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.