

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 4, 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	Tom Holmes
Christine Wilson	Karen McClarnon
John Uskuraitis	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:

Correction of Minutes:

Mrs. Wilson stated that the address for Loraine Johns is 101 Hamilton Avenue (page 2)

The Minutes of the September 7, 2021 meetings were approve by motion of Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, as corrected. Motion carrie

At this time, President Chvala stated that there will be a presentation of Valor Awards for the following firemen and police officer: John Uskuaritis, Eric Sorrells, Officer Nate Rigatti, Officer Jerrod Thompson, and Sgt. Anthony DePanicis. She stated that said awards are regarding a fire on Wednesday, January 12, 2021 at 150 Franklin Avenue, at which a rescue was performend of an entrapment of a 12 year old boy.

Chief Randy Dunmire, of the Vandegrift No. 1 Fire Department, introduced Richard Grove, Past President of the Firefighters Association of the State of Pennsylvania and Martin Wetmore, Western Vice President of the Firefighter Association of the State of Pennslvania.

Mr. Martin proceeded to present the 2021 Earl Dundore Civilian Humanitarian Service Aware to each of the aforementioned Vandergrift Police Officers. He then presented to each of the aforementioned firement the 2021 FASP Individual Valor Award.

At this time, President Chvala Chair of the Police Public Safey Committee, and Mayor Turiak presented to all the five heros a Certificate of Valor plaque. Mrs. Chvala congratulated all of the mentioned heros and all firefighters, police officers and first responders who daily sacrifice their lives for the public's safety.

VISITORS:

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

Loraine Johns, 101 Hamilton Avenue, again questioned why the damaged tree has not be removed. She stated that the limbs are touching here window and the tree is half dead.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that she would have an arborist look into this matter.

Paul Petrarca, 500 Walnut Street, stated that something needs to be done regarding tractor trailers traveling up Poplar Street while trying to reach Donghia Lumber Company. He questions if signs can be placed ahead of Poplar Street stating that no tractor trailer trucks are not pemitted on Poplar Street.

President Chvala turned this matter over to the Police & Public Safety Committee for study and recommendation to Council.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, stated that there are trees growing out into the alley ways and are causing possible damage to the Borough's refuse trucks and may cause the roots to break up the blacktop.

John Wallace, 210 Washington Avenue, stated that the Tree Committee promised to take care of the two trees trimmed back along his property. He stated that the tree people were here for an hour and half and did little to nothing.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the tree trimmers showed up with no bucket truck, no chipper and could only reach about 15ft with a pole saw. She also stated that these trees need trimmed due to large trucks hitting them and breaking off limbs.

Solicitor Generelli recommended that this matter be turned over the Tree Committee.

Exhibit 2-A

**LETTER OF INTENT
Vandergrift Borough Council**

9/24/21

Ms. Kathy Chvala, Council President
Vandergrift Borough Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear Ms. Chvala:

The American Red Cross Chestnut Ridge Chapter seeks to canvas homes, door to door, in the Borough of Vandergrift for the purpose of installing Free Smoke Alarms and providing Home Fire Safety Evacuation Planning and Safety Tips on Saturday November 6, 2021 with a back-up date of Saturday November 13, 2021.

Notice of activities:

- 7-10 days prior to the install date, volunteers will go door to door in the pre-selected area in the Borough of Vandergrift hanging door hangers announcing our intent to install free Smoke Alarms.
- The day of the event, a local site will be pre-selected as the home base for the event to provide supplies, directions, and overall support and leadership for the event. Examples of home bases would be local Fire Company Hall, Local Church, etc.
- The event will commence around 8AM through 4PM on Saturday November 6, 2021.
- American Red Cross staff and volunteers will meet at the predetermined base camp to provide training, instructions, safety tips and materials needed.
- Teams of three with Red Cross branding, will then traverse a given mapped route in the Borough of Vandergrift, going door to door, explaining the program, asking permission to enter and then proceed with the installation and education.
- At each home, a Service Acknowledgement Form will be signed by the homeowner giving permission for the team to install smoke alarms and provide fire safety education.
- During the installation period there may be multiple American Red Cross vehicles serving as transportation between mapped routes, providing supplies, and safety checks of teams on mapped routes.
- Upon completion of mapped routes, teams will return to base camp to return materials, tools, kits, and other materials.
- Once each team has returned and all materials accounted for, the event will conclude.

Attachments provided for your review include the Service Acknowledgement Form and Insurance information.

We respectfully request the information below for communication and updating during the planning process.

[Name] will be the City's main point of contact in this process, and can be reached at:

[Street Address]

[Email]

[Phone Number]

The American Red Cross point of contact for logistics and event planning will be:

Deborah Fleming
Disaster Program Manager, American Red Cross Chestnut Ridge Chapter
724.814.2863

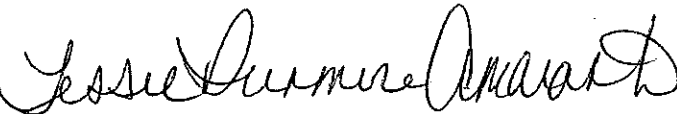
deborah.fleming4@redcross.org

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Tessie Dunmire-Amaranto

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tessie Dunmire-Amaranto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Executive Director, American Red Cross Chestnut Ridge Chapter

724.884.5283

tessie.amaranto@redcross.org

Tessie Dunmire-Amaranto, representing the American Red Cross, addressed Council to seek approval to canvas homes, door to door, in town for the purpose of installing free smoke alarms and providing Home Fire Safety Evacuation Planning and Safety Tips on Saturday, November 6, 2021. (refer to Exhibit 2-A)

Mr. Holmes stated that the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department has an extensive smoke alarm program.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No Report

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

No Report

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented and reviewed the following correspondence received:

Exhibit 1-A: Ashley Hannigan, Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department.

Subject: Setting the Halloween Parade on Friday, October 29th at 6:30, and Halloween Trick or Treat on Saturday, October 30th from 6-8 pm.

A motion was made Mr. Homes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to approve the aforementioned matters. Motion carried.

Exhibit 3-A: John Marhefka, Chief of Lower Police Department;

Subject: Expressed gratitude for Vandergrift Officer's Ptrm. Disciscio and Ptrm. Byers prompt response to a shooting at the Kinlock Firehall.

REGULAR AND STATED BILLS:

Exhibit 1-17

Vandergriff Fire Dept. No. 1
278 Franklin Ave., P.O. Box 6.
Vandergriff, PA 15690



Randy Dunmire, Chief
Michael Reilly, President

September 16th, 2021

Vandergriff Borough Council
109 Grant Ave.
Vandergriff, PA 15690

Ladies and Gentlemen:

With the Halloween season soon upon us the Halloween Celebration Committee has set the dates to have the parade on Friday, October 29th at 6:30. Trick-or-Treating being held on Saturday, October 30th from 6-8pm. The parade would form at the gazebo where children 12 and younger would receive a number, and the parade route will remain the same as in years past having the parade end at the Vandergriff Borough building where children will receive a treat bag. There will be no rain date, however if it does rain during the parade we will end the parade at the Vandergriff #1 Fire Dept so the treat bags do not get wet. Members of both fire departments will perform safety patrols throughout town during Trick-or-Treating.

Sincerely,

Ashleigh Hannigan

Exhibit 3-A

John Andrejczik
Mayor

City of Lower Burrell

Police Department

John Marhefka
Chief of Police

2800 Bethel Street
Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania 15068-3227
Phone: (724) 339-4287
Fax: (724) 339-1262

September 21, 2021

Vandergrift Police Department
Attn: Chief Caporali
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Chief Caporali,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your officers' response during our recent shooting investigation at Kinloch Firehall, that lead to three (3) individuals sustaining gunshot wounds and the suspect being taken into custody without incident. I would like to personally commend Ptlm. Disciscio and Ptlm. Byers for their prompt assistance. It is this cooperation that ensures the safety of our officers as they perform their duties.

Please accept my most sincere thanks for a job well done.

Stay safe, Stay healthy

Sincerely,



John Marhefka
Chief of Police

Mrs. Wilson questioned the payment of the bill from Angry Ape Landscapping for work done at 101 Hamilton. She stated that the Borough should be reimbursed the amount of \$450.00 for work not done.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that the check will be returned and that Angry Ape Landscapping will provide a corrected invoice.

President Chvala questioned if Angry Ape Landscapping was insured.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that Angry Ape Landscapping is insured and will provide the Secretary with a copy.

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

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported that the Street Department will begin picking up leaves on October 15th. She requested that resident either rake the leaves to the curb for collection or gather leafs in bags to placed at the curb to be collected each Friday.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Holmes, to accept the Street & Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove requested that Council act on the following matters:

1. In regards to the 2021 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project, Engineer Bove recommended that the bid from Tresco Paving Corp. be rejected due to conditions stipulated in the bid which are not permitted by the bid specifications.

A motion was made Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the aforementioned recommendation from the Borough Engineer. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

2. Engineer Bove recommended that Council award the 2021 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project to A. Folino Contruction, the low bidder at \$106,024.75.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to award the 2021 CDBG Street Project ot A. Folino Constructin, in the amount of \$106,024.75. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

Michael Bove, PE, PLS, SEO, STPO
President Emeritus & Founder

Emil Bove, PLS, SEO, EIT
President

Lucien Bove, PE, CBSI
Secretary / Treasurer



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GREENSBURG, PA 15601
724-925-9269
FAX: 724-925-1216

September 29, 2021

Vandergrift Borough Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

Attention: Stephan DelleDonne, Borough Secretary
Reference: Engineer's Report for October 4, 2021 Council Meeting

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This report summarizes activities, projects, and work performed during the past month in addition to the preparation for and attendance of regular and scheduled meetings:

2021 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project – Sherman Ave., LaFayette Ave. & 7th Street

Bids were advertised 8-16 & 8-19 and opened at the September 7 Council meeting. Unfortunately, the bid from Tresco Paving Corp. came with conditions which are not permitted by the bid specifications and must be rejected. We have received the authorization from the County that the Borough may award the project. Please see previously submitted bid rejection and award recommendation letter.

2021 Casino Theater and Library Building Improvement Project

After checking the references for the low and only bidder for the Roof Replacement portion of this project and verification that the cost is not unreasonable, we would like Council to consider awarding the Roof Replacement work to the low bidder.

ATI Proposed Plant Upgrades Stormwater Management "No-Harm Evaluation" Application 2021-02

We reviewed and recommended that Council approve this SWM No-Harm Evaluation (See letter dated 9-17-2021).

MAWC Proposed Emerson Street Pressure Reducing Vault "No-Harm Evaluation" Application 2021-03

We reviewed and recommended that Council approve this SWM No-Harm Evaluation (See letter dated 9-23-2021).

ATI Proposed Plant Upgrades

Reviewed revised preliminary and final Site Plan and Stormwater Management Plan submittals, prepared and submitted Initial and Final Engineer's Plan Review Report (copies submitted previously), attended the Sept. 13th Planning Commission meeting and assembled sets of plans and supplemental documents for approval in accordance with the conditions set forth by the Planning Commission.

Timber Harvest

The Forester Consultant, Dave O'Barto has defined the Tree Harvest and Preventative Spraying areas within the property and is in the process of marking the trees to be harvested.

DCED Multimodal Grant Application

We have received a response from DCED that the application and all required documentation was received and that they will let us know if any additional information is needed.

Street Excavation and Driveway Permits

We issued several Street Excavation and Driveway Permits.

407A Jackson Avenue Sewer Connection Violation

The time extension for the correction of the violation expired on 8-6-2021. As far as we know, the required work has not been done by the owner. I believe this item was deferred to the October Meeting for action, if necessary.

337½ & 326 Longfellow Unsafe Structures

We conducted required interior and asbestos inspections along with the County's asbestos and hazardous material consultant and numerous correspondences with the County and Borough Solicitor.

Columbia Avenue Sidewalk/Parking Lot Off-Site Stormwater Management (Salina Bridge Replacement)

Made the Preliminary Design Pa. One Call to request maps and have the underground utilities marked on site.

2022 CDBG Application

We worked on the application and all required documentation and attachments. See attached revised list of streets. Please note that 1st Street and 4th Street were removed from the list as requested by the County. Center Street was also removed due to indications that the income surveys would not qualify. Therefore, 28th Street from 28th to Lowell St., 29th Street from Howell St. to Irving St. and Bryant Street from Wallace St. to Cooper St. were added to the list.

109 and 111 Washington Avenue - County Demolition Applications

We conducted required interior and asbestos inspections along with the County's asbestos and hazardous material consultant and numerous correspondences with the County and Borough Solicitor.

Triangle on Washington Avenue at Franklin Avenue

I attended the Safety review investigation with Tom Holmes and Vandergrift Police Officer Nathan Rigatti to determine if locating a park-type bench within the grass area behind the sidewalk, located 10 feet behind the curb, would create a sight obstruction for motorists entering Franklin Avenue. Based upon our review, the bench could create a sight obstruction if 1 or more persons are seated on the bench. It was reported that there is a high occurrence of vehicles running over the curb and into the triangle at this location and evidence of this exists in the form of tire marks and impacts with the curb. Due to the location of the island in the middle of the street where vehicles must turn to the left or the right, signage, along with advanced signage and pavement markings may be warranted along Washington Avenue to help reduce the occurrence of vehicles running into or over the 8" high curb.

REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION OR DISCUSSION

2021 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project – Sherman Ave., LaFayette Ave. & 7th St.

- a) Consideration to reject the bid from Tresco Paving Corp. due to conditions stipulated within the bid which are not permitted by the bid specifications.
- b) Consideration to award this project to the confirmed low bidder A. Folino Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$106,024.75. (CDBG funding allocation: \$107,060).

2021 Casino Theater and Library Building Improvement Project

- a) Consideration to award Bid 1 Option A - Flat Roofs Black EDPM to the low, and only bidder Fuller Home Building, Inc. of Meadville, PA in the amount of \$69,411.00.
- b) Consideration to award Bid 2 Option A - Shingled Roofs to the low, and only bidder Fuller Home Building, Inc. of Meadville, PA in the amount of \$36,537.00.

ATI Proposed Plant Upgrades Stormwater Management "No-Harm Evaluation" Application 2021-02

Consideration to approve the ATI Plant Upgrade Stormwater Management "No-Harm Evaluation" Plan contingent upon payment of fee.

MAWC Proposed Emerson Street Pressure Reducing Vault "No-Harm Evaluation" Application 2021-03

Consideration to approve the MAWC Emerson Street Pressure Reducing Vault Stormwater Management "No-Harm Evaluation" Plan (fee paid).

ATI Proposed Plant Upgrades Site Development Plan

Consideration to approve the ATI Plant Upgrade Site Development Plan in accordance with the conditions established by the Planning Commission and per the Resolution prepared by the Solicitor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucien Bove, P.E.

2022 - CDBG STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Street Name - From Street to Street

Pennsylvania Ave – LaBell Vue to Delaware Ave.

Pennsylvania Ave - Delaware to North end of Indiana Ave.

Pennsylvania Ave - Near Virginia Ave. to Sharp Bend

13th Street - 13th St. to Washington Ave. & 13th St. to 13th St.

13th Street - Custer Ave. to 13th St. & 13th to Wash. Ave.

11th Street - Sumner Ave. to 3rd St.

11th Street - Columbia Ave. to 5th St.

5th Street - Sherman Ave. to 11th St.

28th Street - 28th St. to Lowell St.

29th Street - Howell St. to Irving St.

Bryant Street - Wallace to Cooper

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

- Rejeat Tresco Bid
- CD Bid To Folino Award
- Bid For Casino + Liberty Roof
- A.T.I. STORM WATER
- PRESSURE VAULT MAWE
- SITE PLAN FOR A.T.I.

OCT, 4, 2021

3. In regards to the 2021 Casino Theater & Library Building Project, Engineer Bove recommended awarding Bid 1 Option-A-Flat Roofs Black to Fuller Home Building, the low and only bidder in the amount of \$69,411.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the aforementioned recommendation. Motion carried with Mrs. McClarnon opposing and Mrs. Wilson abstaining

A motion was made lby Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Holmes, to award Bid 2 Option A-Shingled Roof to Fuller Home Building, the low and only bidder in the amount of \$36,537.00. Motion carried with Mrs. McClarno opposing and Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

4. ATI Proposed Pland Upgrade Stormwater Mangement-"No Harm Evaluation" Application, is recommended for approval by Engineer Bove.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the ATI Plant Upgrade Stormwater Management "No Harm Evaluaion' Plan contingent upon payment of required fees. Motion carried.

5. Engineer Bove recommended that approval of the MAWC Proposed Emerson Street Pressure Reducing Valult "No Harm Evaluation" application contingent upon payment of fees.

A motion was made Mr. Uskuaritis, second by Mr. Holmes, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

6. In regards to ATI Proposed Plant Upgrate Site Development Plan, Engineer Bove stated that this matter was presented and approved by the Vandergrift Planning Commission.

Solicitor Generelli presented and read a letter from Patricia Sciallo, Chairwoman of the Vandergrift Planning Commission stating the approval of ATI Site Plan. (See page 5-A)

Solicitor Generelli presented for adoption Resolution No. 4-2021, whereby the Vandergrift Council accepts the recommendations of the Vandergrift Planning Commission regarding the aforementioned matter. (See page 5-B & C)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to adopt Resolution No. 4-2021. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to accept the Engineer's Report. Motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

**PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT**
*109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690
Patricia Sciallo, Chairwoman*

October 4, 2021

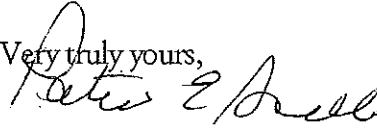
Council of the Borough of Vandergrift
Borough of Vandergrift
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

IN RE: ATI PLANT UPGRADES

Dear Mrs. Chvala and Members of Council:

The Planning Commission of the Borough of Vandergrift met on September 13, 2021 to hear a request from Allegheny Technologies Incorporated. The meeting was to conduct a plan review. The plan was approved by the Planning Commission contingent upon the following:

1. Vandergrift Borough Stormwater Management Plan exemption approval.
2. Westmoreland Conservation District E&S Plan approval.
3. Westmoreland Conservation District Stormwater Management approval.
4. Payment of all required fees including but not limited to, site-plan and Stormwater Management Plan Application, review, inspection, and application for building permit fees.

Very truly yours,


PATRICIA SCIULLO
Chairwoman

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
RESOLUTION 4 OF 2021**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 REGARDING ATI PLANT UPGRADES

THIS RESOLUTION, made an entered into as the first date written below, sets forth as follows:

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the Borough of Vandergrift met on September 13, 2021 for the purpose of a site plan development review of the ATI Plant upgrades for the property located along Lincoln Avenue and State Route 0056-Custer Avenue in the Borough of Vandergrift; and,

WHEREAS, the building/structures consist of a Specialty Steel Manufacturing Plant and the review considered proposed plant improvements including a 215 foot tall annealing tower and other plant upgrades to accommodate the new Bright Anneal Line;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby **RESOLVE** as follows:

That the Borough of Vandergrift accepts the recommendation of the Planning Commission of the Borough of Vandergrift and approves the plan review, subject to the following:

1. Vandergrift Borough Stormwater Management Plan exemption approval.
2. Westmoreland Conservation District ENS Plan approval.
3. Westmoreland Conservation District Stormwater Management approval.
4. Payment of all required fees, including but not limited to, site-plan and Stormwater Management Plan Application, review, inspection, and application for building permit fees.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, this 4th day of October, 2021.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT:

Kathleen Chvala
KATHLEEN CHVALA, Council President

ATTEST:

Stephen J. DelleDonne (SEAL)
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE, Secretary

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Holmes reported that he, a member of the police, and the Borough Engineer reviewed the site at the top of Washington Avenue where there is an interest to place a park bench on the traffic island. He concluded in reporting the this site is not safe and it is the recommendation of Police & Public Safety Committee to not place a park bench at this site.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to accept the recommendation of the Police & Public Safety Committee regarding the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

Chief Caporali reported the following activity of the Vandergrift Police Department for the month of September.

1. Received 368 calls.
2. Issued 24 traffic citations.
3. Issued 2 non traffic citations.
4. 11 criminal arrests.
5. Issued 13 illegal parking violatios.

Mr. Holmes requested stated that he would like to have an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

At 7:52, a motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Holmes, to call an executive session of Council for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion carried.

At 8:04, a motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mrs. Wilson, to return to the regular order of business and to state that no action was taken during the executive session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis ,to remove Michael McSherry as a part-time officer for the Vandergrift Police Department. Motion carried.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson reported that she and Mrs. Wilson met with Solicitor Generelli regarding a final draft of the Shade Tree Ordinance.

Solicitor Generelli stated that the shade tree ordinance will be discussed at the November meeting.

Mrs. Wilson stated that something needs to be done about the unsafe tree at 101 Hamilton Avenue.

A motion was made Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Uskuaritis, to have the the tree removed at 101 Hamilton Avenue. Motion carried with Mrs. McClarnon opposing.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. Wilson, to accept the Tree & Light Report. Motion carried.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Uskuraitis stated that pool heater matter was acted on prior to him becoming a member of Council. He stated that heater was paid from the Pool Fund and this action did not violate any state policy. He stated that an amount of approximately \$89,000 remains in the DCED Pool Grant and must be spend prior to July, 2022.

Mr. Uskuriatis stated that he would like to create an expense plan regarding major repairs to repair the pool leaks using the remainder of the DCED funds.

Mrs. McClarnon questioned who was responsible for the oversight in the purchase of pool heater.

Mr.Holmes stated that a mistake was made at conception of the grant application, of which did not provide the appropriate quotes required by DCED for reimbursement. He assured Council that there were be no oversights in the future.

Mr. Uskuriatis stated that the individuals responsible for the issue with the heater are no longer on Council. He stated that members of Council need to work together.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to accept the Recreation Report. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Generelli stated that there was a deliberation of items within the Chicken Ordinance as disussed with Mrs. McClarnon and Mrs. Wilson.

Mr. Holmes questioned how it can be legal to grandfather the ability to have a rooster in this ordinance. He also stated that this ordinance should not be overregulated nor be a political weapon.

President Chvala stated that she was concerned about the fines set forth in the ordinance.

Solicitor Generelli requested that members of Council reach out to her with suggested changes or additions to this ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Collini, to remove the part in which roosters are to be grandfather in the ordinance and eliminating fines. Motion carried with Mr. Collini opposing.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

At this Mrs. McClarnon addressed the following questions to committee chairperson regarding their monthly reports and how often each committee meets:

1. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Turiak stated that she is not part of a standing committee. She stated that many matters regarding the police department are confidential. She stated that the Chief provides an activity report under the Police & Public Safety Report.

2. Secretary's Report:

The Secretary stated that the wages for the pool manager and assistant manager were requested by the Recreation Committee and placed in the 2021 budget and approved by Council.

In regards to a monthly report, the Secretary stated that each member of Council is given a report at each monthly meeting.

3. Street & Sanitation Report:

Chairperson Wilson stated that her committee meets several times a month to discuss weekly work schedules, holding safety meetings and other matters that may arise.

In regards to who sat on the last round of job interview for the Street Department, Mrs. Wilson stated that the Committee interviews each applicant, reaches a decision and the brings their recommendation to Council for approval.

Buildings and Grounds

1 – Since Lenny Collini has been chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, he has not had any Committee Meetings. It is not a requirement to meet with committee members and he prefers to govern by addressing the issues in front to the full council.

2 - When an issue arises with Buildings and Grounds, Lenny Collini gathers all the necessary information and presents it to the full council which he addressed in the previous question.

3 – Karen McClarnon has received correspondence via email. Once again, I prefer to address the full council.

4 – Karen McClarnon needs to clarify her question. If this question is in regard to the Casino Building and the repairs needed, it was suggested by Lenny Collini that Mr. Bove would contact Karen McClarnon to show her the damages to the building and what repairs are needed due to the fact he is the most familiar with what repairs are needed.

5 - The funds for the Casino Theatre renovations/upgrades were addressed and discussed at the September meeting. The full council had the opportunity at that time discuss and vote on the use of the funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

6 – The bids were opened and read aloud regarding the Casino Theatre & Library Building Improvement Project at the September council meeting. It was voted on by council to award Bid 3: Area 1 & 2 to Raimondo Masonry, which was the lowest bidder. It would be subject to review and approval from the Borough Engineer, Mr. Bove, and the funding would come from funds from the American Rescue Act of 2021. At this time, Lenny Collini does not think a meeting of the committee will be necessary. Once again, Lenny Collini will bring any new information about this restoration to the full councils attention if necessary in the future.

4. Budget & Finance Report:

Chairperson Maszgay was not in attendance at the meeting.

5. Police & Public Safety Report:

Chairperson Holmes stated that the Committee meets as needed. As to the replacement of a new Chief of Police, Mr. Holmes stated that he has not received any official notice as to Chief Caporali's plan to retire.

In regards to bench at the top of Washington Ave., Mr. Holmes stated that this matter was discussed under his Police & Public Safety Report.

In regards complaints from residents & Representative Silvis regarding noise and other distractions at the motorcycle shop on Sherman Avenue, Chief Caporali responded that he has not received any complaints

Mrs. Clarnon questioned if anyone has talked to the neighbors in the area of the motorcycle shop.

Chief Caporali stated that he spoke to the residents that live next door to the motorcycle Shop, of whom, stated that they hear noises from time to time and commotions out in the Alley, but said occurrences happen after the motorcycle shop closes. He also stated they look to make sure no one is breaking in the shop.

Chief Caporali stated that he spoke to a resident on Lafayette Avenue, whose backyard is across from the motorcycle shop, who stated that he hears motorcycles running up and down Lafayette Avenue and the alley. He stated that resident indicated that these bikes are not coming from the motorcycle shop, but at after hours.

6. Building & Grounds Report:

The Secretary read a statement from Chairperson Collini. (See page 9-A)

7. General Government Report:

President Chvala stated that her committee meets as needed.

Mrs. McClarnon questioned Mrs. Chvala why she mentioned gaveling her at the September meeting and that she was going to proceed with questions that was not on the agenda. President Chval stated that she did not mention gaveling Mrs. McClarnon and the only one mentioning gaveling was Mrs. McClarnon.

President Chvala mentioned that this was on a tape of the September meeting in the

Borough office.

Mrs. McClarnon then questioned President Chvala why she had it noticed, and President Chvala responded that she had no idea.

Mrs. McClarnon questioned who explained the contents of Senate Bill 554.

President Chvala stated that the contents of Senate Bill was provided by Solicitor Loperfito.

8. Recreation Report:

Chairperson Uskuaritis stated that he brings all matters related to the recreation matters to the floor of Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. McClarnon requested that Council consider having agenda meetings prior to the regular monthly meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.