

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: October 3, 2022

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm, with President Chvala presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marilee Kessler	Thomas Holmes
Christine Wilson	Jody Sarno
Kathleen Chvala	John Uskuraitis
Daisha Clayton	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Lenny Collini, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfito, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of September 6, 2022 minutes.

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

- 1.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Announcements.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- 1.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Issued 33 violation notices during the month of September.
2. Issued 2 citations.
3. Attended 1 hearing at magistrate's officer.
4. Met with Land Bank and looked at blighted properties to put a plan together.

COMMUNICATIOIS & CORRESPONDENCE

1. Denise Brzezinski-request for block party on Oregon Avenue & California.

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. A full-time employee, Seth VanHorn, resigned his position effective 9/27/22.
2. Request to advertise for a full-time & part-time laborers.
3. Boroughs workers will begin picking up leaves starting the 3rd week of October. Residents are to back the leaves and placed them at curb side for collection.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. See attached.

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

1. Monthly Budget Reports-Gen. Fund, Pool Fund and State Aid Fund.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

1. Handicap parking request-Donald Detar, 213 Lowell Street.
2. Handicap parking request-Hal Keller, 311 Elm Street.
3. Handicap parking request-Jarren Crosby, 315 Longfellow Street.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

1. Update from Buildings & Grounds Committee.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. See attached.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

- 1.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. See attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. See attached

NEW BUSINESS:

1. See attached.

COMMENTS –QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS:

ADJOURNMENT:

RE: Engineer agenda items

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

My requested agenda items for the October 3rd Council meeting are as follows:

1. 2022 Street Paving & Patching Project – Discuss Rick Skovensky correspondence regarding the Liquid Fuels Funds.
2. DCED Local Share Account Category 4 Facilities Grant Application Submitted – Corrected Grant amount requested \$595,900.
3. 2023 CDBG Grant Application Submitted – Income surveys needed (see forms and maps provided for the surveys).
4. ATI Proposed New Fire Water Tank – ZHB Hearing for Height Variance to be scheduled.
5. Items duly added to the agenda during the meeting
6. Emergencies or other items as allowed by Act 65 of 2021

If anyone has any questions, please let me know asap. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Agenda items for October 2022 borough council meeting

To Vgborosec <vgborosec@comcast.net>

TREE COMMITTEE REPORT

final trimming/cutting to be completed by end of October, trying to conserve remaining budget as much as possible
bids requested for up to 5 stumps that must be ground out
new trees will be planted in November

I attended the all day Tree Tender class in New Kensington, presented by the TreeVitalize arborists. Received informative booklets and contact information from this organization which will help our community.

Potential grant application through TreeVitalize is tabled pending the receipt of advice regarding tree inventory.

OLD BUSINESS: VIP/Lisa Dormire's request for the 2023 Artfest was received and favorably discussed, however a formal vote was not taken. Request that formal approval be given in October.

New Business:

See attached forwarded email received by me yesterday from Laura Hawkins. This was proposed to council in 2018 or 2019 by Ms. Hawkins at a council meeting, and I believe there was to be a determination of whether this would be approved for the location by PennDot. I am unsure of what was decided after that meeting, as I was not a council member..but Ms. Hawkins is again requesting a determination about this monument and reached out to me to ask the best course of action to get this on our agenda quickly. I advised her that our next council meeting will be this coming Monday and she requested that she be put on the agenda, and plans to attend. Please see the email attachment from her.

Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority/Land Bank upcoming seminar...followup to this Spring's Fight Blight Bootcamp. Held at Westmoreland County Community College. October 14. Fee is \$20. Registration is online. See flyer to be distributed at beginning of council meeting.

ALLE-KISKI INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL meeting of September was attended by me and by Daisha Clayton. Meeting was facilitated by the Westmoreland County Planning Commission. This was a planning meeting and it was determined that the main topic of interest was that of code and ordinance enforcement. The ordinance officers of the member communities will be invited to an upcoming meeting in the near future.

VANDERGRIFT LIBRARY: At the September meeting of the library board of directors, the new library director, Sarah Buzzard, was introduced. I was asked to bring the list of library planned activities to this meeting in Ms. Buzzard's absence. She expressed interest in attending the November meeting to introduce herself and share her plans for the library, and would like to attend the monthly Council meetings whenever possible to bring library news to the community.

ATI/United Way Day of Caring: Flyers that contained updated information regarding the garbage removal ordinance were printed and distributed by 8 volunteers from ATI. All streets in the borough were to be covered. This is an annual service event that ATI would like to continue in the communities where their facilities are located, through a nonprofit organization or for the community at large. Since we had this need to disperse the information to residents, the opportunity to have this help was received at the perfect time. A personal thank you message was sent by me, and I'd like to ask that a thank you letter from the borough also be sent.

SOLICITOR'S AGENDA

October 3, 2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION

REGULAR MEETING

1. 122 Franklin; 1013 Poe and 411 Linden.
2. 1015 Poe nuisance.
3. Davis Field lease – final approval.