

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: March 7, 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. February 7, 2022

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

OPENING OF BIDS:

1. None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Update on blight.
2. Other acknowledgements.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. No Report

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Issued 1 citation

2. Attended 2 magistrate hearings.
3. Attended hearing in Greensburg.
4. Demolition complete at 3371/2 & 326 Longfellow St. by County.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. No. 1 & No. @ Fire Departments-Requesting \$23,145.00 from next American Rescue Allocation to be used as matching grant to purchase radio equipment.
2. Chloe Kruse-requesting use of Franklin Playground for certain activities.
3. Robert Buchanan, president of VBA- sponsoring events in town.
4. Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Dept.-Annual carnival event June 7th thru June 11th.
5. Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Dept.-Memorial Day Parade.

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Report on the hiring of a part-time employee – Jade Bothell.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. See attached.

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

1. Monthly budget report.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

1. Handicap parking request for Cathy West, 104-B West Adams.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

1. No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. See attached.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. Vandergrift Civil Service Commission-List of "Eligibility List for Position of Patrolmen.

RECREATION REPORT:

- 1.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. See attached.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Hope to have parking baskets installed by end of April. Also, to dig footer for the Stainless Letter "V" installed at Olmsted Commons and Mun.Bldg.
2. ARPA funding for blighted property in town.
3. Request for Lions Club to use Kennedy Park for Car Show on July 31.
4. One Community, Many Generations-Planning events and improvements for all age ranges.
5. Blight Boot Camp, April 22nd.
6. Giant Eagle Mobile Market.
7. Alle-Kiski Intergovernmental Council.
8. Service that provides Alzheimer Support.

COMMENTS –QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS:

ADJOURNMENT:

boveengineering@comcast.net

2/28/2022 7:02 PM

RE: March Meeting

To vgborosec@comcast.net Copy dboveengineering@comcast.net

Hello Steve,

I would like to add the highlighted item below to my request for agenda items. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lucien Bove, PE
Bove Engineering Company
8201 Route 819
Greensburg, PA 15601
(724) 925-9269

From: boveengineering@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, February 25, 2022 8:17 PM
To: vgborosec@comcast.net
Cc: Laura Rowe, dboveengineering@comcast.net <dboveengineering@comcast.net>
Subject: March Meeting

Hello Stephen and Theresa,

I am requesting the following items be placed upon the agenda for the upcoming Council meeting:

- Engineer's Report
- All matters relating to Engineering and/or deferred to the Engineer
- 2022 CDBG Program – Open Bids at April meeting
- Resolution to Apply for DCED Local Share Account Statewide Grant Application for Ventrak 4520 Tractor
- Resolution to Apply for DCED Local Share Account Statewide Grant Application for 9th Street Retaining Wall and Resurfacing of Various Streets
- Resolution to Apply for DCED Local Share Account Statewide Grant Application for Public Works, Police, Fire and EMS Radio System
- Letter & Information to DCED requesting Extension of Time for Pool Grant
- 229 Whittier Driveway Permit
- Olmsted Commons – Second request for Volunteer Committee Meetings

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SOLICITOR'S AGENDA

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1. Update on 906 Holland Street
2. Resolution 3 of 2022 (Fees for Signs)

March 2022

Tree/Lights Committee Report—With winter weather, there is not much activity with trees.

- 1- A list of tree companies that have been used or recommended in the past is being put together. . All of these companies will be asked to verify whether they are insured and to what level, and whether an arborist is part of the company for jobs that will require one. A list of trees that are potentially slated for removal is being developed, and these will be verified by the arborists with the tree committee as to whether they are dangerous.
- 2- Notified of branches that are falling from some of the large sycamore trees on Washington Ave. Once the trees are in bud, probably mid April, committee will take a day to look at all the trees on this street identify those with dead limbs. Planning to have qualified and insured companies assess the trees and submit bids to remove the dead branches to avoid damage to vehicles and property. Another street that will be looked at in early spring is Farragut, where some large branches are coming down.
- 3- The volunteer tree committee (including 2 arborists) has agreed to help share their expertise when questions or issues arise.
- 4- The sycamore trees at the site of Olmsted Commons are noted in the grant requirement as needing to have soil sampling done and the soil evaluated and treated as necessary. This can be done at no cost by Penn State Extension, and Dr. Brian Wolyniak has offered to work with our tree committee arborist, Jesse Saensky, to accomplish this. Borough engineer is coordinating the project.
- 5- The tree committee would like to coordinate an event open to any resident who would like to learn about the trees of our community. June would be a good month to do this. A very short description of this follows

Join an Extension Urban Forester for an **Urban Tree Walk** to learn about trees in your community. We will discuss tree identification along with considerations for growing and caring for trees in the built environment and the benefits they provide our communities. Arborist Jesse Saensky has expressed interest in joining this event at the Columbia Ave site where silva cells are located for the trees in the sidewalks and to explain their value for the health of trees and for control of stormwater.

LIGHTS:

3 lights reported to West Penn.

Residents are asked to send the location of burned out streetlights to our committee or to the code officer, who will pass on the information. We would like to do an inventory of any non working street lights this spring.

Items for New Business March 2022

1. Hope to have parking meter baskets installed by the end of April. Also dig the footer for the Stainless letter "V" installations at Olmsted Commons and Borough Building.
2. ARPA funding: Email received from Brian Lawrence of Redevelopment Authority/Land Bank explaining the availability of funding for specific eligible areas. The virtual meeting he requested was held, attended by Mr. Lawrence, Mayor Collini, Code Enforcement Officer Young, Councilwoman Kessler, and Solicitor Loperfito. Map of the eligible census tract was provided, along with an application to help make the required inventory of buildings in this area easy to do. After blighted buildings are identified, another virtual meeting will be held. Copy of email and map attached.
3. Request for Lions Club to use Kennedy Park for Car Show on July 31
4. One Community, Many Generations, a 13 week webinar hopes to help community leaders from various ages and organizations at be aware of the possibility of planning events and improvements that will benefit all age ranges. The materials attached are not requesting an approval action from council, but are to make all members aware and potentially participate, as residents, in an upcoming community survey and event.
5. Blight Boot Camp, April 22, presented by the Redevelopment Authority of Westmoreland County, is open to all borough officials and other related community leaders. Flyer attached.



We Serve

Vandergrift Lions Club

Robert Yaszak, Secretary
180 Zdina St
West Leechburg, PA 15656

Vandergrift Borough Council
100 Grant Ave
Vandergrift, PA 15690

2/24/22

Dear Council,

The membership of the Vandergrift Lions Club met recently to set up this years Annual Lions Car Cruise. It is currently scheduled to be held on Sunday July 31, 2022 from 8:00AM-4:00PM in Kennedy Park utilizing our pavilion. We are requesting permission for the use of Kennedy Park for that date. The DJ would not start until 10-11am.

The Cruise will benefit local charities in the area such as the food bank at the Presbyterian church and the Marine Corp League Det 1416 that feeds needy Vets during the holidays. As in past years the insurance required will be covered by our club and Lions International. A copy of the insurance form is attached. We will also see that the grounds are kept in good order and cleaned up upon completion of the day.

Thank You

Robert Yaszak
Club Secretary/ Car cruise Chairman

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tomholmes@vandergriftborough.com

3/2/2022 10:41 AM

Fwd: Vandergrift Alzheimer Support

To theresageltz@vandergriftborough.com

Theresa,

Should this go on the Agenda?

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Vandergrift Alzheimer Support

Date:2022-02-22 22:30

From:Mia Thompson <mia@alzheimersupport.com>

To:tomholmes@vandergriftborough.com

Dear Mr. Holmes,

My name is Mia and I am contacting you on behalf of Alzheimer Support (<https://www.alzheimersupport.com/memory-care/pennsylvania/>). Alzheimer Support is a free service that assists Vandergrift families who have loved ones with Alzheimer's disease or dementia. Through our free search tool and database of Alzheimer's care facilities, families in need of care for their loved ones can locate licensed care homes and communities in the Vandergrift area that are best equipped to provide care for their loved ones. I was wondering, would it be possible for you to let your residents know about Alzheimer Support via your website at <https://www.vandergriftborough.com>?

I would really appreciate it if you could do that. Thank you very much in advance. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
Mia

AlzheimerSupport.com

Your caregiving journey will be made easier