

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 2, 2022

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the April 4, 2022 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Mary Deldoss, 324 Sycamore Street, complained about the number of rabbits in the neighborhood. She also commented on the vacant house at 322 Sycamore Street that needs a lot of attention

Mr. Holmes stated that he would have the Code Officer look into these matters.

Nick Morgan, 328 Sycamore Street, stated that he will be doing the barbecue event on Grant Avenue on July 3rd.

Karen Cramer, 910 Holland Street, stated that her group is two weeks away from the Gathering on Grant, which will include vendors, food trucks, music and an informational booth.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No Report

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Secretary stated that during the month of April, the Code Officer issued 30 violation notices, 1 citation and attended 2 hearings.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Ms. Clayton, to accept the Code Officer's Report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented and read the following correspondence:

Exhibit 1-A: Darla Held of Tina Cause.

Subject: Request to have 3 to 4 parking spaces in front of her business at 131 Columbia Avenue for the purpose of hostin a Mobile Cat Clinic.

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

Exhibit 2-A: Natalie Jaworsky, Market Manager.

Subject: Request permission to use lower portion of Columbia Parking Lot and Teple Park for the Farmers' Market.

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



11April2022

Dear Council,

TinyCause is requesting permission to utilize approximately 3 or 4 parking spaces in front of Tiny's Fur Family Shop at 131 Columbia Avenue on Wednesday, May 25th, 2022, from 7am until 5pm. We are hoping to host a Mobile Cat Clinic with Animal Friends to provide high low cost spay/neuter services to help eliminate pet overpopulation in our area. Their mobile resource center is 34' in length, 12' high and weighs approximately 23,000 pounds and they need to park on a level, paved surface. We will provide the needed recovery space at Tiny's Fur Family Shop therefore it needs to be parked as close to the shop as possible. We hosted them previously on 5/31/2019 with zero issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darla Held". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Darla Held

(President)

TinyCause is a 501c3 tax exempt organization.

Our tax ID # is 81-3738847

<https://www.facebook.com/OurTinyCause/>

Exhibit 2-A



Vandergrift Farmers' Market
PO Box 77
Vandergrift, PA 15690
724-422-3883



April 20, 2022

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 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday beginning June 2nd and ending October 13th, 2021.

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

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natalie Jaworskyj". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Natalie Jaworskyj
Market Manager
724-422-3883

Exhibit 3-A: Lillie McClary, Freedom Contracting & Excavating.

Subject: Requesting permission to cut the high curb at 1001 Howell Street.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Sarno, to direct the Engineer to look into this matter. Motion carried.

Exhibit 4-A: John Peterman, Director of Athletics at Kiski Area High School.

Subject: Notice that the Cavalier baseball will not be using the field at Project 70
And will be using the field at Northmoreland Park.

Exhibit 5-A: Stephanie Crooks, owner of property at 411 Jackson Avenue.

Subject: Requesting permission to add an addition parking space behing her property.

President Chvala referred this matter to the Engineer.

Exhibit 6-A: Kyle Harris, President Kiski Valley Lancers.

Subject: Request of Kennedy Park for their football practices and the use of Davis Field.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Sarno, to approve the request to use Kennedy Park for their football practices. Motion carried.

In regards to Davis Field, this matter was referred to the General Government Committee, to meet with Solicitor for the purpose of preparing a lease agreement (s) for the use of the field.

REGUAR AND STATED BILLS:

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

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson informed Council that Robert Sturges, an employee on the Street & Sanitation Department, has resigned.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Holmes, to accept Robert Sturges's resignation. Motion carried

04-19-2022

My name is Lillie McClary, I work for Freedom Contracting and Excavating LLC and I have a customer who lives at 1001 Howell St. Vandergrift, PA 15690. His name is Philip Beattie and he is requesting permission for us to cut down a very tall curb in front of his sidewalk to make it handicap/wheelchair accessible to safely transport his mother in law to and from his ~~residence~~ residence. We are looking to just cut and remove a piece of the curb that blocks his sidewalk to the front entrance of his residence. Please feel free to reach out with any further questions or concerns. My number is 724-681-5000 and customer name is Philip Beattie, phone number is 724-~~205~~ 205-1661.

Thank you,

Lillie McClary



KISKI AREA HIGH SCHOOL

John Peterman ~ Athletic Director

Exhibit 4-A

March 30, 2022

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 baseball, and would like to thank you for the use of facilities at Project 70 throughout the years. This year we have decided to use Northmoreland Park as our home field for our 7th and 8th grade Boys Baseball team.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Peterman', written over a white background.

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

April 2, 2022

Vandergrift Borough
109 Grant Ave.
Vandergrift PA 15690


To Whom It May Concern,

I own the property located at 411 Jackson Ave. and would like to propose adding a parking spot behind my property. This property has a double lot. A section of my lot was sold off to the neighbor prior to me purchasing this home. He used the land to build up to street level and build a parking spot. I would like to add the same exact style parking spot beside this existing spot, but on my land.

The parking spot would be located directly behind my house. I would like to put this spot here for my tenants who are having a hard time finding parking on Jackson Ave in front of the residence.

Sincerely yours,

Stephanie Crooks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Crooks', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

132 Poplar Ridge Road

Pittsburgh PA 15235

724-351-2817

Exhibit G-A

Bigzal <bigzal@yahoo.com>

4/9/2022 9:39 PM

KVL @ Davis

To vgborosec@comcast.net <vgborosec@comcast.net>

Good Evening Mr DelleDonne, This Is Kyle Harris From The Kiski Valley Lancers. I Was Wondering & Hoping That We, KVL Still Had Usage Of Davis Field. We Hreatly Appreciate The Boro, & Hope That We Can Still Use The Field. We Also Would Like Permission To Continue The Use Kennedy Park As Our Practice Field. My Phone Number Is 724-980-7124 If Anyone Should Need To Get Ahold Of Me.

Thank You,
Kyle Harris
President Of KVL

Mrs. Wilson reported that the Borough Crew has rebuilt a catch basin on First Street.

Mrs. Wilson addressed the water run-off problem on 37th Street. She stated that the Engineer recommends the installation of a catch basin to address the run-off problem. She stated that this work can be done in-house, but will require the rental of excavation machine.

Mrs. Wilson reported that the 15" drainage line on Alabama Avenue has collapsed. She stated the Engineer is recommending installing a new line to be run along the road to the hillside. She stated that this work can not be done in-house.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to direct the Engineer to prepare the necessary specification and to advertise for bids for said work. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

Mrs. Wilson reported tht the old brick man-hole on Washington Avenue has been repaired in-house.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the amount of garbage has been overwhelming, especially people setting out upholstered furniture and mattresses for collection. She stated that these materials can cause damage to the refuse trucks, and because of the weight can cause physical harm to the workers.

Mr. Clayton recommended that a fee be charged for the collection of these materials.

Mr. Holmes recommended that Council amend the ordinance to stated that the Borough will no longer collect and dispose any upholstered furniture and mattresses, and that removal of these items will be the responsibility of tenant/landlord.

A motion was made Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Ms. Clayton, to amend the Refuse Collection & Disposal Ordinance to state that the Borough will no longer collect and dispose of upholstered furniture and mattresses. Motion carried.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove informed Council that he has performed a weight limit study on Arizona Avenue, of which he recommends a 5 ton weight limit. (See page 4-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to post a 5 ton weight limit on Arizona Avenue. Motion carried.

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Vandergrift Borough Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

May 2, 2022

Attn: Stephen J. DelleDonne, Secretary

Ref: Arizona Avenue Weight Limit Engineering Study

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached please find our Engineering Study for the determination of the recommended weight restriction for Arizona Avenue. Also attached is a Location Map, Photos, the Weight Limit Ordinance, Sign Standards and Sign Placement. The Engineering Study will be a key component in the enforcement of any weight restriction. Posting Arizona Avenue is needed in order to protect the street from damage. This street may immediately be posted with the R5-2 "No Trucks" sign since: it is not listed in the Established Truck Routes Section 470-14; it is too narrow; it is a dead-end street with no turn around; and, it is not built for trucks. The street is more like an alley. It has a 20' wide right-of-way and a pavement width of approximately 12 feet. All abutting properties have frontage on other streets; however, this street is the only access to 108 and 112 Arizona Avenue due to the steep slope along Pennsylvania Avenue.

In order to enforce this weight restriction, the Weight Limit Ordinance must be amended to include this street (under section 470-69A) as shown below, and the street must be posted in accordance with PennDOT "Posting & Bonding Procedures for Municipal Highways", Publication 221. Only one R12-1 sign with the appropriate limit is needed, placed not more than 25 feet away from Pennsylvania Avenue where it is clearly visible from all vehicles about to enter the street.

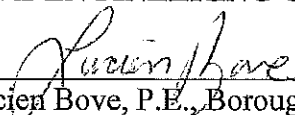
<u>Street</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>Maximum Gross Weight</u>
Arizona Avenue	Entire Length of Street	5 Tons

Semi-tractors and other trucks are likely to damage the street. Therefore, the Borough shall notify the vehicle owner as per 470-69.B. A resident using this street in order to park a semi-tractor on their property could meet the definition of local traffic. However, since it has been determined that this use is likely to damage the road, I believe the Ordinance reserves the right for the Borough to require a permit and bond in accordance with Section 470-72.

Council should consider weight limitations on other roads throughout the Borough wherever damage is likely to occur due to overweight vehicles. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY



Lucien Bove, P.E., Borough Engineer

LMB/lar

Attachments: Ordinance, Signs, Study and Location Map

copy: Geary, Loperfito & Generelli, LLC, Attn: Attorney Larry Loperfito, Borough Solicitor

2015-505:VANDERGRIFT 2022/Weight Limit Studies - Arizona Avenue

Ms. Clayton questioned if there was any update regarding the burnt house at 906 Holland Street.

Engineer Bove stated that he has not heard from the County regarding this matter to date.

Engineer Bove stated that there is a tree problem that is leaning on to the property at 1025 Poe Street, which falls within the Borough's right-a-way.

President Chvala recommended that Mr. Jerry Stancik, an arborist, to look into this tree problem.

Engineer Bove provide a report regarding work performed during the month of April. (See page 5-A & 5-B)

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

Chairperson Clayton stated that copies of the General Fund, Pool Fund, and the State Aid Fund were distributed to members of Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Sarno, to accept the Budget & Finance Report. Motion carried.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Holmes informed Council that Steve Potoka has resigned his position as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to accept Mr. Potoka's resignation. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Kessler, to appoint Chris Hannigan as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried.

Mr. Holmes stated that Robert Fusillo, 501 Linden Street, has applied for a Persons with Disability Parking Place and that Mr. Fusillo does meet the criteria set forth in the ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Ms. Clayton, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

Mr. Holmes stated that Christine Troilo, 228 Emerson Steet, has applied for a Persons with Disability Parking Place and that Ms. Troilo does meet the criteria set forth in the ordinance.

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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Vandergrift Borough Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

April 30, 2022

Attention: Stephen J. DelleDonne, Borough Secretary
Reference: Engineer's Report for May 2, 2022 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

We're still keeping an eye on Sherman at 7th Street regarding the water issue which strangely goes away and returns. The Borough has a 2-year maintenance bond. We'll let Folino know about it.

2021 Casino Theater and Library Building Improvement Project

Roofing Replacement

Fuller Roofing is still awaiting the availability of certain materials and tentatively scheduled to start as soon as materials are available and as weather permits. Contract amount for roofing work Bids 1A and 2A is \$105,948.

Please note that the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) reporting requirements including the Login.gov and Treasury.gov setup, submittal of NEU Agreements & Supporting Documents as well as the Initial Project and Expenditure Reports were completed and submitted to the Treasury Dept. as of April 25th (due date April 30, 2022). As allowed by the Final Rule, we used the standard allowance (the full amount of the award) to determine the revenue lost. The project report also includes payments for the 2020 Ford Explorer Police Cruiser, to be spent from this fund. Council should consider formal action to allocate the above uses of the fund, if it has not already done so.

2022 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project

The Bid was awarded, we requested and received approval for the additional funds from the County, the agreements were prepared and sent to the contractor for signatures which have been received along with required bonds and insurance certificates and are awaiting execution by the Borough. A preconstruction meeting is being scheduled with the County, Contractor and the Borough at the Borough office as soon as possible hopefully within the next 2 weeks. Note that this project was specifically approved for early 2022 funding.

Project 70 Timber Harvest

We worked with the Forester on the advertising requirements for the Timber Sale Bids which are to be opened at this meeting. Forester, Dave O'Barto will attend. See agenda items.

Driveway Permits No permits issued in April – 1 response to request for driveway requirements at 411 Franklin.

Olmsted Commons

We look forward to meeting with the organizations that are interested in, and/or have made or committed financial contributions and commitments toward the Volunteer Efforts in order for this project to move forward.

Joseph A. Petrarca Memorial Swimming Pool Rejuvenation Project - DCED Grant

We assisted with/observed part of the leak detection work done April 13th. No large leaks were detected. The pipe between the 2 main drains is one solid piece with no joints or seams. They believe the sump pits (under the drains) may be leaking and that there may be multiple small leaks in the return lines which require a more sensitive type of testing equipment to locate. We will inquire as to the status and the schedule for the follow-up leak detection work.

Street Excavation Permits (Several repair permits issued for water and gas leaks)

Columbia Avenue Street-Tree, Pervious Sidewalk and Parking Lot Rain Garden Project

A utility meeting was held April 20th on 4th Street. We need to do another (a third) one-call to get the water and gas lines marked. It appears there may be space available between the water and gas which will require crossing the Verizon conduits twice, the water main once or twice and all the service lines. Victor Capretto will assist in locating the underground electric lines which are owned by the Borough. Once we confirm utility locations and approximate depths, a plan and profile can be made to see if the alignment is feasible. The WCD is awaiting PennDOT approval of the proposed budget. We also need to verify that there is no sanitary sewer in 4th Street. We may need to check with the 4 home owners to see confirm that their sewers flow to the Columbia sewer.

906 Holland Street – No update.

Abandoned and/or Unsafe Buildings

Demolitions Approved for 2022 County Demolition Funding

109 Washington Avenue - Former Twin County Lodge Home Association

111 Washington Avenue – Former Brock Automotive

Notice of Unsafe Structural Conditions

117½ (Rear) Longfellow Street – The 1st certified mail 30 days notice sent to the Osceola Mills address was returned with a possible forwarding address in Leechburg. As of 4-28-2022, we've received no response to the 2nd certified mail 30 days notice sent April 8th, nor has any action been taken on this property. Further actions may be required to notify the owner before enforcement actions can be taken. We recommend seeking the solicitor's advice on how to proceed with enforcement actions for this property.

122 Franklin Avenue – The certified mail 30 days notice was received April 4th. Bryan also served the notice personally, accompanied by Vandergrift Police. Soon after, we received a call from the owner stating that the immediate items will be addressed and that the necessary repairs will be made. As of 4-28-2022, no actions have been taken on this property. If by May 4th no action is taken by the owner to remedy the violations, we recommend that enforcement actions be taken.

Sewer Issues

37th Street Drainage and Heave issue

Drainage swales are needed to direct water to the existing double catch basin. Note that the catch basin needs to be checked after every rain event and cleaned as needed. A catch basin is recommended at the end of the street pavement with an asphalt apron to make sure the water doesn't bypass the basin and some minor swale grading is required to direct the water to the basin. Grass restoration will also be required. The basin can be connected to or built around the nearby 24" storm sewer. Note that some of the swale and grading work will be on private property and permission from the owners (Burke and Tvrdovski) will be needed.

Alabama Avenue Collapsed Storm Sewer

We field viewed the area of the collapsed storm sewer through private property off of Alabama Avenue and discussed options. Preliminary internal camera work shows that the pipe is crushed at a location on the steep slope approximately 15 feet deep. The pipe needs to be repaired as soon as practical sometime this spring or summer at the latest (before fall/winter). The pipe may need to be relocated and the new outlet location will need to be lined and stabilized to safely carry the water to Pine Run. Alternate options should be explored to keep the cost to a minimum.

Proposed Sewer Connection - Homes in Allegheny Township along LaBelle Vue Road – No update.

REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION OR DISCUSSION

Timber Sale Bid Opening

Open bids and if favorable, authorization to award the bid to the highest bidder contingent upon the Forester's review.

Arizona Avenue Weight Limit Engineering Study

This street may immediately be posted for "No Trucks" since it is not a designated truck route, it has a very narrow width, it is a dead-end street with no turn-around and it is not constructed for trucks. The Engineering Study indicates that the maximum recommended weight limit is 5 tons (the minimum recommended weight limit is 3 tons). If Council wishes to impose and enforce a weight restriction on this street, the weight limit ordinance will need to be amended and the street will need to be physically posted in accordance with PennDOT Publication 221. Known users will also need to be notified in accordance with the ordinance.

Tree Complaint - Bryant Street Right-of-way (adjacent to 1025 Poe St.)

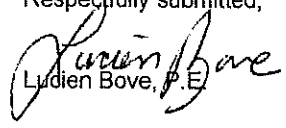
A field inspection of the complaint revealed that the base of the tree is fully within the unopened portion of the right-of-way. The homeowner feels that the tree is cracked and dangerous and reported that it sways significantly in the wind. There is a broken branch that is hanging. One section of the tree is leaning toward the property and exhibits a vertical stain streak. If the tree or leaning section falls, it could fall onto the property, the deck and possibly the dwelling. The homeowner has small children. I suggest that a tree expert or the Borough's arborist look at this tree and provide recommendations regarding actions that should be taken by the borough.

Bari Club ADA Ramp and Covered Patio

Authorization to make drawings for an ADA ramp and covered patio for the Bari Club located at 329 Sycamore Street with all costs borne by the Italian American Citizens Society. The plans will not be reviewed by our office and we will not invoice the Borough for any work associated with this project.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Lucien Bove, P.E.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Ms. Clayton, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

Mr. Holmes informed Council that Dalton Vanwhy has applied for the position of a part-time police officer with the Vandergrift Police Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuritis, to hire Dalton Vanwhy as an extra police officer on a part-time basis for the Borough of Vandergrift from time to time on an hourly or daily basis as needed, to be contingent upon Mr. Vanwhy passing the background checks. Motion carried.

Chief Caporali reported the following police activity for the month of April:

1. Responded to 267 911 calls.
2. Issued 21 traffice citations.
3. Issued 8 non-traffice citatios.
4. Eleven criminal arrests.
5. Issure 12 illegal parked cars tickets.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Chairperson Sarno reported that the work to the entrance of the Police Station will begin this month. He also stated that there is no water problem since the outside drain was opened.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Ms. Clayton, to accept the Building & Grounds Report. Motion carried.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Kessler reported that there are four trees and two stumps indentified to be removed.

Mrs. Kessler stated that during the month of May, assesement of the trees dead branches on Washington Avenue will be performed.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Sarno, to accept the Tre & Light Report. Motion carried.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Uskuraitis reported that the playgrounds are finally open.

Mr. Uskuraitis stated that there is a huge trash problem at Kennedy Park and especially around the basketball courts. He stated that he plans to schedule a clean up date.

Mr. Uskuraitis stated that the wooden playset at Jackson Playground has been painted. He also stated that the areas under the play equipment at both parks have been mulched.

Mr. Uskuraitis recommended that Council consider looking into a 5-10 year plan to begin replacing the playground equipment.

Mr. Uskuraitis reported that the Key Club provided a clean-up service at the pool and that he is having a company come in to pressurize the pool area.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfito presented Resolution No. 6-2022 for adoption. (See age 7-A & 7-B)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Holmes, to adopt Resolution No. 6-2022. Motion carried.

Following a discussion of installing either speed bumps or speed humps, a motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Ms. Clayton, to direct the Engineer Bove to prepare a report on the aforementioned matter along with what type of signage is needed, liability effects and what how this will effect the plowing of streets. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfito recommended that Council discuss changes to the Borough's Zoning Ordinance to provide locations for electric charging stations within the Borough.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 6 - OF 2022

THIS RESOLUTION IS MADE AND ENTERED INTO THIS BY THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT FOR THE PURPOSE OF GRANTING UNTO THE KISKI VALLEY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY ALL RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND PRIVILEGES NECESSARY TO PURSUE AND ENFORCE ANY AND ALL REMEDIES NOW AVAILABLE OR HEREAFTER TO BECOME AVAILABLE TO COMPEL PAYMENT BY DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL CUSTOMERS FOR SEWAGE TRANSPORTATION AND TREATMENT RATES, RENTS, AND CHARGES AS SET FORTH BY THE KISKI VALLEY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TOGETHER WITH PENALTIES, INTEREST, COSTS, ALL OF WHICH MAY BE DUE AND OWING.

WHEREAS, the undersigned municipality acknowledges that it is a Member Municipality of the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority and has been a member for a significant term of years and is bound by the original Service Agreement dated July 1, 1973;

WHEREAS, the Member Municipality acknowledges that all customers of the Member Municipality that provide sewage to the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority are customers solely of the Member Municipality and "all sewer customers are and shall remain customers of the municipality in which they are situated and shall not under any circumstances be deemed to be customers of the Authority." (KVVWPCA SERVICE AGREEMENT);

WHEREAS, the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority covenants and agrees under and pursuant to the terms of the Service Agreement, to pursue and enforce all remedies now available or hereafter to become available to compel payment by delinquent Municipal Municipalities (customers of the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority) for the sewage transportation and treatment rates, rents, and charges set forth by the Authority, together with penalties, interest, and costs, which may be due and owing by each municipal customer;

WHEREAS, the municipalities agree to such take action in their individual capacities, as empowered by law, to enforce said payment by delinquent customers of the municipality in the event that the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority is unable to do so;

WHEREAS, the municipality and the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority agree that the Service Agreement provides that there shall be no free services rendered by the sewage disposal system and the municipalities, and that all public corporations, all charitable or non-profit institutions, and all school districts, political subdivisions, and customers of the Member Municipalities shall pay for the use of the Authority's services and facilities in accordance with the established rate schedule of sewage transportation and treatment rates, rents, and charges;

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned municipality does hereby agree as follows:

The Borough of Vandergrift does hereby RESOLVE and agree that as a Member Municipality of the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority, the Borough of Vandergrift maintains a responsibility to collect delinquent rents, rates, and charges from its customers under and pursuant to the Service Agreement and, in furtherance thereof, does hereby grant to the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority all rights, duties, obligations, and consent, as required or demanded by

Pennsylvania law or by the terms of the Authority Service Agreement dated July 1, 1973, to permit the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority to act, to collect delinquent rates, rents, and charges as billed by the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority to the customers of the Member Municipality together with penalties, interest, and costs, which may be due and owing by each Member Municipality.

It is further RESOLVED that the Borough of Vandergrift shall provide any and all necessary assistance in the form of personnel and, if required, testimony of a designated Municipal Agent to act, before any judicial body to permit, assist, sustain, and enforce any obligations of the July 1, 1973 Service Agreement including but not limited to, any authority for legal action, of any type, kind, or sort, as deemed appropriate by the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority to pursue collection of rates, rents, and charges together with penalties, interest, and costs, which may be due and owing by each Member Municipality.

RESOLVED, THIS 2 DAY OF May, 2022 AT A PUBLIC MEETING, DULY CALLED, AND ADVERTISED.

Kathleen Chvala
KATHLEEN CHVALA, Council President

ATTEST:

Stephen J. DelleDonne
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE, Secretary

Mrs. Wilson stated that Mayor Collini has contacted PennDot for the purpose of having Hancock Avenue swept while they are in town sweeping state streets in town. She stated that the date is scheduled for May 5th and will try to have Hancock Avenue posted.

Mrs. Wilson also stated that Mayor Collini received a call from Mike Mondale who wished to do something for the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Uskuraitis stated that the Vets and the No. 1 Fire Department handle this event and that Mr. Mondale should contact them regarding his interest in the parade.

Mrs. Kessler stated that there were five members of Council who participated in the Clean-Up Day.

Mrs. Kessler provided a report on the Intergovernmental Association, Fight Blight Bootcamp, and the recent survey of community members. (See page 8-A)

COMMENTS-QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS:

James Held, 211 Holmes Street, stated that he is glad to see all Council members getting along and working together. He also stated that he is happy to volunteer his service for any clean-up project and work to be done at the pool.

Mr. Held stated that rocks are washing into the catch basin in the rear of his property.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Sarno, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

8-A

marileekessler@vandergriftborough.com

4/27/2022 11:20 AM

Monday Council Meeting info for agenda

To Steve Delledonne <vgborosec@comcast.net>

1. I'll have a short tree/lights report

There are 4 trees identified to remove, there are 2 stumps that are to be ground out by the company that removed trees,

During May, trees on Washington Ave and a few others will be assessed for dead branches that must be removed

Lights: Several lights for bulb replacement have been reported and I am only aware of one being replaced to date. I am resubmitting the requests by Thursday with reference to the original request number assigned by West Penn. I've also called to ask if I'm doing something incorrectly and am assured that I'm submitting correctly. Christine has also called. Should/can the borough make a formal complaint about the slowness of the work?

2. Intergovernmental Association for our region--three of us on council have been attending. There is a consensus among all communities that utilizing GIS mapping to show the condition of all properties in a community is important. The system used by our Ordinance Officer is being utilized by other communities as well. A potential of the sharing of resources specifically for ordinance officers exists with this group, and there seems to be strong cooperation between and among the communities. Vandergrift is encouraged to become a voting member of the group of communities. Members of our council are invited to attend and participate in conversations, but cannot vote until we become members. A new dues structure is now available for upcoming membership.

3. The "Fight Blight Bootcamp" at WCCC was attended by Daisha and me. There were very informative presentations, including discussions of initiatives and funding that are available. It is crucial for grant opportunities that a community have a good inventory of properties, both built and vacant; both public and private. In addition, it is equally important that there be a formal plan for the community, both long and short term. This is not as daunting as it may have been in the past due to the Westmoreland County's plan passed in recent years. The GIS mapping now being done by Ordinance Officer Young is an example of what needs to be done.

4. Survey of community members "One Community Many Generations" developed by Penn State Extension and reviewed for detail relevant to our community by a small committee of local citizens/ business owners and members of organizations is now easily accessible to anyone online and by hard copy at the Library, Senior Center in East Vandergrift, the High Rise, G&G and Sweetlane. The surveys are submitted directly to Penn State if completed online and are anonymous unless the person completing it wishes to provide an email address for feedback. The results will be compiled by Penn State and given to the committee. It is hoped that this information will result in having a better idea of what residents of all ages feel is most important to them in the community, and that the represented organizations and professionals can help to possibly provide, if feasible. 390 responses

5. "Earth Day Cleanup"--April 30- a report will be provided by me and/or Officer Gray.

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

- Lucien to look at curb cut 1001 Howell St.
- Lucien to look at off Street parking behind 411 Jackson Ave.
- Lucien to prepare specs & plans for Alabama Ave. drainage.
- Lucien to look into speed humps for streets along public parks