

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: April 4, 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:

Mayor: Introduction and swearing in of the two Vandergrift Police Officers.

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 Loperfито, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of March 7, 2022 minutes.

President Chvala: Introduces Representative Abby Major.

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

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OPENING OF BIDS:

1. Open bids for the 2022 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Acknowledgments.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Present the Borough's Debt Statement as of December 31, 2021.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. March-23 notices issued and 4 citations issued.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. New Hope Outreach Ministry-Use of Kennedy Park.

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Water problem at 37<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Oak Street –multiple humps and cracks over sewer line.
3. Adopt ordinance to have residents wrap mattress and sofas in plastic.

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. Hiring of a full-time school crossing guard – John Gourley

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

1. Update from Buildings & Grounds.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. Tree walk scheduled for late June.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

1. Hiring a pool manager.
2. Update on parks & playgrounds.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Update on 906 Holland Street (if is determined that Deborah Lugo has purchase the Property at Sheriff Sale, which was not part of the title search findings).
2. Use of Borough property with insurance requirements.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Arizona Ave. –truck problem.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Clayton- Update on the Giant Eagle mobile market.
2. Mrs. Kessler- Blight Boot Camp-April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
3. Mrs. Kessler- Annual “Earth Day” cleanup on April 30<sup>th</sup>-Community Watch May 18<sup>th</sup>.
4. Mrs. Kessler- One Community/Many Generations survey.
5. Mrs. Kessler- Olmsted Commons/installation of parking meter baskets & digging footers for Metal letter “V”.

COMMENTS –QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS:

ADJOURNMENT:

## Agenda Items & Tentative Report

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Steve,

### REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS

- 2022 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project
- Driveway Permit - 229 Whittier Street (David Conley)
- 906 Holland Street
- Arizona Avenue Complaint of Street Damage
- Project 70 Timber Harvest
- Columbia Avenue Street-Tree, Pervious Sidewalk and Parking Lot Rain Garden Project
- 37<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage and Heave issue

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Lucien Bove, PE**

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- Engineer's Report for Apr 4, 2022 Meeting.pdf (204 KB)

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March 29, 2022

Attention: Stephen J. DelleDonne, Borough Secretary  
Reference: Engineer's Report for April 4, 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. & 7<sup>th</sup> Street**

We're keeping an eye on Sherman at 7<sup>th</sup> Street to verify whether or not the water issue has returned or if it remains an MAWC water leak issue. The Borough has a 2-year maintenance bond.

### **2021 Casino Theater and Library Building Improvement Project \***

#### **Roofing Replacement**

Work is tentatively scheduled to start in April as weather permits. Fuller Roofing is awaiting material delivery. Total Contract cost for Bids 1A and 2A is \$105,948

\*Please note that the Initial **Project and Expenditure Report** for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) is **due April 30, 2022**. According to the final rule documentation, it appears that they have modified the revenue lost calculation requirements which should streamline the reporting and documentation requirements. We will need login to the online system in order to prepare and submit the report.

### **2022 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project**

We conducted the field work and prepared the plans and specifications. Bids are to be opened at this meeting.

### **Project 70 Timber Harvest**

We worked with the Forester on the bid requirements. The Timber sale is ready to be advertised. See agenda items.

**Driveway Permits** (No New permits issued in March – see agenda items for the driveway at 229 Whittier)

### **Olmsted Commons**

We are looking forward to the scheduling of the Volunteer Committee meeting and meeting with the arborists.

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

We prepared and submitted the request for a one-year time extension and received the extended Grant Agreement.

### **DCED Local Share Account Statewide Grant**

The 2 grant applications were submitted and copies were sent to Council, Jason Silvis and James Brewster. Jason Silvis provided support letters to DCED for both applications.

**Street Excavation Permits** (No New permits issued)

### **Abandoned and/or Unsafe Buildings**

#### **Completed Demolitions**

326 Longfellow Street - Abandoned former Salon and Apartment Building - Complete.

#### **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 - Abandoned 3 Bay Garage with Apartments on upper levels

122 Franklin Avenue - Abandoned Residential Structure

Sewer Issues (None)

Proposed Sewer Connection of Homes in Allegheny Townships along LaBelle Vue Road – We are awaiting an update from Allegheny Township.

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

We are still trying to determine the best location to connect into the combined sewer line on Sherman Avenue. It appears that there is no sanitary sewer on 4<sup>th</sup> Street and that homes are connected on Columbia Avenue where the line is 10 feet deep. The WCD is considering connecting into the catch basin at the corner in front of the gas station. This inlet apparently connects to the manhole in the middle of the intersection (dye testing is needed to confirm). This alignment will require a pipe along the south edge of Sherman (PennDOT portion) and an inlet at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Sherman to which they propose to connect the 8-inch underdrain pipe from the Stormwater Management BMP's by running down 4<sup>th</sup> Street. Underground utilities identified in 4<sup>th</sup> Street are Peoples Gas, MAWC Water and Verizon Telephone/Fiber.

**REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION OR DISCUSSION**

**2022 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project**

Open bids and authorization to award the project to the lowest bidder (contingent upon the Engineer's review of the bids and the County Planning Dept. approval). This project was specifically approved for *early* 2022 funding.

**Driveway Permit - 229 Whittier Street (David Conley)**

Authorization to re-issue the driveway permit with the construction requirements from the original permit, plus any additional conditions as may be required by Council. - List of recommended Special Conditions:

1. Submit the required \$500.00 Security Deposit.
2. Protect the Street, Lawns, Curbs and Sidewalks to remain from Damage.
3. Protect the Sanitary Sewer Manhole and Pipes from Damage.
4. Replace the threaded plastic caps on all damaged sewer cleanouts.
5. Install Cast Iron frame(s) and cover(s) over all Sewer Cleanouts within the driveway.
6. Complete the Driveway construction within 3 months from the date of permit issuance.

**906 Holland Street**

Fire damaged structure discussion and authorization to proceed as directed by Council.

**Arizona Avenue Complaint of Street Damage**

Authorization to investigate, inspect and report on the complaint of street damage caused by unauthorized or overweight truck, to prepare engineering weight limit study and/or to proceed as directed by Council.

**Project 70 Timber Harvest**

Authorization to advertise the Timber Sale bids, approval of location and time of bid opening, and the advertisement for bids to be opened during the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting. Forester, Dave O'Barto will be available to attend.

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

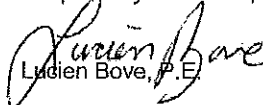
Authorization for assistance from the Borough crew to perform dye testing of the catch basins along Sherman Avenue to confirm they are connected and to verify the connection locations.

**37<sup>th</sup> Street Drainage and Heave issue**

Authorization to meet on-site with the Borough staff to review the water flow issue and make recommendations.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lucien Bove, P.E.