

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: August 1, 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 Loperfido, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of July 5, 2022 minutes.

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

- 1.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Distribute budget requests to all chairpersons regarding the 2023 proposed budget.
2. Application for 2023 Community Development Block Grant is due by Sept. 30, 2022.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. 36 notice violations; 2 citations on 1 fine

COMMUNICATIO S & CORRESPONDENCE

- 1.

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Hire two new full-time workers: Seth VanHorn and Ross Mensak. (90 day probation)
2. Jade Bothell, a part-time worker has quit.
3. Hired a new part-time worker: Jonathan Roberts.
4. 37th Street Drainage Problem.
5. Cooper St., between Whittier St. & 29th St. has issues.
6. Irving St., between Longfellow & Walnut has issues.
7. Need an executive session for a personnel matter.

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 for Wayne Hamilton, 207 Lowell St.

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. Adopt Resolution No. 6-2022: Alle-Kiski Intergovernmental Council.

2. Davis Field-Short term lease.
3. Mutual Aid Agreement with Hyde Park Borough.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.

COMMENTS –QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS:

ADJOURNMENT:

Engineer Report and agenda items

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Kathy and Stephen,

My requested agenda items are as follows:

1. Columbia Avenue Stormwater Management Reimbursement Agreement and Resolution authorizing signatory
2. 2022 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project
 - Final Adjusted Change Order – Decrease \$3,683.16
 - Payment Estimate 2 (Retainage Only) - \$7,171.33 (Final Contract Amount \$143,426.58)
 - County Payment Request No. 2 (All County Funds)
3. Casino Theater & Library Roofing Replacement Project
 - Final Adjusted Change Order (No. 3) Decrease \$3,240.50
 - Payment Estimate No. 2 (Final with retainage): \$31,641.29 (Final Contract Amount: \$117,048.00)
4. 2022 Street Paving & Patching Project – Award Reduced Bid as desired by Council
5. Timber Sale Agreement: Status and First Payment received
6. Proposed Driveway Permit Application 271 Sherman forms and info. sent to applicant, parking spaces will need to be restricted to obtain sight distance
7. SR 4099 Sherman Avenue and SR 4062 Longfellow Street – PennDOT Fix Road Concerns Submitted 7-15-22 and the status is “In Progress”
8. 2023 CDBG Application due September – need list of streets
9. DEP Septic Complaint 809 LaBelle Vue Road – Status
10. DCED Local Share Account Westmoreland Grant Application and Resolution – Discuss Possibilities
11. Spaniel Beer Distributor Improvement Plan - Discuss

If anyone has any questions or any additional items under Engineering, please let me know asap. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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My items for Monday August 1 council meeting

To Vgborosec <vgborosec@comcast.net>

1. Tree Committee Report

Day Rate was more economical than single tree pricing for trees in a general location that contains several trees in need of attention.

Columbia Ave Trees dead branches removed and trees trimmed (total of 17 trees)

Washington Ave trees will be bid and done in next few weeks

Most trees remaining on the list will be bid in groups by location and severity; some priced individually and some grouped. Priority will be given to trees that have the highest potential for causing problems, with arborist opinion sought if necessary.

Conservation district online seminar attended. It is feasible for Vandergrift to participate in some tree replacement programs that funding is available for.

Representatives from Conservation District TreeVitalize program and arborist from Penn State Extension have expressed willingness to come to speak to council and

interested parties regarding what this would mean for the borough, how costs would be covered, and to explain any exposure of liability to the borough. Request to approve scheduling of this meeting.

2. Old Business:

Approval of Resolution for Vandergrift Borough to join the Alle-Kiski Intergovernmental Council . (attached)

3. New Business

Bulk Mailing of Ordinance covering disposal of mattresses and other upholstered items to all residents, together with the list of contractors who are available to pick up and dispose of these items. In addition, I would like to offer to create and include, with input from council committees, a sheet of commonly requested information and requirements to add to this mailing and also to be provided to new incoming residents/homeowners, as a fair number of people do not get the newspaper or use internet. I believe this would save time and avoid misconceptions. This can be done at the time of occupancy inspections or with lien letter responses.

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