

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT  
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL  
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2022

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

At this time, Mayor Collini administered the oath of office to the following newly elected individuals to the Vandergrift Borough Council: Christine Wilson, Jody Sarno, Marilee Kessler, and Thomas Holmes.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Lenny Collini, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfito, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Assistant Secretary
Joseph Caporali, Police Chief	

Mayor Collini proceeded with election of officers of the Vandergrift Borough Council. He opened the floor for nominations for President of Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to nominate Mrs. Chvala to the position of President of Council. Motion carried.

With no other nominations put forth, Mayor Collini declared Mrs. Chvala as President of Council.

Mayor Collini opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of Council.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to nominate Mr. Holmes to the position of Vice President of Council. Motion carried.

With no other nominations put forth, Mayor Collini declared Mr. Holmes as Vice President of Council.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Holmes, to nominate Mr. Uskuraitis to the position of President Pro Tem. Motion carried.

Following the election of officers, the gavel was turned over to the newly elected President of Council to conduct the balance of the meeting.

President Chvala moved forward with the following appointments:

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Holmes, to reappoint Jim Williams to the Vandergrift Borough Vacancy Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Sarno, to reappoint Lucian Bove as the Borough's Engineer. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to reappoint Zelenkofsek Axelrod as the Borough Auditor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Holmes, to reappoint Larry Loperfido as the Borough's Solicitor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Holmes, to reappoint Jean Holmes to a three (3) year term to the Vandergrift Zoning Hearing Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to a six (6) year term to the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Holmes, to reappoint Dante Celliti to a four (4) year term to the Vandergrift Planning Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Holmes, to reappoint James Favero as the Solicitor to the Vandergrift Zoning & Hearing Board. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to reappoint Steve Potoka as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Wilson, to reappoint Christopher Hannigan as the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion carried.

#### VISITORS:

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

No visitor comments were received.

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

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to hire Jennifer Redeemer to the position of part-time school crossing guard. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to hire Shailynn Clark to the position of full-time school crossing guard. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at &#14 pm.

## 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

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Appointing Lucien Bove  
our Engineer