

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: May 2, 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 April 4, 2022 minutes.

President Chvala: Introduces Representative Abby Major.

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

- 1.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Acknowledgments.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. No Report

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. During the month of April, 30 notice violation were issued, issued 1 citation, and attended 2 hearings.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Tiny Cause-requesting 3-4 parking spaces on Columbia Ave. to host Mobile Cat Clinic.
2. Natalie Jaworsky-requesting to use lower portion of Columbia Park.lot for Farmer's Market.
3. Lillie McClary-permission to cut a very tall curb at 1001 Howell St.
4. Kiski Area Cavalier Baseball-permission to use facilities at Project 70.
5. Stephanie Crooks-request permission to add parking spot behind property at 411 Jackson Ave.
6. Kyle Harris-request permission to use Kennedy Park and Davis Field regarding the Kiski Valley Lancers.

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Water problem at 37<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Robert Sturgesl quit his position as a labor worker.
3. Repaired an old brick manhole on Washington Ave. Work done in-hous.
4. Rebuilt a catch basin on First Street. Work done in-house.
5. Alabama Avenue-Drainage problem.
6. Garbage pick up problem.

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. Resignation of Steve Potoka as Emergency Management Coordinator.
2. Appoint Chris Hannigan as the new emergency management coordinator.
3. Approve handicap parking request for Robert Fusillo at 501 Linden St.
4. Approve handicap parking request for Christine Troilo at 22 Emerson St.
5. Approve hiring Dalton Vanwhy to the position of part-time police officer.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

1. Update from Buildings & Grounds Committee.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. See attached

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

1. Pool and park updates.
2. Discuss possible use of Davis Field.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Resolution No. 6-2022-Granting K.V.W.P.C.A. authority to enforce delinquent accounts.
2. Discuss issues regarding speed bumps.
3. Discuss ordinance for fabric furnishings & mattresses.
4. Discuss use of parks plan and potential lease arrangements for Vandergrift parks.
5. Discuss changes to zoning ordinance to provide for location of electric charging stations  
Within the Borough.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. See attached report from Mrs. Kessler.

COMMENTS –QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS:

ADJOURNMENT:



## Monday Council Meeting info for agenda

To Steve Delledonne <vgborosec@comcast.net>

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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.

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

## May Meeting

To Stephen DelleDonne <vgborosec@comcast.net> • kathychvala@vandergriftborough.com Copy  
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Kathy and Steve,

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

- Timber Sale Bid Opening
- Arizona Avenue Weight Limit Study
- Tree in Bryant Street Right-of-way next to 1025 Poe Street
- Permission to Design the Bari Club ADA Ramp and Covered Patio

I will provide a written report for the meeting summarizing the status of engineering activities.  
Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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