

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

November 7, 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
Marilee Kessler	John Uskuraitis
Kathleen Chvala	

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 September 6, 2022 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Sarno. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Tim Lawkis, 412 Hanock Avenue, addressed Council in regards to kids playing basketball in the alley and constantly hitting his garage causing other problem. He stated that the Borough has an ordinance that prohibits kids playing in the streets.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that Council can not take action on criminal complaints.

Paul Manard, 305 Poplar Street, questioned whether his employment application was being considered.

Mrs. Wilson stated that he would be called for an interview.

Jane Vereb, 109 West Adams, complained about the accumulation of all types of junk and discarded materials in the rear of 119 West Adams Avenue. She also stated that the owner doesn't clean up the dog feces.

Mr. Holmes stated that he and the Code Officer will look into this matter.

Don Detar, 217 Lowell Street, questioned if the Chief could again install the speed detecting device in order to monitor cars speeding.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Collini thanked both fire departments, the police, and EMS in monitoring streets during the Halloween Parade and keeping the children safe during "Trick or Treat".

Mayor Collini stated that this Friday, November 11th, everyone should celebrate Veterans Day and support all the veterans.

Mayor Collini stated that we should all keep an eye out for the elderly during the up-coming holiday season.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary stated that he will be distributing the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2023 for each member to review.

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

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Young reported that during the month of October he issued 28 violation notices and 3 citations. He also requested that Council take action on the condemnation of 303 Lowell Street.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Ms. Clayton, to move to condemn the property located at 303 Lowell Street. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented the following communications:

Exhibit 1-A: Robert Buchanan, Allusion Brewing Company.

Subject: Request to have the Oktoberfest in Vandergrift 2023 for September 16th, from 12:00 to 9:00pm.

Mr. Holmes expressed his concern that this event should be spread to areas of Grant, not keeping the activities in one area.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Ms. Clayton, to approve the aforementioned request contingent upon filing the proper insurance certificates with the Borough. Motion carried.

Exhibit 2-A: Digital Graphics and Signs.

Subject: Request to sponsor a Car Rally on July 14, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to approve the above request, contingent upon filing the proper insurance certificates with the Borough. Motion carried.

Exhibit 3-A: Eric Mikula, Gathering on Grant Coordinator.

Subject: Request to hold the "Gathering on Grant" in 2023, with a change To move October to July, with a contingency date.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Holmes, to approve this request, contingent upon filing the proper certificates of insurance with the Borough. Motion carried.

REGULAR AND STATED BILLS:

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



To: Vandergrift Town Council
From: Allusion Brewing Company
Date: October 19th, 2022
Subject: Oktoberfest 2023

On behalf of Allusion Brewing Company and the Vandergrift Business Association, we would like to thank everyone for all of their help and support that made the inaugural Oktoberfest a huge success!

We already have food trucks, vendors, and volunteers asking when they can sign up for 2023! People are still coming in to the brewery talking about Oktoberfest and how much fun the event was. There are several people who can't wait to enter the Stein-holding competition next year!

We would like to set the date for Oktoberfest in Vandergrift 2023 for September 16th, 2023. This date corresponds with the start of Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany. We are going to start an hour later than last year to give more time to get everything set and and ready to go. The festival will be from 12:00 to 9:00PM. We will close the streets down at 7:00am again to allow enough time for tent and vendor set up.

To quote the vendors from the last couple events, "Vandergrift Rocks!" We hope that these events will continue to grow in popularity and continue to be as successful as they were in 2022!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Buchanan", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Buchanan
Allusion Brewing Company

Whom it may concern,
I would like to hold an event for an organization our town, Vandergrift on July 14th, 2023. I own Digital Designs Graphics and Signs, 1006 Holland Street Vandergrift PA for over 10 years and have supported the town to my best ability. I am a financial and physical supporter of a sports and luxury car group, 412 Rally. 412 Rally is Pittsburgh's premier exotic, sports and luxury car rally. We were founded to bring car enthusiasts from the Pittsburgh and Southwest Pennsylvania area together to share in our passion. 412 Rally coordinates all types of rallies, from multi-day events, to morning drives, that takes our attendees on adventures that will provide lifelong memories and friendships. Our rallies combine some of the most epic driving roads in the country with unique, memorable stops along the way, all while being the most affordable rally in the area. Before every rally, the group has a sponsor host a pre-rally event. This event would bring in, roughly, 20 to 30 vehicles. The people attending the event get their "wag bags", maps for the event, and vehicle livery packages. Not only do the ralliers get their event packages, but wherever the event is held, the group patronizes local businesses. This includes food and beverages, local shops, and entertainment. Some of the following businesses that have had successful pre event parties are as follows, Pisciotto Chiropractic Center in Canonsburg, Rockout Tinting in Gibsonia, and Helltown Brewing in Washington PA. I have already spoken with several local businesses in the town, for I am friends with many of them. I would like to have a specified area for the cars to be grouped at. I also feel that this would be a great opportunity to have this event open to the public. I would be more than happy help organize any detail as needed. Food and beverages would all be purchased at local establishments, by the group. Please consider my request with great optimism. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns at 724-980-7908 (cell) or the shop, Digital DGS on Holland St at 724-568-1626. Thanks again for your consideration. Here is a website for more info, www.412rally.com

I would also like to add that I have had several of my fellow ralliers visit our wonderful town, and have agreed that a pre rally event would be great here in Vandergrift.

John Woitas, owner
Digital Designs Graphics and Signs





Vandergrift Council,
In addition to my previous letter, the event I was asking for in town July 14th 2023,
details as follows.

Event time: 6pm to 10pm
I would like street closure from Sweetlane to Columbia.
I need 3 to 4 food trucks, a provider of food, as well as local business.

Thank you again for your consideration
Sean Woitas
Digital Designs

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Exhibit 3-A

To Vandergrift City Council,

Thank you for your permission and support for the Gathering on Grant events that were held this year. We believe they were a huge success for our community!!

The Gathering on Grant committee would like to change a few things for the upcoming year of 2023.

First, we discovered that holding this event in October was not as successful as the other months as it got dark sooner and it was colder. We would like to move the event to the third Thursday in July (We skipped July this year) so the Gathering would be the third Thursday of the month May thru September from 5 to 8pm.

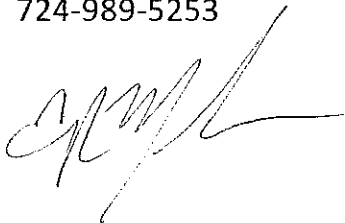
Secondly, we would like to request permission to have a 'contingency date' the following Thursday in the event incimate weather forces a cancellation on the scheduled Thursday.

Please don't hesitate to call or stop over at Sweetlane if you have any questions

Thank You,

Eric Mikula, Gathering on Grant Event Coordinator

724-989-5253

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eric Mikula', written over the printed name and phone number.

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson requested Council to hire John Roberts to a full-time position as a labor within the Street & Sanitation Department.

A motion was made Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Holmes, to hire John Roberts to the aforementioned full-time position within the Street & Sanitation Department. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wilson informed Council that Ross Mensak has completed is 90 day probation period.

Mrs. Wilson informed Council that the 37th Street drainage project has been completed.

Mrs. Wilson addressed her concerns about the conditions of the following streets: Oak St., Cooper St., Irving St., 37th St. and a section of Longfellow St.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove reviewed items in his monthly report, of which, did require any action of Council. (See page 4-A)

Engineer Bove informed Council that he has submitted applications for demolition to the Westmoreland County Planning Department for the the following structures: 411 Linden Street, 122 Franklin Avenue and 1013 Poe Street.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT;

Chairperson Clayton stated that monthly budget reports have been distributed to members of Council. She also stated that the proposed 2023 budget for the fiscal year will be provided to members of Council at the end of the meeting, of which, will be recessed to Monday, November 14th, at 7:00 pm.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

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boveengineering@comcast.net

11/5/2022 7:27 PM

RE: Engineer agenda items

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I apologize for missing the agenda deadline. Fortunately, I have no action items, only report items which are as follows:

1. 2022 Street Paving & Patching Project – Awaiting receipt of the signed waiver from West Penn Paving.
2. 2023 CDBG Grant Application Income Surveys – Income surveys are being submitted to the County. Michigan, Pennsylvania, Indiana & California look good. Arizona does not qualify. Maryland, Florida and Virginia do not have enough surveys, but even with more, still may not qualify.
3. ATI Proposed New Fire Water Tank – ZHB approved the height Variance.
4. Demo-Fund Applications – Prepared and Submitted 3 Applications to the County for 122 Franklin, 411 Linden and 1013 Poe
5. Condemnation Order – As requested prepared the order required for 303 Lowell Street Unsafe, Vacant Structure
6. Driveway Permits – 3 permits are pending for 131 East Adams, 408 Jackson and 500 Lowell. They need to make the applications and pay the fees. 131 East Adams does not meet the required sight distance left due to parked cars on adjacent property.
7. Columbia Avenue Parking Lot SWM Project – necessary agreement amendment initialed. The agreement should be approved by PennDOT soon.
8. Project 70 Timber Harvest – Herbicide application completed. Dave O’Barto to let us know ahead of time as to the start date for timbering.
9. Vandergrift Pool – Liner top disconnection problems measured, located, photographed and documented. Will follow up with Renosys to see if they can determine the cause and help us with the resolution.
10. Olmsted Commons – Will soon have plans and spec.s ready to submit to DSCNR for approval to advertise and bid.
11. 109 and 110 Washington Demolitions – Contractor selection moving forward for these County demolitions.

We will be glad to assist with any items duly added to the agenda during the meeting or for emergencies or other items as allowed by Act 65 of 2021

If anyone has any questions, please let me know asap. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lucien Bove, PE

Bove Engineering Company

8201 Route 819

Greensburg, PA 15601

(724) 925-9269

Chairperson Sarno reported that that the gutters at the No. 2 Fire Department have been addressed. He also stated that the drainage problem along the building will be addressed in the Spring.

Mr. Sarno stated that an unnamed individual will be replacing the US Flag on Cooper Street at no charge to the Borough and should be up by this Friday. He also stated that the US Flag at Davis Field is in poor condition and needs replaced.

Ms. Clayton stated that she would contact KVL about this matter.

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

TREET & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Uskuraitis reported that the graffiti on the building at the Franklin Avenue Park has been covered up by Trevor Byrd. He also stated that a section to the building should be razed.

Mrs. Wilson stated that she did not believe the building needs to come down.

Mr. Uskuraitis stated that the removal would make room for an addition picnic table.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfito presented a Full and Final Release Agreement between the Borough of Vandergrift and West Penn Paving LLC, in which West Penn Paving agrees to release the Borough in regards to the Street Paving and Patching Project using Liquid Fuel Funds. (See pages 5-A & 5-B)

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

FULL AND FINAL RELEASE

THIS AGREEMENT, is made by and between the Borough of Vandergrift, a municipal corporation with a principal office of 109 Grant Avenue, Vandergrift, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania 15690 (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") and West Penn Paving, LLC, a Pennsylvania Limited Liability Company with a principal address of 4311 Sardis Road, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania 15239 (hereinafter referred to as "West Penn or Releasor") when Owner and West Penn/Releasor are discussed together, they may be identified as "The Parties."

WHEREAS, on September 6, 2022, Owner and West Penn entered into an agreement for West Penn to furnish all materials and do all work required for the 2022 street paving and patching project in the Borough of Vandergrift using liquid fuels funds subject to the plans and specifications in accordance with PennDOT's specifications publication 408 (as amended);

WHEREAS, the executed agreement followed the presentation of a bid proposal from West Penn said proposal having been dated July 4, 2022, and represented work on First Street, Florida Avenue, Virginia Avenue, Michigan Avenue, and Oak Street within the Borough of Vandergrift;

WHEREAS, bids were opened on July 6, 2022, and as a result thereof, the Borough of Vandergrift chose to eliminate all work on the paving project except for First Street and Oak Street, which reduced the bid by fifteen percent (15%) the same having been awarded by the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift on August 1, 2022 at the lower financial level;

WHEREAS, said bid documents were referred to and reviewed by Richard Skovensky, Jr., Municipal Services Supervisor of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, who objected to the awarding of the bid on the basis that the same was violative of the Governors Center for local government services (DCED) purchasing handbook; determining that the same amounted to a bid negotiation and denied project approval;

WHEREAS, the Owner and West Penn/Releasor, have agreed that Releasor, intends to release Owner from any and all obligation, liability, or damages or any type, kind, or sort, as associated with the contract and agrees to release the contract, in full, voiding the same with no responsibility, to either party, nor cost, fee, or expense, to either party, under the terms and conditions as set forth in this full release of all claims;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties do hereby enter into this mutual release, under and pursuant to the following terms:

1. The provisions set forth in the "Whereas" provisions above are substantive in nature and the parties, and each of them, agree that the terms set forth above, shall be deemed material terms to this full and final mutual release;

2. West Penn/Releasor agrees, to release and forever discharge Owner from any and all actions, causes of action, applications, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, covenants, contracts, complaints, obligations, duties, breaches of contract, breaches of duty of any relationship, acts, omissions, compensation, promises, damages, costs, fees, loses, including any losses associated with lost opportunity, as well as any other loses or claims of any type, kind, or sort as related to the bid and contract referenced in this agreement, now and forever.

3. Owner does hereby agree, to release and forever discharge West Penn from any and all actions, causes of action, applications, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, covenants, contracts, complaints, obligations, duties, breaches of contract, breaches of duty of any relationship, acts, omissions, compensation, promises, damages, costs, fees, losses, as well as any other loses or claims of any type, kind, or sort as related to the bid and contract referenced herein, now and forever.

4. The parties, and each of them, fully agree that there is good and substantial consideration for the release agreement and, do hereby waive any claims for insufficiency of consideration now or at any time in the future.

5. The parties, and each of them, acknowledge that this is a full and final release and that West Penn/Releasor and Owner both intend and expressly agree that this release shall be effective as a bar to each and every claim, demanding cause of action, that the claiming party has or may have against the other party now or at any time in the future relating to the contract herein identified.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the parties do hereby set their hands and seals as of the date corresponding to their signature below.

WEST PENN PAVING, LLC/RELEASOR

By: *JM*

Title: SOLE MEMBER

ATTEST: (Secretary or Witness)

_____(SEAL)

Date:

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

By: *Kathleen Chvala*
KATHLEEN CHVALA, Council President

ATTEST:

Stephen J. Delledonne (SEAL)
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE,
Borough Secretary

Date:

In regards to the weight limit established on Arizon Avenue, Solicitor Loperfito presented a letter to Michael Rodriguez regarding him operating a vehicle in excess of the 5 ton weight limit. (See page 6-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to send the aforementioned latter to Mr. Rodriguez. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfito presented Resolution No. 9-2022, which implements Act 57 of 2022. (See pages (6-B & 6-C)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to adopt Resolution No. 9-2022. Motion carried.

At this time Solicitor Loperfito requested that Council call an executive session for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter. Motion carried.

At 7:40, a motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter. Motion carried.

At 7:55, a motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Sarno, to return to the regular order of business, and to state that no action of Council was taken during the executive session. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfito recommended that Council accept a settlement proposal regarding ATI's tax assessment appeal which reduce the assessment from \$2,059,160 to \$1,187,910. He also stated that once ATI completes their construction projects the County will perform a reassessment, of which may be equal or greater than the current assessment.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

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KATHLEEN CHVALA
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

LENNY COLLINI
MAYOR

Borough of Vandergrift

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November 8, 2022

Mitchel E. Rodriguez
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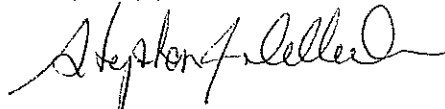
IN RE: Arizona Avenue Weight Limit

Dear Mr. Rodriguez:

Please be advised that during a regular meeting of the Vandergrift Borough Council, which took place on November 7, 2022, it was determined that you are operating a vehicle that is in excess of the 5 ton posted weight limit on Arizona Avenue. Please be advised that if you wish to continue operating your over-posted-weight vehicle on Arizona Avenue, you will need to apply for a permit to operate the vehicle on Arizona Avenue from the Vandergrift Borough Offices. Please keep in mind that if granted, the same is associated with various requirements, including but not limited to, bonding. Please be advised that until you obtain a permit to operate the over-posted-weight vehicle, that on or after November 13, 2022, any operation of the over-posted-weight vehicle on Arizona Avenue will be subject to the fines and penalties contained within Vandergrift Borough Code Section 470-73.

I thank you for your cooperation in this regard. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE, Borough Secretary
Borough of Vandergrift

RESOLUTION 9 OF 2022

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT,
COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA TO IMPLEMENT ACT 57 OF 2022 -
PROPERTY TAX PENALTY WAIVER PROVISIONS

A RESOLUTION of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift, County of Westmoreland to implement Act 57 of 2022.

WHEREAS, Act 57 of 2022, amending the Local Tax Collection Law, was signed by Governor Wolf on July 11, 2022, and takes effect on October 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Act 57 requires taxing districts that impose taxes on the assessed value of real property to adopt a resolution or ordinance within 90 days of the effective date of the act, or not later than January 9, 2023, directing the tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector of the Borough of Vandergrift shall comply with the provisions of Act 57 and this resolution for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2023.

DEFINITIONS

The following words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them within this resolution unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Additional charge: Any interest, fee, penalty, or charge accruing to and in excess of the face amount of the real estate tax as provided in the real estate tax notice.

Qualifying event:

1. For the purposes of real property, the date of transfer of ownership.
2. For manufactured or mobile homes, the date of transfer of ownership or the date a lease agreement commences for the original location or relocation of a manufactured or mobile home on a parcel of land not owned by the owner of the manufactured or mobile home. The term does not include the renewal of a lease for the same location.

Tax Collector: The elected tax collector for the Borough of Vandergrift, Westmoreland County, any authorized or designated delinquent tax collector, the Westmoreland County Tax Claim Bureau, or any alternative collector of taxes as provided for in the act of July 7, 1947 (P.L.1368, No.542), known as the "Real Estate Tax Sale Law," an employee, agent or assignee authorized to collect the tax, a purchaser of claim for the tax or any other person authorized by law or contract to secure collection of, or take any action at law or in equity against the person or property of the taxpayer for the real estate tax or amounts, liens or claims derived from the real estate tax.

WAIVER

The Tax Collector shall, for tax years beginning on and after January 1, 2023, grant a request to waive additional charges for real estate taxes if the taxpayer does all of the following:

- A. Provides a waiver request of additional charges, on a form provided by the state Department of Community and Economic Development, to the Tax Collector in possession of the claim within twelve (12) months of a qualifying event;
- B. Attests that a tax notice was not received; and
- C. Provides the Tax Collector in possession of the claim with one of the following:
 - 1. A copy of the deed showing the date of real property transfer; or
 - 2. A copy of the title following the acquisition of a mobile or manufactured home subject to taxation as real estate showing the date of issuance or a copy of an executed lease agreement between the owner of a mobile or manufactured home and the owner of a parcel of land on which the mobile or manufactured home will be situated showing the date the lease commences; and,
- D. Pays the face value amount of the tax notice for the real estate tax with the waiver request.

RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift, this 7th day of November, 2022.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

By: Kathleen Chvala
KATHLEEN CHVALA, Council President

ATTEST:

Stephen J. DelleDonne (SEAL)
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE
Borough Secretary

RECESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Sarno, to recess the meeting until Monday, November 14th, beginning at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of presenting the proposed 2023 budget for the fiscal year of the Borough of Vandergrift. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 8:02 pm.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

RECESSED MEETING OF November 7, 2022

November 14, 2022

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Holmes Daisha Clayton
Christine Wilson Kathleen Chvala
Marilee Kessler

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Lenny Collini, Mayor Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary

At this time President Chvala stated that the purpose of this recessed meeting of November 7th, is for the purpose of presenting the proposed budget of the Borough of Vandergrift for the fiscal year, 2023. She stated that following the presentation of the propose 2023 Budget Council, if approved, can move to advertise the proposed budget for public inspection until December 5, 2022 until 3:30 pm, Monday, December 5, 2022.

At this time the Secretary presented and reviewed, in detail, the contents of the proposed General Fund Budget, the Vandergrift Park & Pool Budget, and the Special State Aid Budget for 2023.

1. General Fund Budget	\$ 2,614,286.00
2. Park & Pool Budget	149,040.00
3. State Aid Budget	<u>201,970.00</u>
Total	\$, 2,956,296.00

The Secretary stated that the tax rate for 2023 will remain at 28 mill. However, he stated that the Budget Committee is recommending the following changes in Refuse and Sewer Recovery Fees:

1. Reducing the Sewer Recovery Fee from \$45.00 per quarter to \$42.00 per quarter for the Year 2023.
2. Increase the Refuse Collection Fee from \$81.00 per quarter to \$87.00 per quarter for the

Year 2023.

The Secretary stated that the aforementioned changes to refuse and sewer fees will be enacted by resolution at the December 5, 2022 meeting.

Following a lengthy discussion regarding the aforementioned fees, a motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Kessler, to advertise the 2023 Budget of the Vandergrift Borough for public inspection until 3:30 pm., Monday, December 5, 2023, to be adopted at the December 5, 2022 meeting of the Vandergrift Council. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.