

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: March 6, 2023

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of February 6, 2023 minutes.

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

- 1.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Announcements.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. No Report

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Issued 25 notices, filed 15 citations and attending 2 magistrate hearings.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Vandergrift Community Garden- Permission to open parks on April 1, 2023.
2. Vandergrift Community Garden- Permission to open Franklin Park to begin clean-up on March 19th.
3. Pastor Dereck Evans-Use Kennedy Park every forth Sunday on month for morning Sercices.

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Request to advertise for bids to resurface First Street, from the Bridge to Second Street; To repair a section of Oak Street using Liquid Fuel Funds.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. See attached

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

1. Distribute monthly General Fund, Pool Fund, and State Aid budge reports.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

1. Nancy Shaner, 322 Chestnut Street-Handicap parking request.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

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TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. Considering using the reporting form developed about 2 years ago for residents who have non-emergency requests for trimming/removal for trees. Seeking Council's thoughts on this and copies of the form will be available at the meeting.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

1. Updates on Pool Project and other recreation matters.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Enact Parking fine Ordinance.
2. Enact Game of Skill Ordinance

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.

ADJOURNMENT:

RE: Engineer agenda items

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

My requested agenda items for the March 6th Council meeting are as follows:

1. Westmoreland County Community Action - ECHO Cottage Request (See Echo Letter) discuss procedure for variances, conditional use or special exception needed to place the unit on a vacant parcel adjacent to home of related individual.
2. 237 Sherman Avenue – Curb Cut Request for Wheelchair Access (See Request).
3. Vandergrift Pool DCED GTR Grant – Time Extension approved, Info, from Brett Ennis on Payment request 4, Coping Repair Work, etc. (See Action Items).
4. MAAT Act 537 Plan Update & Resolution – (See Action Items)
5. Olmsted Commons DCNR Park Development – Partner/Volunteer Coordination Meeting, Plans & Spec.s to be prepared and submitted to DCNR in March.
6. Unsafe Structures / Conditions – 110 Washington near Complete, 109 Washington in progress, Porch at 506 Hancock
7. Columbia Avenue Trees, Pits & Permeable Sidewalk – Maintenance required, trees growing into grates, permeable sidewalk.

Action Items:

1. Vandergrift Pool DCED GTR Grant - Authorization to advertise or obtain quotations as required for repairs and identification of other work/items needed.
2. MAAT Act 537 Plan Update & Resolution – Authorization to review the Act 537 Plan Update, Sanitary Sewer Extension Plans and any engineering items needed to adopt the required resolution and intermunicipal agreement.

I will be available during the meeting to answer any questions. I will also be glad to assist with items duly added to the agenda during the meeting, emergencies and other items as allowed by Act 65 of 2021.

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

Sincerely,

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AGENDA ITEMS

MARCH, 2023

-COUNTY REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY “FIGHT BLIGHT” WORKSHOP THIS SPRING—PLEASE CONSIDER ATTENDING. (Flyer will be emailed to everyone in advance of the meeting)

-Alle-Kiski Intergovernmental Council

February meeting highlights included proposed cooperative effort among affected member municipalities to participate in a property evaluation conducted by the county. This would have properties identified using the same criteria across the region. This would be detailed and potentially result in some additional funding and help with municipality planning. It would also be the first multi community evaluation. A proposed regional fight blight outline was also provided and municipalities are requested to participate. Potential costs to the communities is included. (documents will be emailed to each council member)

Information about cooperative purchases between member communities was discussed.

A subcommittee of the IGC has begun to discuss the potential for shared code enforcement resources to help our current code enforcement officers. Arnold, Vandergrift, and East Vandergrift are represented in this group

-Appalachian Regional Commission—I attended a virtual meeting of eligible communities to learn about this resource as their grant application timeframe is occurring now. While it isn't feasible to come up with a grant application on such short notice, I believe that we should become familiar with this organization. There are some large grants available to communities that can demonstrate how funding would impact items such as economic development and quality of life .. They are particularly favorable of inter-community relationships in small adjoining towns.

PA GREENWAYS

-Funding has been received for the installation of the PA Greenways sign discussed several months ago. Laura Hawkins has requested that we suggest some alternate high visibility sites at entrance points to Vandergrift in case PennDot will not grant permission for the requested spot on Lincoln Ave.

Events

-Standardized Application forms and requirements for events to be held on borough property

and assurance that the borough is protected from liability