

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: September 5, 2023

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift will meet 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 August 7, 2023 minutes.

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

OPENING OF BIDS:

1. None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- 1.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Present the Borough's financial requirement & minimal obligation to the Vandergrift Police Pension for 2024 & the minimal obligation to Vandergrift Non-Uniformed Employee Pension for 2024.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. August-18 violation notices & 2 citations filed.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Tony Callipare- Request to have dumpster placed at 120 Custer Avenue.
2. State Senator Joe Pittman-Support letter regarding Multimodal Transportation Grant.

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Dug our 5 tree stumps-various areas in town.
2. Purchased TV camera for sewer line inspections.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. See attached

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

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

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

1. No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

- 1.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. See attached.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

1. Updates on Pool Project and other recreation matters.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Executive Session-Litigation Issue
2. Discussion of ATI Tax Assessment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Solar update report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. See attached-Agenda Items-Mrs. Kessler.

2. Permitting of functions/events on Borough property.

ADJOURNMENT:

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN
FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT AND MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION
FOR 2024 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

A. Normal Cost

1. Normal Cost as a Percent of Payroll	19.477%
2. Estimated 2023 Payroll for Active Participants	\$ <u>644,594</u>
3. Normal Cost (A1 x A2)	\$ <u><u>125,548</u></u>

B. Financial Requirement

1. Normal Cost (A3)	\$ 125,548
2. Anticipated Insurance Premiums	0
3. Anticipated Administrative Expense	34,163
4. Amortization Payment, if any	<u>0</u>
5. Financial Requirement (B1 + B2 + B3 + B4)	\$ <u><u>159,711</u></u>

C. Minimum Municipal Obligation

1. Financial Requirement (B5)	\$ 159,711
2. Anticipated Employee Contributions (6.23% of Estimated Payroll)	40,158
3. Funding Adjustment, if any	<u>19,596</u>
4. Minimum Municipal Obligation (C1 - C2 - C3)	\$ <u><u>99,957</u></u>

NOTES:

1. 2024 General Municipal Pension System State Aid may be used to fund part or all of the municipal obligation and must be deposited within 30 days of receipt. Any remaining balance must be paid from municipal funds.
2. Deposit into the Plan's assets must be made by December 31, 2024 to avoid an interest penalty.
3. Any delinquent Minimum Municipal Obligation from prior years must be included in the 2024 budget along with an interest penalty.

I hereby certify that the above calculations, to the best of my knowledge, are true, accurate, and conform with the provisions of Chapter 3 of Act 205 of 1984.

Certified By: _____

Chief Administrative Officer

Date

Prepared using the January 1, 2021 Valuation.

RE: Engineer report and agenda items

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please see below my report and requested agenda items for the Tuesday, September 5, 2023 Council meeting.

Engineer Report:

1. 2023 CDBG Street Resurfacing Project – Work complete as of 8/2/23 cost for backfilling behind curb to be sought to see if the County will approve same.
2. ~~Vandergriff Pool Rejuvenation – DCED GTR Grant – Final Reimbursement Request and canceled checks sent, grant finalized, remaining funds (\$19,470) pending.~~
3. Olmsted Commons - Revised schedule to be prepared. Documents to be submitted to DCNR in the fall. Anticipate advertising/bidding over winter months with construction in spring of 2024. A time extension request will be required.
4. Columbia Avenue Parking Lot Stormwater Mitigation Project – Submitted 7 page plan set to WCD, PennDOT and DEP. 46 comments received from DEP mostly for bridge site. Revisions to address DEP comments on the parking lot project plan narrative, calculations, etc. to be submitted by 9-1-2023.
5. Unsafe Structures / Conditions – Reports pending for 2 structures with unsafe conditions (419A Hancock and 158 Sherman).
6. DCED 2023 Multimodal (MTF) Grant Program Application – Application received by DCED and an updated commitment letter was sent.
7. 714/716 Wallace (former church at corner of Emerson) – Request to use existing driveway for new business. No plans or information received to date.
8. Beech Street Sink Holes – Monitor patch and street for settlement. Replace bricks once settlement has stopped. Request permission to see if any leftover County Water/Sewer funds can be obtained to replace the sewer and restore the street.
9. Excavation Permits – Several issued to utilities. Noticed a unfinished sewer patch on Walnut where sewer is deep. No permit application has been made.
10. 2024 CDBG Application – Being prepared as authorized at the August meeting. See attached list with priority.
11. Spaniel Beer Distributors Collapsed Storm Sewer – Investigated with Borough Crew and Camera. Pipe break to be repaired. The ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the pipes through the property need to be investigated as we foresee future maintenance issues in this area.
12. Sewer Collapse on Grant Avenue – Issue has yet to be investigated and extent of repairs needs to be established.
13. Sherman Avenue Sewer Manhole Repair – Repair in progress.

Requested agenda items:

1. 2023 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project - Request approval of Payment Estimate No. 2 with 5% retainage.
2. Vandergrift Pool Rejuvenation - DCED GTR Grant – Request approval or discussion regarding Renosys Invoice.
3. DCED LSA Category 4 Grant Application for Grant Avenue Street and ADA Ramp Reconstruction – Request authorization to apply and approval of Resolution.
4. DCED LSA Category 4 Grant Application for Maintenance Tractor with attachments – Request authorization to apply and approval of Resolution.
5. 302 Bryant St. ECHO Cottage - Second request from Ms. Moffit to allow sanitary sewer connection to be on the same lateral as the adjacent home owned by the daughter, conditioned upon the owners of both dwellings to sign a waiver as may be drafted by the Solicitor to protect the Borough from liability from damages that could result from later line back-ups at both structures.

I plan to attend the meeting. I will be available to answer any questions and to assist with any items duly added to the agenda during the meeting. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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Tree and lights report

Dead sycamore tree cut down and all cuttings removed from corner of Washington and Franklin Ave.

To be completed in 2023

2 very bad hollow maple trees to be cut at 174 Washington

2 very bad trees at 508 Hancock-both will probably have to be removed

408 Hancock Ave—Tree to be cut back from porch roof of house and over street this was deferred from 2022 and needs to be done now

325 Hancock-Large dead branches hanging over road to be removed

125 East Adams— Very large tree with large branches impeding parking and walking—

182 Grant-Remove several large dead branches overhanging street and sidewalk

All other work deferred to 2024 unless emergency

No new trees to be planted from this year's budget

Lights

Light pole and Streetlight on Lincoln Ave near ATI guardhouse was hit and splintered ; leaning precariously toward Lincoln Ave. by large vehicle. Pole replaced.

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AGENDA ITEMS

Stone Arch Sign designating Vandergrift as a Greenway Community. Approval for installation requested.

Alle Kiski Intergovernmental Council :

Meetings scheduled to be virtual meetings every other month. Open to the public. 3rd Thursday of month at 5 pm. Link to be shared when received

Local Government Academy component of Fight Blight Initiative resolution

Information provided by three companies that can augment interested municipalities resources regarding code enforcement if/when needed by any of the member municipalities