

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: October 2, 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 September 5, 2023 minutes.

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

OPENING OF BIDS:

1. None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- 1.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. 202-2024 Alle-Kiski Intergovernmental Council Cooperation Agreement.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

- 1.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Lisa Dormire-Tree-lighting celebration November 24, 2024 & 2024 Artfest on July 28, 2024

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Replacement of refuse bags during festivals on Grant Avenue.

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. John Gourley resigns his position as a full-time school crossing guard.
2. Handicap parking request at 424 Jackson Avenue.

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. Discussion and deliberation-Ordinance No. 4-2023-Nuisance
2. Litigation issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. See attached.

ADJOURNMENT:

Engineer report and agenda items

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please see below my report and requested agenda items for the Monday, October 2, 2023 Council meeting.

Engineer Report:

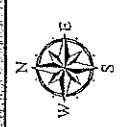
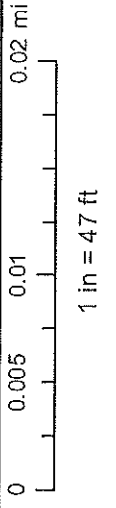
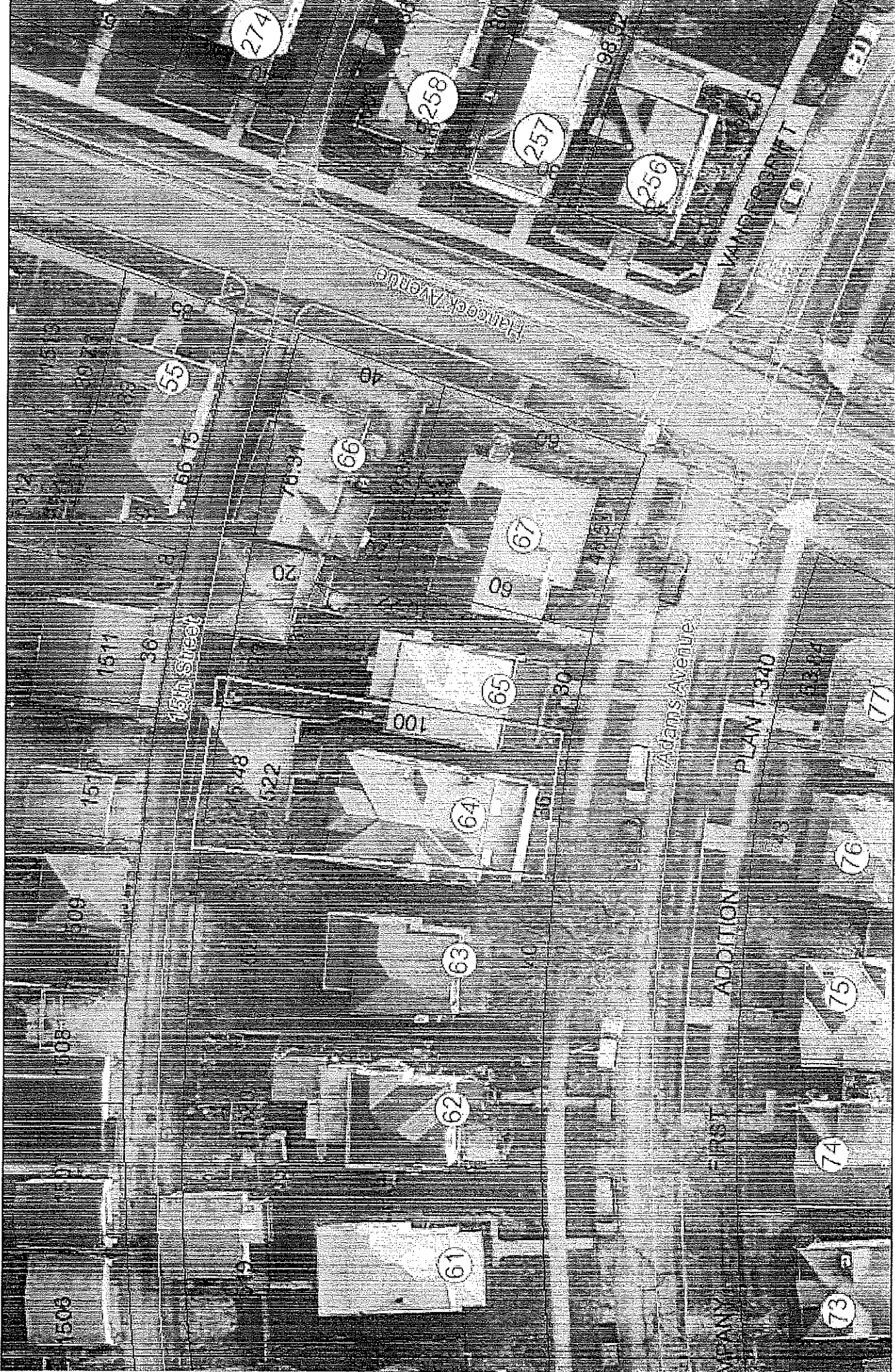
1. 2023 CDBG Street Resurfacing Project –Paving work complete as of 8/2/23. Backfilling behind curbs to be done.
2. DCED 2023 Local Share Account (LSA) Category 4 Grant Application for Grant & McKinley Avenues – Application in progress to be submitted this week.
3. DCED 2023 Local Share Account (LSA) Category 4 Grant Application for Public Works Equipment – Application in progress to be submitted this week.
4. 2024 CDBG Application – Being prepared and will be submitted this week as authorized.
5. 714/716 Wallace (former church at corner of Emerson) – The former parking area in front has been restored. No plans or information received to date.
6. 145 – 151 Grant Avenue Stormwater Issue – Notice of Violation sent to owners, and addresses of the properties (copies to Solicitor, Code Enforcement, etc.).
7. 302 Bryant St. ECHO Cottage - Anticipating a draft waiver from the Solicitor to protect the Borough from liability from lateral line back-ups.
8. Greenway Sign Possible Locations – Suggested several possible locations for the sign and provided maps.
9. 104 West Adams Driveway Inquiry – Based upon the location, there are 2 factors which I believe will compel the denial, if such an application is filed. There is limited sight distance due to on-street parking on the same side of the street which will require eliminating parking spaces in front of the property as well as adjacent properties to achieve the site distance (such condition will have the adverse effect of reducing on-street parking spaces). Secondly, there is not enough space to park a vehicle between the dwelling and adjacent dwellings nor is there enough space in front of the property between the porch and the sidewalk. Parked vehicles would block the sidewalk along the street within the public right-of-way (see attachment). Therefore, I request Chief Caporali review the situation to see if he concurs with my assertion. There is a 2 car garage on the alley (15th Street) behind the dwelling. There may be room for a driveway in the rear yard next to the garage, however excavation and grading will be required.

Requested agenda items:

1. Request for Reappointment as Borough Engineer – We are requesting reappointment for 2024 – 2025 (at this meeting or at the appropriate time).

If there are any other items for Engineering, please let me know. I plan to attend the meeting and 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.

104 West Adams



Date: 9/27/2023

Not to be substituted as a survey.
To be used for taxing purpose only.



October 2023

Tree and lights report

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

One of two trees at 508 Hancock removed. Second tree to be evaluated for stability.

Thanks to Councilwoman Christine and Borough Crew for stepping up to trim many low lying and dead branches from borough trees , working with tree committee to do trimming in a safe and cost effective way.

October 2023

Agenda Items

1-Request for approval of 2024 Vandergrift ArtFest needs formal approval

2-Inclusion of Greenway Sign location into Active Transportation Plan for Vandergrift Borough

3-Development of document for requests to use borough property providing requirements and guidelines for organizations requesting use

4-October 20 workshop for community development hosted by Westmoreland Co. Redevelopment Authority . Westmoreland County Community College –8:30-4:30. Involved residents and officials are highly encouraged to attend. Potential for help with future funding of identified projects.

4-Planning for Tree lighting/Santa arrival event on November 24



**Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority
Westmoreland County Land Bank**

40 N Pennsylvania Ave, Suite 520
Greensburg, PA 15601

Community Development Project Management Workshop

October 20, 2023; 8:30am-4pm | Westmoreland County Community College

The Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank are currently planning an event for certain qualified communities in response to the massive amounts of blight demolitions we are carrying out throughout the county. By the time we finish, we are hoping that over 500 blighted properties will be cleared; however, this leaves the looming question of what to do with these vacant lots to keep them from falling back into the cycle of blight. With this in mind, we want to educate and empower residents and community leaders of these qualified communities to carry out community development on these vacant lots.

The event we are planning for October 20th is intended to be an intensive one-day workshop, designed to give community development leaders a hands-on learning approach to successful community-focused project management. Skilled and experienced workshop facilitators will guide participants through the steps of a community development project from its initiation to its successful completion.

We are looking for community-minded individuals that live in the below communities to participate in this free workshop. *Communities who complete this workshop will be eligible for help from the RA/LB in obtaining funding for their chosen projects!*

- Penn Boro
- Greensburg
- Monessen
- Jeannette
- Arnold
- New Kensington
- Vandergrift

It's easy to participate! Go to <https://tinyurl.com/RALB-ProjectMngr> (or scan the QR code at the bottom of the page) to sign up for the workshop. Participants will need to take part in an in-person (or virtual) meeting prior to the workshop in order to reach a consensus as to the project their community will be taking on.

Questions? Reach out to me at avidale@co.westmoreland.pa.us. Thank you for your time. We look forward to working with you!

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