

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: February 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 Loperfито, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of January 3, 2023 minutes.

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Announcements.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Resolution No. 2-2023: Police contribution to pension plan @6.23%

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Issued 17 notice violations in January.
2. Issued 11 citations in January.
3. Attended two hearings.
4. Demolition on Washing Avenue properties has started.

COMMUNICATIOS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Vandergrift Library-Easter Egg Hund April 1, 2023 at 1:00 pm.
2. Anthony Ferrante-VVM & HS: Car Cruise of Grant Avenue, Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.
3. Shannon Gourley-Second Annual Witching Hours Night Market-Oct. 14, 2023.
4. Shannon Gourley- Use of Kennedy Park on June 24<sup>th</sup>-Pride in celebrating our LGBTQ + friends, family and neighbors.

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. No Report.

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. Request permission to advertise for the position of a meter enforcement officer.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

1. Replaced flag pole at the Municipal Building.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. See attached.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. Appoint an individual to fill a vacancy in the Vandergrift Zoning & Hearing Board.
2. Review meter parking.

RECREATION REPORT:

1. Updates on Pool Project and other recreation matters.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Parking Fine Ordinance: Deliberation/Official Action.
2. Game of Skill Ordinance: Deliberation/Official Action.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

1.

ADJOURNMENT:

## RE: Engineer agenda items

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

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

1. Olmsted Commons – Requesting authorization to advertise the project upon approval from DCNR with the bid opening date to be determined. Request scheduling a daytime work session with Marilee Kessler (Volunteer Coordinator), Community Partners, key volunteers, staff and no more than 3 Council Members to review the volunteer effort & coordination.
2. Vandergrift Pool Sidewalls & Coping repairs – We need to file for a time extension as per the email from Brett Ennis. We will be meeting with Satira Brothers Concrete Company at the site asap to review the conditions and get a rough idea of the work and cost to repair the side walls and copings.
3. 2022 Wasteload Management Report – Prepared and submit report for 2022 to KVVWPCA.
4. Street Excavation Permits – issued 3 permits to PNG, Hancock Ave. Phase 3 project, 117.5 Longfellow and 926 Wallace.
5. Unsafe Structure Conditions – Attended hearing for 704/706 Holland, Correspondence regarding chimney & Garage at 321 Hancock.
6. Unsafe Trees – Received a call from 418 Lowell regarding the poor condition of trees on adjacent vacant lot at 416 Lowell. This appears to be a private matter between property owners however, they reported that the owner of the property with the dying trees is deceased.

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,

**Lucien Bove, PE**  
**Bove Engineering Company**  
**8201 Route 819**  
**Greensburg, PA 15601**  
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FEBRUARY 2023

Tree and Lights Committee Report

The last 3 trees that were to be either removed or trimmed in 2022 were not completed due to necessary tree removal at project 70. The company that was told they would be able to complete the work in 2023 will do this.

Assessing borough trees to see if any that need attention are not on our current list. Preparing a list for 2023.

Will send list to several tree companies to get bids for work, prioritizing to be done when assessment is complete.

1025 Poe St. homeowner was concerned about a tree that sits on borough right of way at side of her home and is concerned that recent rainy weather has caused issues with the right of way area, with some shifting in the "gully" area. This tree was evaluated in 2022 by Arborist at Davey Tree Service and by independent tree company. The written opinion of arborist at that time was that tree was sound and, in fact, the root system was important to prevent shifting of the land and hillside. Assessment done by professional tree company on 1/29/23 agreed with the prior assessment.

I spoke with the homeowner to relay this information.