

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2024

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm, with President Holmes presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jody Sarno	Christine Wilson
Marilee Kessler	Rae Ann Bruner
Tom Holmes	Bryan Young
Daisha Clayton	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Lenny Collini, Mayor	Stephen J. DelleDonne, Secretary
Shae Kraft, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Assistant Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the October 7, 2024 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Sarno, second by Ms. Clayton. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Wilson, to hear from visitors at this time. Motion carried.

Taylor Troiano, 328 Harrison Avenue, addressed Council regarding the two (2) trees in front of his home that causing his sidewalk to lift-up, thereby, causing a tripping hazard.

Ursula Clark, 916 Holland Street, informed Council that parents are concerned with Nick Marino, school guard at intersection of Franklin & Monroe, not getting out of his car to perform his duties. She also stated that Mr. Marino is not in good health and leaves his position early.

Ms. Clark & Ron Harshman, of 239 Longfellow Street, addressed the need to increase the pay rate for the school guards, of which, would attract more people to apply for this position.

Josh Burrows, owner of the Tattoo Shop on Mc Kinley Avenue, thanked Council for the paving of Grant & McKinley. He also warned Council that calls may be coming from Chris Mamros, the owner of the Trygar Music Building, to complain that Mr. Burrows is not letting him access to the roof of his building.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Wilson, to return to the regular order of business. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Collini personally thanked Senator Pittman for his assistance in obtaining the grant to pave Grant & McKinley Avenue. He also thanked everyone involved in bringing about a eventfull Halloween Night.

Mayor Collini informed Council of the arrival of Santa and Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, November 29th.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary reported that the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission has submitted letter regarding an "Eligibility List" for the position of a full-time police officer for the Borough of Vandergrift. He stated that list contains the name of one individual Peter Forestieri, and that this matter will be addressed under the General Government Committee.

The Secretary requested Council to approve the borrowing of \$75,000 to address the following exspenses:

1. \$23,752.00 to cover difference in the MMO for police pension plan.
2. \$37,136.00 to cover the settlement between the Borough and Anthony DePanicis.
3. \$13,600.00 to cover the cost of installing a new heating & AC to the Police.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Ms. Clayton, to move forward the with borrowing of \$75,000. Motion carried.

The Secretary requested Council to approve applying for Tax Anticipation Note of \$100,000.00 to cover expenses until the 2025 taxes are received. He stated that that this note must be paid upon receipt of the 2025 proerty taxes.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Ms. Clayton, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

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

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

No Report

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Exhibit 1-A: Julia Martin, Chairwoman V.I.P.

Subject: Annual arrival of Santa & Tree Light Celebration-November 29th.
Request to close Grant, from Columbia to Sumner and Farragut, from Grant to 11th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Bruner, second by Mr. Sarno, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

REGULAR & STATE BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove presented his monthly report and discussed the following portions in detail.
(See page 3-A & B)

Item 1: Presented an invoice from A. Libeoni for work done on Grant & McKinley Avenues in the amount of \$145,980.45 (See page 3-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Kessler, to approve payment of the aforementioned invoice in the amount of \$145,980.45. Motion carried.

exhibit 1-A

Vandergrift Improvement Program, Inc.

P.O. Box 77, Vandergrift, PA 15690

Phone: 724-567-5286 / Fax: 724-567-7295 Email: vip15690@comcast.net

A 501©3 non-profit organization

October 17, 2024

Vandergrift Borough
109 Grant Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Re: Welcome Santa and Tree Lighting Celebration

Dear Council,

The VIP is again working with both Fire Departments on the annual arrival of Santa and Tree Lighting Celebration. The date is the traditional day after Thanksgiving, Friday November 29th. This year the Kiski Valley Lancers will assist in escorting Santa to town. The route will be from the parking lot at East Primary School, down Franklin to Grant Ave. Leaving the school about 6:00pm.

We would like you permission to close Grant Ave. from Columbia to Sumner and Farragut from Grant to 11th from 3:00pm to 9:00pm. There will be a few food trucks setting up. There will also be some entertainment starting at 5:00pm till the arrival of Santa shortly after 6:00pm. After Santa lights the tree in front of Ianni's he will be available in the VIP Market building for pictures. There will also be vendors in the building with a great assortment of treasures perfect for gift giving.

If anyone would like to donate towards the costs (candy and fuel for fire trucks) checks can be made out and sent to: VIP, Inc., PO Box 77, Vandergrift, PA 15690

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 724-567-6762 (work) or by email julie@byerstaxiandbusing.com

Best wishes to all for a blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy 2025!
Julia Martin, Chairwoman

3-A

VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH
 2024
 GRANT AVENUE & MCKINLEY AVENUE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
 USING DCED CEAP GRANT FUNDS
 Project No. 2024-505

Contractor Name & Address:
 A. Liberoni, Inc.
 459 Davidson Road
 Plum, PA 15239

October 29, 2024

PAYMENT ESTIMATE NO. 1
 PERIOD ENDING: October 25, 2024

COST SUMMARY

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$156,299.35
NET CHANGE ORDERS	\$0.00
PRESENT VALUE OF CONTRACT	<u>\$156,299.35</u>
TOTAL WORK THIS ESTIMATE	\$153,663.63
PLUS TOTAL PREVIOUS ESTIMATES	\$0.00
EQUAL TOTAL WORK TO DATE	\$153,663.63
(LESS 5% RETAINAGE)	(\$7,683.18)
SUBTOTAL	\$145,980.45
(LESS PREVIOUS PAYMENTS)	\$0.00
AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT	<u>\$145,980.45</u>

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY

Final Adjusted Change Order:	_____	Date	_____	Addition	_____	Deduction	_____
Net Change:				\$0.00			

Recommended: *Lucien Bove* Date 10/29/2024
 Lucien Bove, P.E. Date

Accepted: _____ (* see attached signed invoice) _____ *
 A. Liberoni, Inc. Date
 Approved: *Stephen A. Calla* Date 11/14/24
 VanDergrift Borough Date

NOTE: Contractor must provide a two-year Maintenance Bond in the amount of 20% of the Present Value of Contract prior to payment of retainage.

Item #2: Presented an invoice from 3D Murin Construction for work done on the Olmsted Commons Project in the amount of \$19,611,99. (See page 4-A)

Item #5: The Columbia Parking Lot Rain Garden Project will not start until early next year. Lucian Bove requested permission to apply for a PennDot permit with no cost to the Borough.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs.Kessler, to approve this matter. Motion carried.

Item #6: California Avenue Subdivision Plan has been approved by the Vandergrift Planning Commission and requesting the approval of Council of this matter. (See page 4-B)

Solicitor Kraft presented for adoption Resolution No. 8-2024 regarding the aforementioned subdivision. (See page 4-C)

A motion was made by Mrs.Kessler, second by Ms. Clayton, to adopt Resolution No. 8-2024. Motion carried.

Item #8: The MS4 application was submitted and has been approved for an addition five (5) years. (See page 4-D)

Solicitor Kraft stated that plans should be taken to address this matter before the end of this 5 year period.

Engineer Bove stated the following actions of the Borough will comply with the MS4 requirements: Street sweeping, clean catch basins, collect leaves.

Ms. Clayton stated that Rich Greece wishes to create a stone parking pad at 104 Hamilton Avenue for the purpose of storing his trailer.

Engineer Bove stated the Borough ordinance calls for either a cement or paved pad and will require a permit from PennDot due to Hamilton Avenue being a state road.

President Holmes stated that Mr. Greece needs to follow the existing Borough ordinance.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mrs. Kessler, to accept the Engineer's Report. Motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

Chairperson Clayton stated that members of Council have be provided with copies of the General Fund Budget, the Park& Pool Budget, and the State Aid Budget for the month of October-2024.

VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH
OLMSTED COMMONS - PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
GRANT AVENUE & MCKINLEY AVENUE STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
USING DCNR GRANT FUNDS AND BOROUGH FUNDS

Project No. 2020-500

Contractor Name & Address:
3D Murin Construction
122 Naponic Lane
North Huntingdon, PA 15642

October 31, 2024

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY

Final Adjusted Change Order:	Date	Addition	Deduction
Net Change:		\$0.00	

COST SUMMARY

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$178,380.00
NET CHANGE ORDERS	\$0.00
PRESENT VALUE OF CONTRACT	<u>\$178,380.00</u>
TOTAL WORK THIS ESTIMATE	\$21,790.00
PLUS TOTAL PREVIOUS ESTIMATES	\$0.00
EQUAL TOTAL WORK TO DATE	<u>\$21,790.00</u>
(LESS 5% RETAINAGE)	(\$2,179.00)
SUBTOTAL	\$19,611.00
(LESS PREVIOUS PAYMENTS)	\$0.00
AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT	<u>\$19,611.00</u>

Recommended: *Lucien Boye* 10/31/2024
 Lucien Boye, P. E. Date

Accepted: _____ (* see attached signed invoice) *
 3D Murin Construction Date

Approved: *[Signature]* 11/4
 Vandergrift Borough Date

NOTE: Contractor must provide a two-year Maintenance Bond in the amount of 20% of the Present Value of Contract prior to payment of retainage.

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*Vandergrift Borough Planning Commission
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690*

November 1, 2024

Vandergrift Borough
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

**IN RE: Application of Richard Stefanik and Michele Stefanik
 Date of Hearing: October 14, 2024**

Dear Mr. DelleDonne and Members of Council:

Please be advised that the Planning Commission met on October 14, 2024 to hear the Subdivision Application request of Richard Stefanik and Michele Stefanik. Following the review of this matter and a review of the Planning Code of the Borough of Vandergrift, the Planning Commission of the Borough of Vandergrift granted the Subdivision request of the applicants. We have directed the assistant solicitor to prepare a proposed Resolution for approval by the Council and recommend that the Council approve the same and execute the mylar and related plan documents at the Council meeting scheduled for November 4, 2024.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,



DANTE CELLITTI, Chairman

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RESOLUTION 8 of 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA AVENUE SUBDIVISION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift Planning Commission met on October 14, 2024, for the purpose of reviewing the final plan of the subdivision request of Richard Stefanik and Michele Stefanik; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of said hearing, the Commission voted to recommend final approval of the subdivision plan and has directed the same to be provided to the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift for final approval;

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergrift Council does hereby resolve as follows: BE IT RESOLVED, that on the 4th day of November, 2024, the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift does accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission evidencing that the subdivision request of Richard Stefanik and Michele Stefanik, is now in substantial compliance with the terms of the Planning Commission of the Borough of Vandergrift and does hereby resolve that the final plan is accepted by the Borough of Vandergrift. IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all uses of the properties in question must comply with all other ordinances and codes of the Borough of Vandergrift.

RESOLVED, at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania this 4th day of November, 2024.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

BY: Thomas M. Holmes
THOMAS HOLMES, Council President

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED:

LENNY COLLINI, Mayor



Pennsylvania
Department of
Environmental Protection

4-D

October 31, 2024

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Stephen DelleDonne
Vandergriff Borough
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergriff, PA 15690

Re: Stormwater – MS4 Waiver
Vandergriff Borough Sewer System
Waiver No. PAG136400
Authorization ID No. 1503069
Vandergriff Borough, Westmoreland County

Dear Permittee:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received your request for a permit waiver along with your application for an NPDES permit for your small Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4). We have reviewed your submission and we have determined that you qualify for a waiver from NPDES MS4 permitting requirements, and your request is approved.

This waiver applies for a 5-year period and expires five years from the date on this letter. In the event that the conditions identified in the waiver request form change during the term of this waiver, you may be required to submit a new application for an individual NPDES permit or NOI for coverage under the PAG-13 General Permit.

You must submit an application or NOI for coverage under an NPDES MS4 Permit at least 180 days prior to the expiration of your waiver. At that time, if you determine that you meet eligibility requirements for a waiver from permitting, you may include a new waiver request with your permit application or NOI. NPDES permits and waivers must be renewed every five years.

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal the action to the Environmental Hearing Board (Board), pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. § 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. Chapter 5A. The Board's address is:

Environmental Hearing Board
Rachel Carson State Office Building, Second Floor
400 Market Street
P.O. Box 8457
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457

TDD users may contact the Environmental Hearing Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800-654-5984.

Appeals must be filed with the Board within 30 days of receipt of notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

The Secretary provided Council with copies of the proposed budgets of the General Fund, Park & Pool and the State-Aid for the fiscal year 2025.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Sarno, to accept the Budget & Finance Report. Motion carried.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Chairperson Sarno stated that he attempted to e-mail his agenda for the meeting, but was bounced back.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson stated that Kelly Gervais, 307 Longfellow Street, has submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application and that she meets the requirements of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Ms. Clayton, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kessler stated that Beth Held, 501 Longfellow Street, has submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application and that she meets the requirements of the ordinance.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Ms. Bruner, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kessler stated that Bethany Allera has submitted a letter of resignation as a part-time police officer.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Mr. Young, to accept Bethany Allera's resignation. Motion carried.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Bruner presented her report for October. (See page 5-A)

Ms. Bruner stated that she is having trouble having street light at 537 Walnut replaced. She stated that West Penn is waiting for parts.

A motion was made by Ms. Clayton, second by Mrs. Wilson, to accept the Tree & Light Report. Motion carried.

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raeannbruner@vandergriftborough.com

10/30/2024 8:07 AM

Oct 24 Tree and Light report

To Steve Delladonne <vgborosec@comcast.net>

Trees and Lights October 2024

Tree removed in parklet at Franklin and EV hill

Lights reported:

118 Custer

141 Custer

253 Sherman Front

253 Sherman Back

105 Indiana

721 Irving

537 Walnut WP waiting for parts to fix. Reported multiple times.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Holmes stated that Vandergrift Civil Service Commission has submitted that name of Peter B. Forestieri to be considered as a full-time police officer of the Vandergrift Borough Police Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Wilson, to hire Peter B. Forestieri as full-time police officer for the Vandergrift Borough. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Ms. Clayton, to accept the General Government Report. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Young reported that the Vandergrift pool has been winterized for the season. He also stated that the light at the stage at Kennedy Park has been fixed and that he also fixed the light at Franklin Park.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Ms. Bruner, to accept the Recreation Report. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Kraft stated that Resolution No. 8-2024 has been acted in the Engineer's Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Sarno reported that, to date, \$59,000 has been collected regarding the delinquent refuse and sewer recovery bills.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Wilson stated that she plans to contact Thomas Ceraso of the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County for the purpose of discussing why the water company is not paying the street opening fees.

Ms. Clayton informed Council that the principal at the East Primary School would like to include Kennedy Park in their Evacuation Plan.

A motion was made by Ms. Clayton, second by Mr. Young, to approve the inclusion of Kennedy Park in the school's evacuation plan.

RECESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Kessler, to recess the meeting until Tuesday, November 12, 2024, beginning at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was recessed at 8:00 pm.