

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

December 2, 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	
Daisha Clayton	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the November 4, 2024 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Nick Morgan, 328 Spruce Street, stated that the water line behind his ouse on 43rd Street is leaking and the holes are getter larger.

President Holmes stated that he would have someone look into this matter.

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 thanked everyone involved in "Light the Night". He also thanked those involved in the up-coming "Extravaganza Event"

Mayor Collini thanked the Community and Council for a good year and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary informed Council that the proposed 2025 Budget for Borough of Vandergrift was duly advertised for the public inspection and recommended that the Council act to approve the 2025 Budget.

A motion was made by Ms. Clayton, second by Mrs. Kessler, to adopt the proposed 2025 Budget of the Borough of Vandergrift. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Ms. Clayton, to adopt Ordinance No. 1-2024, which sets the millage rate for the year 2025 at 28 mills. Motion carried. (See page 2-A)

The Secretary presented a letter of resignation from Carmi Amarando as the Code Officer effective November 27, 2024. (See page 2-B)

A motion was made by Ms. Clayton, second by Ms. Bruner, to accept Mrs. Amarando's resignation. Motion carried.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

No Report

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Exhibit 1-A: Kyle Harris, KVL president.

Subject: Requesting permission to remove the bleachers on the Linden Street within Davis Field, and to also include the old light structures.

RESOLUTION 13 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT FOR OFF-STREET METERED PARKING PERMITS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift provides the ability for individuals to apply for and purchase a non-exclusive permit for off-street metered parking places within parking lots designated in Vandergrift Borough Code § 470-44 pursuant to Vandergrift Borough Code § 470-54; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift has evaluated the time and cost associated with the processing of applications for off-street metered parking permits and issuance of the same and may change the application fees from time to time by resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Vandergrift pursuant to Vandergrift Borough Code § 470-54(A) ; and,

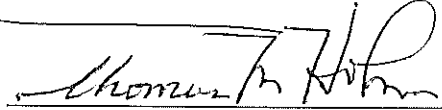
WHEREAS, the Borough may prescribe reasonable fees for the service of officers of the Borough of Vandergrift, and has the ability to enforce the payment of the same pursuant to the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. § 1202(1).

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby **RESOLVE** as follows:

RESOLVED, that the fee for non-exclusive off-street metered parking permits shall be established at a rate of \$15.00 per month, payable in advance, with a minimum of 12 months due and owing at the time of application and annually thereafter on the anniversary month (\$180.00 annually), effective immediately.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED, this 2nd day of December, 2024 at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

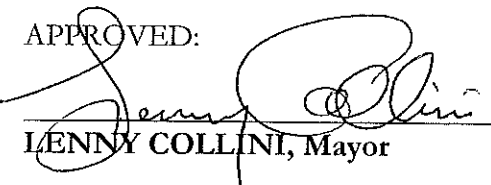
BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

By: 
THOMAS HOLMES,
Council President

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE,
Borough Secretary

APPROVED:


LENNY COLLINI, Mayor

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NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Vandergrift Borough

109 Grant Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear TOM HOLMES and/or COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from my position as a CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF VANDERGRIFT, effective two weeks from today's date, Nov. 13, 2024.

After much consideration, I have decided to further my education, which requires my full commitment at this time.

I appreciate the opportunity for growth and development, as well as the unconditional support you have provided during my time here. I have learned a great deal and have TRULY enjoyed working with such a dedicated team.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Please let me know how I can be of help during the transition period.

Sincerely,

Carmi Amarando

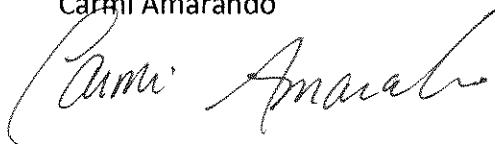
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carmi Amarando". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name.

exhibit 1-A

Dear Council,

I am writing to formally request the removal of the bleachers (Linden side) and the old floodlights at Davis Field. These structures have become increasingly dilapidated and pose safety concerns.

I propose that the removal be conducted at no cost to the borough or KVL. I believe that by engaging volunteers and local contractors who are willing to contribute their time and resources, we can efficiently and safely dismantle these structures without imposing any financial burdens.

Thank you for considering my request, I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Kyle Harris
Kiski Valley Lancer President

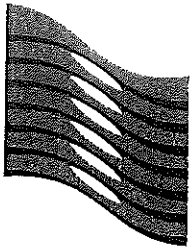


Exhibit J-4

Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority

1361 SCHOOL ROAD • LEECHBURG PA 15656

PHONE: (724) 568-3655

FAX: (724) 568-3554

WEBSITE: KVWPCA.COM EMAIL: GENERAL@KVWPCA.COM

October 30, 2024

Vandergrift Borough Council
109 Grant Street
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Re: Appointment of Authority Board Member

Dear Vandergrift Borough Council Members:

The term of the representative from your municipality to Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority Board of Directors will expire in January 2025. Each appointed representative serves a five-year term on the Authority Board. Your current representative is Christine Wilson.

Please appoint or re-appoint your representative and confirm the appointment to the Authority with a letter of your decision.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (724) 568-3655 or dduryea@kvwPCA.com.

Sincerely,

Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority

Dennis J Duryea, P.E.
Authority Manager

Exhibit 3-A



Until The Whole World Knows Ministry
110 Grant Ave., Vandergrift, PA 115690

UTWWK.Ministry@Gmail.com

878-302-4913

November 18, 2024

Vandergrift Borough Council

109 Grant Ave.

Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear Vandergrift Borough Council:

My name is Derek Evans, I am the Pastor of Until The Whole World Knows Ministry, located at 110 Grand Ave. The reason for this letter is to get permission from the Council to be able to set up at Kennedy Park one Sunday a month, starting in May. We would have our morning service in the park starting at 10:00 AM, for whomever would like to attend (Set up usually begins at 8AM). We would like to use the electricity as well. In June's outdoor service we would be serving a free cookout meal to the community immediately after service and in August we would like to host a Back-2-School event shortly after morning service. These two Sundays with events would require us to be in the park until 4-5 PM. We thank you in advance for considering our request. Below is a list of the Sunday's we are requesting.

May 25, 2025

June 22, 2025

July 27, 2025

Aug. 10, 2025

Sept. 28, 2025

Sincerely,

Derek Evans

Pastor of Until The Whole World Knows Ministry

Engineer Agenda items for December 2, 2024

To Stephen DelleDonne <vgborosec@comcast.net> • Tom Holmes <tomholmes@vandergriftborough.com> Copy
 Larry Loperfido <ldl@gllawyers.com> • Shea M Kraft Esquire <smk@gllawyers.com> •
 Christine Wilson <christinewilson1782@gmail.com> • Marilee Kessler <marileekessler@vandergriftborough.com> •
 Daishaclayton <daishaclayton@vandergriftborough.com> • jodysarno@vandergriftborough.com •
 Lenny Collini <lennycollini@vandergriftborough.com> • raeannbruner@vandergriftborough.com •
 bryanyoung@vandergriftborough.com

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following are my requested agenda items for the Monday, December 2, 2024 Council meeting:

1. **Grant Avenue & McKinley Street Reconstruction** (CEAP Grant) Request authorization to approve Payment Estimate 2 Final and Final Adjusted Change Order.
2. **Olmsted Commons Park Development Project** – Contractor's work is substantially complete. Requesting authorization to approve Payment Estimate No. 2. Status update on In House & Volunteer Work and fundraising campaign. Prepared the attached Press Release which was sent to the newspaper 11/22.
3. **MS4 Waiver Application** – DEP MS4 Waiver approval received 10/31 prior to previous meeting. See attached.
4. **MAAT LaBelle Vue Road Sewer Extension - Intermunicipal Agreement** – Request authorization to approve the attached Intermunicipal Agreement.
5. **2024 CDBG Project** – Subrecipient Agreement was recently received, signed and submitted to the County Planning Dept. (please provide a copy). Timeline sought for tentative bid opening date in 2025.
6. **Reappointment for 2025** - Request approval of reappointment as the Borough Engineer per request.
7. **Ninth Street Retaining Wall Replacement Project** (CEAP Grant) Field work started. Held site meeting with the Geotechnical Engineer 11-14 to discuss recommendations for drilling, proposed wall types, and info. needed for cost proposal.
8. **Casino Theater & Library Building Improvement Project – Phase 2** – Submitted Payment Request 5 to DCED on 11/12.
9. **219 – 225 Grant Avenue Partial Building Collapse** – Status update. None.
10. **PNG Gas Line Replacement Projects**
 - a. Franklin Avenue Project – On hold.
 - b. Sherman Avenue Project Phase 1 – Pavement restoration being completed.
 - c. Columbia Avenue Leak Project (11th Street) – In Progress.
 - d. East Madison Ave. Project – Project planned for 2025. Anticipate application being filed soon.
 - e. Longfellow Street Project – Project planned for August 20, 2025 (Note - this street is to be paved under the 2024 CDBG project).
 - f. LaBelle Vue Project – Under design. Anticipate application being filed soon.
 - g. 134 Hamilton (work in 7th Street) – Permit Approved.
11. **MAWC Line Repair Restoration Issues** – Met at Borough Office with Ben Wentzel on 11/13. Ben is working toward addressing the Borough's concerns.
12. **Any Engineering-related Items added to the agenda**

Items requiring board action are shown in **Bold** print. If anyone has any questions, or If any additional items are required but not listed above, please let me know as soon as possible. I plan to attend the meeting and to be

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

November 26, 2024

PAYMENT ESTIMATE NO. 2 Final (Including retainage)
 PERIOD ENDING: November 5, 2024

COST SUMMARY

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$156,299.35
NET CHANGE ORDERS	(\$221.20)
PRESENT VALUE OF CONTRACT	\$156,078.15
TOTAL WORK THIS ESTIMATE	\$2,414.52
PLUS TOTAL PREVIOUS ESTIMATES	\$153,663.63
EQUAL TOTAL WORK TO DATE	\$156,078.15
(LESS 0% RETAINAGE)	\$0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$156,078.15
(LESS PREVIOUS PAYMENTS)	(\$145,980.45)
AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT	<u>\$10,097.70</u>

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY

	Date	Addition	Deduction
Final Adjusted Change Order:	11/26/24	\$9,534.53	(\$9,755.73)
Net Change:			-\$221.20

Recommended: *Lucien Boye* 11/26/2024
 Lucien Boye, P.E. Date

Accepted: (* see attached signed invoice) _____ *
 A. Liberoni, Inc. Date

Approved: *Andrew A. Miller* 12/2/24
 Vandergrift Borough Date

NOTE: Contractor has provided the two-year Maintenance Bond in the amount of +/-20% of the Present Value of Contract prior to payment of retainage.

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

Project No. 2020-500

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

November 25, 2024

PAYMENT ESTIMATE NO. 2
 PERIOD ENDING: November 21, 2024

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	\$74,590.00
PLUS TOTAL PREVIOUS ESTIMATES	\$21,790.00
EQUAL TOTAL WORK TO DATE	\$96,380.00
(LESS 5% RETAINAGE)	(\$4,819.00)
SUBTOTAL	\$91,561.00
(LESS PREVIOUS PAYMENTS)	(\$19,611.00)
AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT	<u>\$71,950.00</u>

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY

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

Recommended: *Lucien Bove* 11/25/2024
 Lucien Bove, P.E. Date

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

Approved: *Stephan J. Wells* 12/3/24
 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.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Ms. Clayton, to approve the aforementioned matter with the stipulation of providing the proper certificates of insurance.

Exhibit 2-A: Dennis Duryea, Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority manager.

Subject; Requesting Council to appoint someone to the K.V.W.P.C.A Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Ms. Bruner, to reappoint Mrs. Christine Wilson to the K.V.W.P.C.A Board for five-year term. Motion carried.

Exhibit 3-A: Derick Evans, Pastor of Until the Whole World Knows Ministry.

Subject: Requesting use of Kennedy Park one Sunday per month for their Morning services starting May 25 to Sept. 28th.

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

REGULAR AND STATED BILLS:

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

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove presented his report, with actions taken on parts of the report. (See 3-A)

#1 Engineer Bove presented an invoice from A. Liberoni, Inc. in the amount of \$10,097.70 for street project on Grant & McKinley Avenues. (See page 3-B)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Sarno, to approve payment of \$10,097.70 to A. Liberoni Inc. Motion carried

#2 Engineer Bove presented an invoice from 3D Murin Construction in the amount of \$71,950.00 for work on the Olmsted Commons Project. (See page 3-C)

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Ms. Bruner, to approve payment of \$71,950.00 to 3D Murin Construction. Motion carried.

#3 Engineer Bove informed Council that he has prepared a press release regarding the Olmsted Commons Project, stating that need for volunteers and monetary donations is desperately needed. (See page 3-D)

#5 Engineer Bove reported that the Secretary recently received agreements regarding the 2024 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project. Because of the time frame, he stated that this project will need to be postponed until early next year.

#4 A discussion was held on the Agreement between the Borough of Vandergrift and the Municipal Authority of Allegheny Twp regarding the LaBellevue road sewer extension. Mrs. Wilson stated that the Township feels the residents of the Township should not be required to pay the transmission fees.

With this matter and other concerns, a motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Ms. Clayton, to table action on said agreement at this time. Motion carried.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

Chairperson Clayton stated that copies of the General Fund, Park & Pool Fund, and the State Aid budgets have been distributed to members of Council.

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

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Kessler presented Jerrod Thompson's letter of resignation from the Vandergrift Borough Police Department effective November 28, 2024. (See page 4-A)

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Mr. Sarno, to accept Mr. Thompson's resignation letter. Motion carried.

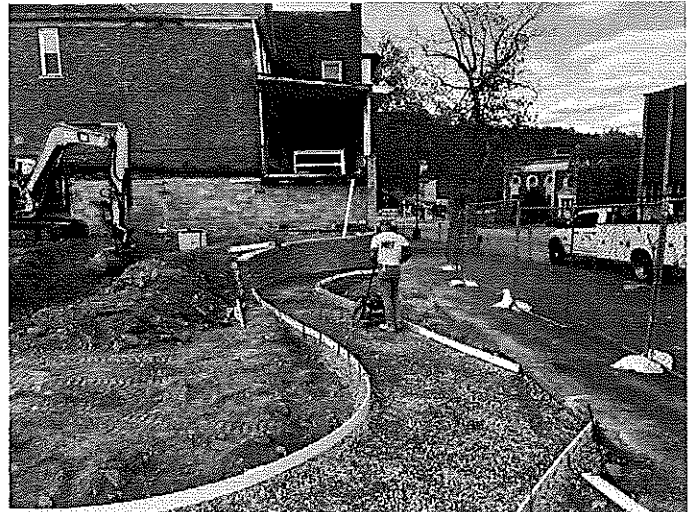
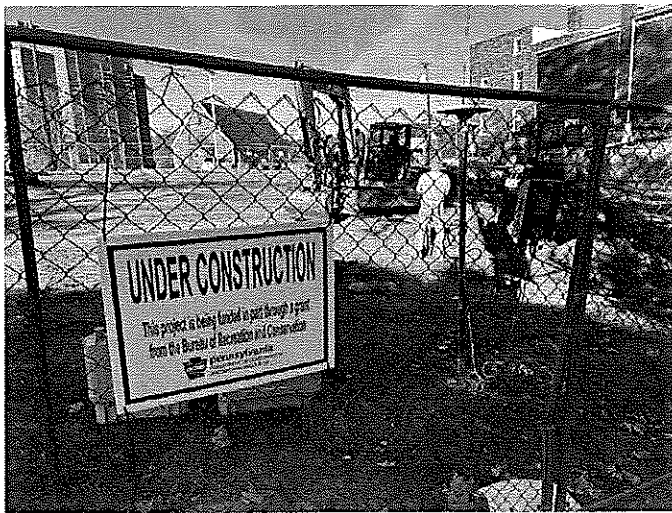
A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Ms. Bruner, to approve a Persons With Disability Parking Application for Michele Lippert, at 305 Longfellow Street. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Ms. Bruner, to approve a Persons With Disability Parking Application for Karen Daley, at 245 Sherman Avenue. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Clayton, second by Mr. Sarno, to accept the Police & Public Safety Report. Motion carried.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 22, 2024



Vandergrift Borough Breaks Ground for Olmsted Commons Park at 144 Washington Avenue.

After several years of planning and development which were interrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic, Vandergrift Borough is pleased to announce that “Olmsted Commons Park” will soon become a reality for residents, tourists and visitors to enjoy. Authorization to proceed with construction of the park was received in October of 2024.

The park is named in honor of Frederick Law Olmsted, the town planner and father of Landscape Architecture in America. The park concept was designed by Kathy Hamilton, RLA. Bove Engineering Company of Greensburg provided construction plans, bid specifications and project coordination. The park will feature a large stainless steel “V” (for Vandergrift) monument to honor the birthplace of the steel industry in America, and will provide a large paved event space, two accessible parking spaces, a themed mural wall, accessible curved walkways, park bench pads, tree pits for two large sycamores and several stormwater management control measures including a raingarden, an infiltration trench, and tree planting and preservation. Future amenities include a park structure, park benches, lighting and electrical facilities, green screens, vines and other plantings for the green screens.

The contractor doing the earthwork, hardscapes and general landscaping is 3D Murin Construction of North Huntingdon, PA. The Contractor’s work is to be complete before the end of 2024. The Borough will have some time to implement required in-kind work and materials needed to complete the park in 2025.

Funding assistance for this project is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) through a Keystone Recreation Park and Conservation Fund grant, Vandergrift Borough and numerous local partners including the Redevelopment Authority of Westmoreland County, the Westmoreland Conservation District, Allegheny Technologies Incorporated, Vandergrift Casino Theater Restoration & Management and others. The “V” monument is being provided by the Vandergrift Improvement Program (VIP) through a Community Foundation of Westmoreland County grant which provided the material and fabrication donated by Eugene Hepler, welder and owner of EHI-FireFab of Oklahoma Borough.

Monetary donations are desperately needed in order to release the full DCNR grant amount and to purchase and install park amenities such as a future park structure, park benches, trash receptacles, park identification and educational signs and supports, canopy trees, flowering trees, rain garden plantings, landscape plantings, construction of the mural wall, mural wall art, printing or painting murals on outdoor canvas, lighting poles, pole foundations, electrical conduits and wiring. Donations will be accepted at the Borough Office at 109 Grant Avenue, Vandergrift, PA 15690 payable to “Vandergrift Borough” with the note “Olmsted Commons”.

Volunteers are being sought to assist with tree and flower planting, landscaping, providing materials or services and future maintenance of trees, plantings and landscaped areas. For more information on how to contribute or volunteer materials and/or services, please contact Marilee Kessler, Vandergrift Council and Olmsted Park Volunteer Coordinator at 724-454-1625 or at kesslermarilee@gmail.com . Thank you for your support!

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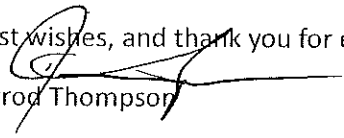
LETTER OF RESIGNATION

To: Vandergrift Borough/ Chief Caporali

Please accept this as my formal resignation from the Vandergrift Borough Police Department. My last day will be **November 28th 2024**, two weeks from today. I am grateful for all the opportunity to work for the Borough of Vandergrift. I have met so many good people and was fortunate to work with a lot of good officers.

It's been a sincere pleasure working for the Borough of Vandergrift and the Vandergrift Police Department.

Best wishes, and thank you for everything.


Jerrod Thompson

BUILDING & GROUDS REPORT:

Chairperson Sarno informed Council that the American Flag at the end of Cooper Street and the American Flag at Kennedy Park have been taken down. He stated they need some repairs, of which, he may ask his wife to make the repair.

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

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Bruner presented a list of street lights that were addressed in November. She stated that 8 additional lights were addressed since this report. (Se page 5-A)

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Holmes requested Council to have the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission to provide a list of elibible candidates for the position of full-time officer for Borough. He stated that this action is taken to fill the vacany of Jerrod Thompson.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Kraft presented the following resolutions for adoption:

1-Resolution No. 9-2024 which increase the garbage fees to \$1.50 per month or \$91.50 per quarter. (See page 5-B)

A motion was made by Ms. Clayton, second by Ms. Bruner, to adopt Resolution No. 9-2024. Motion carried.

#2-Resolution No. 10-2024 which increases the Municial Lien Letter Fees from \$30.00 to \$40.00. (See page 5-C)

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raeannbruner@vandergriftborough.com

11/26/2024 10:44 AM

Updated Tree and Light report Nov 2024

To Steve Delladonne <vgborosec@comcast.net>

Trees and Lights November 2024

Lights:

- 119 Sherman Front
- 262 Franklin back in 9th St alley
- 268 Franklin Front
- 926 Wallace Front
- 24th St @ Kennedy Park between fenced in courts
- 503 Jackson Ave Front
- Davis Field entrance on Jackson Avenue
- 137 Custer Avenue Front
- 303 Elm Back
- 106 East Monroe Front

Trees:

No report

RESOLUTION 9 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, RESOLVING TO INCREASE GARBAGE FEES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift imposes a basic refuse collection charge at an annual rate, billed and payable in advance, on a quarterly basis pursuant to Vandergrift Borough Code Section 404-5(d); and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift has the authority to change the refuse collection charge from time to time by resolution of Council pursuant to Vandergrift Borough Code Section 404-5(c); and,

WHEREAS, in order to continue to adequately protect the health, safety and welfare of the Borough of Vandergrift residents, and in order to safely and efficiently administer the Borough of Vandergrift garbage collection program, the Borough of Vandergrift must increase the basic refuse collection charge as a result of rising costs of administration associated with the garbage collection program;

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby resolve as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Borough of Vandergrift shall increase garbage collection fees to \$366.00 annually, the same to be billed at a rate of \$91.50 per quarter constituting an increase of \$1.50 per month or \$4.50 per quarter effective as of the billings for the first quarter 2025 until further amended by Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift.

HAVING RESOLVED this 2nd day of December, 2024 at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

BY: Thomas M Holmes
THOMAS HOLMES,
Council President

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED:

Lenny Collini
LENNY COLLINI,
Mayor

RESOLUTION 10 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT FOR MUNICIPAL LIEN LETTERS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift is responsible for responding to requests for lien information from prospective buyers and refinancers of real property located in the Borough of Vandergrift; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift has evaluated the time and cost associated with procuring and supplying the necessary information; and,

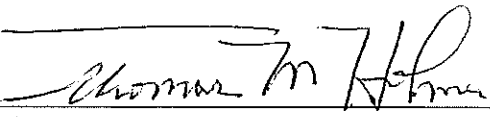
WHEREAS, the Borough may prescribe reasonable fees for the service of officers of the Borough of Vandergrift, and has the ability to enforce the payment of the same pursuant to the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. § 1202(1).

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby RESOLVE as follows:

RESOLVED, that the fee for the completion of a lien search of municipal liens of the Borough of Vandergrift and the preparation and submission of a lien report, commonly referred to as a lien letter, to a requester, shall be established at a rate of \$40.00, effective immediately.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED, this 2nd day of December, 2024 at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.


BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

By: 
THOMAS HOLMES,
Council President

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE,
Borough Secretary

APPROVED:


LENNY COLLINI, Mayor

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt Resolution No. 10-2024. Motion carried.

#3-Resolution No. 11-2024 which increase the Building Permit fees from \$40.00 to \$60.00. (See page 6-A)

A motion was made by Ms. Clayton, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt Resolution No. 11-2024. Motion carried.

#4-Resolution No. 12-2024 which increases the Occupancy Inspection Fees from \$75.00 to \$100.00, and a reinspection fee of \$75.00. (See page 6-C)

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Ms. Clayton, to adopt Resolution No. 12-2024. Motion carried.

#5-Resolution No. 13,2024 which increases the off-metered streets, and places within the parking lots from \$10.00 per month to \$15.00 per month. (See page 6-D)

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Ms. Bruner, to adopt Resolution No. 13, 2024. Motion carried.

Solicitor Kraft discussed the matter of charging a \$200.00 yearly rental fee to landlords per rental unit. He stated that he would need to amend the current ordinance to establish this yearly fee to be adopted at the January 3, 2025 meeting.

Solicitor Kraft recommended that Council recess the meeting to December 16, 2024 at 7:00 for purpose of passing a resolution regarding the borrowing of up to \$125,000 Tax Anticipation Note in 2025.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

In regards to the "Gateway" sign to erected at the Vandergrift Bridge, Mrs. Wilson stated that this structure would require 120 blocks at a cost of \$330.00, at the Borough expense.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mrs. Kessler, to approve this expense. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION 11 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT FOR BUILDING PERMITS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift requires that a building permit be issued before any construction or development is undertaken with any of are of the Borough pursuant to Vandergrift Borough Code § 237-5; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift has evaluated the time and cost associated with the processing of applications for building permits and issuance of the same; and,

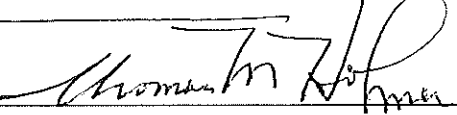
WHEREAS, the Borough may prescribe reasonable fees for the service of officers of the Borough of Vandergrift, and has the ability to enforce the payment of the same pursuant to the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. § 1202(1).

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby RESOLVE as follows:

RESOLVED, that the fee for a building permit application shall be established at a rate of \$60.00, effective immediately.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED, this 2nd day of December, 2024 at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.


BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

By: 
THOMAS HOLMES,
Council President

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE,
Borough Secretary

APPROVED:


LENNY COLLINI, Mayor

RESOLUTION 12 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, RESOLVING TO INCREASE FEES FOR APPLICATION FOR OCCUPANCY PERMIT AND INITIAL INSPECTION, APPLICATION FOR CLEAR TO CLOSE AND INITIAL INSPECTION, AND REINSPECTION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift requires that an occupancy permit be issued prior to occupancy of any new structure, and when there is a change in the owner of any structure in the Borough of Vandergrift pursuant to Vandergrift Borough Code Section 317-2; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift has the authority to change the fees assessed for an application for occupancy permit, application for clear to close, and any necessary reinspections from time to time by resolution of Council pursuant to Vandergrift Borough Code Sections 317-3(D) and 317-3(E)(8); and,

WHEREAS, in order to continue to adequately protect the health, safety and welfare of the Borough of Vandergrift residents, and in order to safely and efficiently process initial applications for an occupancy permit, initial applications for clear to close, and perform all initial inspections and any necessary reinspections, the Borough of Vandergrift must increase the initial application fees and fees for reinspection as a result of rising costs of administration associated with the same;

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby resolve as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Borough of Vandergrift shall increase the fee for an application for occupancy permit and initial inspection to \$100.00; shall increase the fee for an application for a clear to close and initial inspection to \$100.00; and shall increase the fee for any required reinspection due to failure of any initial inspection to \$75.00 per reinspection, effective immediately.

HAVING RESOLVED this 2nd day of December, 2024 at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

BY: Thomas M Holmes
THOMAS HOLMES,
Council President

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED:

Lenny Collini
LENNY COLLINI,
Mayor

RESOLUTION 13 OF 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING AN INCREASE IN FEES CHARGED BY THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT FOR OFF-STREET METERED PARKING PERMITS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift provides the ability for individuals to apply for and purchase a non-exclusive permit for off-street metered parking places within parking lots designated in Vandergrift Borough Code § 470-44 pursuant to Vandergrift Borough Code § 470-54; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift has evaluated the time and cost associated with the processing of applications for off-street metered parking permits and issuance of the same and may change the application fees from time to time by resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Vandergrift pursuant to Vandergrift Borough Code § 470-54(A) ; and,

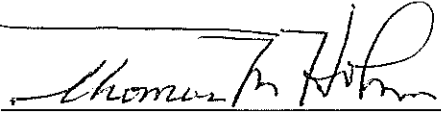
WHEREAS, the Borough may prescribe reasonable fees for the service of officers of the Borough of Vandergrift, and has the ability to enforce the payment of the same pursuant to the Pennsylvania Borough Code, 8 Pa.C.S.A. § 1202(1).

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby RESOLVE as follows:

RESOLVED, that the fee for non-exclusive off-street metered parking permits shall be established at a rate of \$15.00 per month, payable in advance, with a minimum of 12 months due and owing at the time of application and annually thereafter on the anniversary month (\$180.00 annually), effective immediately.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED, this 2nd day of December, 2024 at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

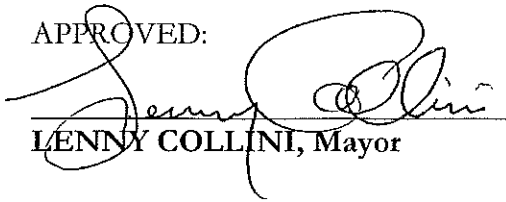
BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

By: 
THOMAS HOLMES,
Council President

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE,
Borough Secretary

APPROVED:


LENNY COLLINI, Mayor

None

RECESS:

A motion was made Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Kessler, to recess the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was Recessed at 8:00 pm