

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: December 2, 2024

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm, with President Holmes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Lenny Collini, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Shea Kraft, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of November 4, 2024 minutes

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

OPENING OF BIDS:

1. None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Announcements.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. 2025 Proposed budget was advertised for public inspection.
2. Motion to adopt the 2025 Budget of the Vandergrift Borough.
3. Adopt Ordinance No. 1-2024-Setting the millage rate for 2025 at 25 mills.
4. Accept the resignation of the Code Officer Carmi Amarando.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

- 1.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Kyle Haris KVL-Requesting permission to raze the bleachers at Davis Field on the Linden Street side, to also include the old lights.
2. K.V.W. P. C. A-Requesting Council to appoint a representative to the Authority Board.
3. Until The Whole World Knows Ministry- Use of Kennedy Park in 2025.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. See attached

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

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

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

1. Accept the resignation of Jarrod Thompson as a full-time police of the Vandergrift Borough.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

1. Current & ongoing building & grounds project and also Olmsted Commons,

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. See attached report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. Action to request the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission to provide a list of eligible candidates for the position to full-time police officer.

RECEATION REPORT:

- 1.

Engineer Agenda items for December 2, 2024

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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

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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

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

SOLICITOR'S AGENDA

December 2, 2024

Executive Session:

1. None Requested

Regular Meeting:

1. Enactment of Ordinance No. 1 of 2024 – Taxing Ordinance
2. Adoption of Resolution 9 of 2024 – Increase in Refuse Fees
3. Adoption of Resolution 10 of 2024 – Increase in Municipal Lien Letter
4. Adoption of Resolution 11 of 2024 – Increase in Building Permit Fees
5. Adoption of Resolution 12 of 2024 – Increase in Occupancy Inspection Fees
6. Adoption of Resolution 13 of 2024 – Increase in Parking Permits for Columbia Avenue Parking Lot
7. Adoption of Resolution 14 of 2024 – Authorizing Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note
8. Discussion and deliberation of Annual Rental License Fee

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Clayton: ATP update

NEW BUSINESS:

1.

ADJOURNMENT:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift will meet during the regular meeting of Council on December 2, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. at 109 Grant Avenue, Vandergrift, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of general business of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift and for the purpose of considering the adoption of Ordinance 1 of 2024, which said Ordinance is the Tax Ordinance of the Borough of Vandergrift setting and fixing the tax rate for fiscal year 2025.

TAX ORDINANCE 1 OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and is hereby ordained and enacted by the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift, County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Section 1. That a tax be, and the same is, hereby levied on all property and occupations within the said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the year 2025 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the sum of twenty-eight (28) mills remains on each dollar assessed valuation.

Making a total tax rate for all Borough purposes of twenty-eight (28) mills remains on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Section 2. That any ordinance, or any part of any ordinance, conflicting with this ordinance shall be hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of December, 2024.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

BY: _____
THOMAS HOLMES
Council President

ATTEST:

(SEAL)
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE,
Borough Secretary

APPROVED:

LENNY COLLINI, Mayor

NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Vandergrift Borough

109 Grant Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear TOM HOLMES and/or COUNCIL MEMBERS:

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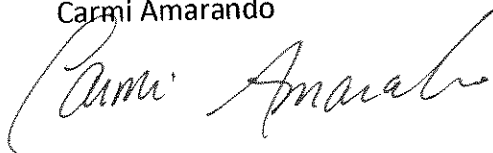
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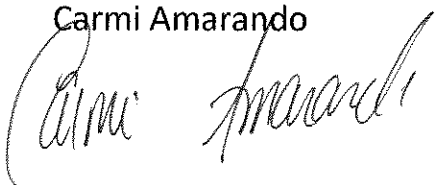
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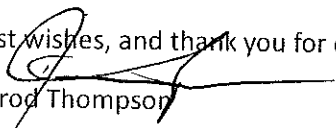
LETTER OF RESIGNATION

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