

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 1, 2021

The Council of the Borough met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm, with President Chvala presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. Due to the Governor's directive to stay at home, the regular public meeting will take place in a virtual setting utilizing "Zoom" format for online meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Christine Wilson	Lenny Collini
Thomas Holmes	Casimer Maszgay
John Uskuriatis	
Kathy Chvala	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Barbara Turiak, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretar
Alaine Generelli	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 4, 2021 and the Special Meeting of January 19, 2021 meetings were approved by motion of by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Holmes. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Holmes, to hear from visitors at this time. Motion carried.

Lisa Dormire, 216 Franklin Avenue, member of the V.I.P., requested permission to sponsor the 2021 Arts Festival on Sunday, July 25, 2021. She stated that last year's event was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Denise Lewandowski, 416 Longfellow Street, requested permission to again sponsor the "Christmas Festival" on December 3, 4 and 5, 2021. She stated that Friday, the 3rd will shorten to 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Sunday, the 5th will be held from 11:am to 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Uskuaritis, to return to the regular order of business. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented and reviewed copies of the following bank accounts of the Vandergrift Borough. (See pages 2-A thru 2-G)

The Secretary reminded Council members to file their Statement of Financial Interest Forms by May 1, 2021 at the Borough Secretary's Office for calendar year, 2020.

The Secretary informed Council that Wes Boartz term on Zoning Hearing Board expired on December 31, 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Colini, to reappoint Wes Boartz to the Vandergrift Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term. Motion carried.

The Secretary informed Council that Vince Domiano term to the Civil Service Commission expired December 31, 2020.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Collini, to reappoint Vince Domiano to the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission for a six year term. Motion carried.

The Secretary informed Council that Sherry Grazilus term to the Vandergrift Planning Commission expired December 31, 2020.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to reappoint Sherry Grazilus to a Five year term to the Vandergrift Planning Commission. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Holmes, to accept the Secretary's Report. Motion carried.

2020
BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
FIRE PROTECTION TAX FUND
#7120-013489

Balance 12/31/19:			\$39,550.12
<u>Revenue-2020</u>			
TR- From Gen. Fund	\$6,000.00		
Interest	\$43.79		<u>\$6,043.79</u>
Total Revenue-2020			\$45,593.91
Expenses-2020	\$-0-		<u>\$-0-</u>
Balance 12/31 /20:			<u>\$45,593.41</u>

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2020

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

SEWER RECOVERY FUND

#06-61092375

Balance 12/31/19:		\$156,176.34
<u>Revenue-2020</u>		
Sewer Recovery Fees	\$439,707.62	
Refuse Collection Fees	\$600,343.34	
Interest	\$158.93	
Credit Card Fees	\$1,483.75	
Pool Passes	-0-	<u>\$1,041,693.64</u>
Total Revenue-		<u>\$1,197,869.98</u>
<u>Expenditures-2020</u>		
Pennvest Loan #P3301472-102		
1. Principal	\$246,087.76	
2. Interest	\$71,510.56	
Sewer Maint & Repairs	\$77,795.04	
Postage & Billing Cards	\$8,065.00	
Pump Station Expenses	\$5,004.21	
Engineering Fees	\$4,230.00	
Pa. One Calls	\$165.07	
TR to General Fund-Refuse Fees	\$600,343.34	
Software Service Fees	-0-	
Solicitor Fees	-0-	
Credit Card Expenses/Fees	\$4,315.62	
Misc.	<u>\$1,627.23</u>	<u>\$1,019,143.83</u>
Balance 12/31/20:		<u>\$178,726.15</u>

2020
 BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
 PARK & POOL FUND
 #06-44254308

Balance 12/31/19: \$29,964.02

Revenue-2020

Season Passes	\$-0-	
Gate Receipts	\$45,525.95	
Rentals	\$100.00	
Swim Lesson Fees	\$2,445.00	
Kitchen Receipts	\$18,838.89	
Donations	\$300.00	
Misc.	\$453.00	
Interest	\$22.10	<u>\$67,684.94</u>

Total Revenue 2020 \$97,648.96

Expenses-2020

Wages-Lifeguards	\$20,128.84	
Wages-Manager	\$7,800.80	
Wages-Asst. Manager	\$3,802.40	
Office & Medical Supplies	\$1,566.58	
Maint. & Repair Supplies	\$7,367.87	
Chemical Supplies	\$4,905.00	
Maint. & Repairs	\$4,607.50	
Utility-Gas	\$1,849.41	
Utility- Electric	\$4800.01	
Utility-Water	\$6,478.32	
Utility-Phone	\$728.27	
Utility-Sewage	\$4,390.75	
FICA- Employer Share	\$2,415.51	
Kitchen- Food Supplies	\$9,515.86	
Capital Purchases	\$4,797.00	
Misc.	\$1,082.67	<u>\$86,236.79</u>

Balance 12/31/20 \$11,412.17

2020
BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
LOCAL SERVICE TAX FUND
#7110-213846

BALANCE 12/31/19:		\$7,884.74
<u>Revenue-2020</u>		
Transfer from Gen Fund	\$25,305.11	<u>\$25,305.11</u>
Total Revenue-2020		<u>\$33,189.85</u>
<u>Expenses-2020</u>		
Fire-Workmen's Comp.	\$18,336.00	
Payment-2020 Ford Explorer	\$10,968.03	<u>\$29,304.03</u>
BALANCE: 12/31/20:		\$3,885.82

2020

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

APOLLO TRUST COMPANY

PENN VEST LOAN

#71-3131

Balance 12/31/19:		\$26,967.93
<u>Revenue-2020</u>		
TR-From Sewer Fund	\$317,698.32	<u>\$317,698.32</u>
Total Revenue-2020		\$344,666.25
<u>Expenses-2020</u>		
Penn Vest Loan		
Principal	\$245,500.03	
Interest	\$72,198.29	<u>\$317,698.32</u>
Balance-12/31/20:		\$26,967.93

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2020

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

ACT 13 OF 2013

#7700-083962

Balance 12/31/19:		\$30,054.85
<u>Revenue-2020</u>		
2020 Act 13 Impact Fee	\$7,016.81	
Interest	\$36.77	<u>\$7,053.58</u>
Total Revenue-2020		<u>\$37,108.43</u>
<u>Expenses-2020</u>		
None		\$-0-
Balance 12/31/20:		\$37,108.43

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY			DOT USE ONLY
TYPE OF WORK	BUDGET ITEM #	AMOUNT	Vandergrift Borough (64431) 2-C
Minor Equipment Purchases	430.26		
Computer / Computer Related Training	430.27		
Major Equipment Purchases	430.74	\$(29,958.80)	
Agility Projects	430.99		
Street Cleaning and Gutters	431		
Winter Maintenance Services	432	\$(10,901.06)	
Traffic Control Devices	433	\$(2,702.61)	
Street Lighting	434	\$(46,434.84)	
Storm Sewers and Drains	436		
Repairs of Tools and Machinery	437	\$(7,232.10)	
Maintenance and Repairs - Roads and Bridges	438	\$(28,582.32)	
Highway Construction and Rebuilding Projects	439		
Miscellaneous	MISC		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:		\$(125,811.73)	

BEGINNING BALANCE	
ACTUAL BALANCE IN MUNICIPAL LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND ON JANUARY 1st, 2020	\$21,875.95
RECEIPTS	
STATE FUNDS CURRENT YEAR (ACT 655)	\$157,305.93
TURNBACK ALLOCATION (ACT 32)	\$3,640.00
INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	\$37.71
REIMBURSABLE AGREEMENTS	
MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	
TOTAL RECEIPTS:	\$160,983.64
REMAINING FUNDS AVAILABLE AS OF DECEMBER 31st, 2020 <i>Beginning Balance plus Total Receipts</i>	\$57,047.86

PREVIOUS YEAR'S EQUIPMENT BALANCE	\$21,875.95
THIS YEARS EQUIPMENT ALLOCATION	\$32,189.19
PENNDOT APPROVED ADJUSTMENTS	
TOTAL MONIES AVAILABLE FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT	\$54,065.14
AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR MAJOR EQUIPMENT	\$(29,958.80)
REMAINING EQUIPMENT BALANCE	\$24,106.34
EQUIPMENT BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S REPORT	\$24,106.34

BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	\$57,047.86
ALLOCATION YEAR 2021 STATE FUNDS ALLOCATION (ACT 655)	\$141,764.75
ALLOCATION YEAR 2021 TURNBACK ALLOCATION (ACT 32)	\$3,640.00
TOTAL - TO BE BUDGETED IN STATE FUNDS COLUMN	\$202,452.61

ITEM	GENERAL FUNDS	STATE FUNDS	TOTAL
Expenditure Summary Total		\$202,452.61	\$202,452.61
Tax Levied for Roads and General Municipal Purpose		mills or other source.	

NOTICE OF ABSTENTION

I, Christine A. Wilson, Councilperson for the Borough of Vandergrift located in the County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby set forth this affirmative declaration of abstention regarding any matter involving Bove Engineering. I am employed by Bove Engineering and as such, under the Ethics Act, I shall not engage in any restricted activities as is set forth under Section 1103 of the State Ethics Act. Pursuant to said section of the Ethics Act, I set forth this written memorandum, filed with the Borough Secretary of the Borough of Vandergrift advising that I am unable to take any action on a matter involving Bove Engineering. I acknowledge that I have a conflict regarding matters that would financially impact Bove Engineering and cannot participate and must comply with the disclosure requirements of Section 1103(j) of the State Ethics Act. I acknowledge that my conflict in this matter, includes making motions and voting, and also includes actions such as lobbying other members, speaking as to motions or advocating for a certain result.

I do hereby execute this document in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission disclosure requirements and apply the same to all actions, on behalf of Bove Engineering which may arise before the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift as of the date, time and meeting identified in the minutes of the Borough meeting.

Christine A. Wilson
CHRISTINE A. WILSON

Feb. 1, 2021

*Appointing Sherry BRAZULIS
FOR PLANNING Commission*

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Secretary reported that the Code Officer issued 14 notices and 1 citation during the month of January. He also stated the Mr. Young attended one hearing at the magistrate's office.

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mrs. Wilson, to accept the Code Officer's Report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Exhibit 1-A: Nadine Fusilla, 108 West Adams Avenue.

Subject: Request for off-street parking.

Chief Caporali stated he did not believe there was sufficient room between the houses to Accommodate off-street parking.

Engineer Bove stated that there is a telephone pole on one side of the house, of which, would not be conducive to off-street parking. He also stated that an off-street parking application was sent to Ms. Fusilla.

No action of Council was taken on this matter at this time.

Exhibit 2-A: Anthony Ferrant, president of VVM & HS.

Subject: Request to hold a car cruise on Grant Avenue June 11, 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Holmes, to approve the aforementioned request, and to adhere to the CDC guidelines. Motion carried.

Exhibit 3-A: Vanessa Groholski, Director of Vandergrift Public Library.

Subject: Request to use Kennedy Park of their Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 2-8 on Saturday, March 27th at 1:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Holmes, to approve the aforementioned Request, and to adhere to the CDC guidelines. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuaritis, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the Arts Festival Event to be held Sunday, July 25th, and that the event adhere to the CDC guidelines. Motion Carried.

Mr. Uskuaritis stated that the Girl Scouts wish to use the parking lot at the Vandergrift No.

Exhibit 1-A

Nadine Fusillo

108 West Adams Avenue

Vandergrift, Pa 15690

January 14, 2021

Council of Borough of Vandergrift, Pa

109 Grant Street

Vandergrift, Pa 15690

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am petitioning you to allow me to make a parking space in my yard beside my front porch. Due to the incident this morning, which I reported to police, of finding someone tampering with my vehicle parked in front of my house. I am requesting this petition so that I can install alarm around my vehicle and monitors so that there is no other incidences or more serious circumstances. I am not one to request or bother anyone. I am a senior citizen and don't understand why people would target me. Please honor this request.

Thank you,

Nadine Fusillo



Victorian Vandergrift Museum & Historical Society, Inc.

PO Box 86, Vandergrift, PA 15690

Telephone: 724-568-1990

Website: vvhms.org E-Mail: vvhms@comcast.net

January 28, 2021

Vandergrift Borough Council

109 Grant Avenue

Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

Dear Council Members:

The Vandergrift Museum and Historical Society is asking for permission to hold a car cruise (as we did for the last four years) on Friday, June 11 on Grant Avenue. Last year's cruise was a huge success even with the pandemic. It helped show off our town and allowed us to make a few dollars to help to continue operating the Museum.

We would like to close Grant Avenue to traffic from Washington to Columbia Avenues starting at 4 pm on that day and run to approximately 10 pm. This is what we did the last several years and it seemed to go well. We are also requesting the use of Farragut Avenue and Sumner Avenue from Grant to 11th Avenue. These areas will be used if we run out of space on Grant Avenue for parking the cruise cars. We will make sure the police have access to their building.

We are requesting that street parking not be allowed after 4 p.m. on Friday, June 11th to accommodate the cars being displayed at the cruise. As was done last year, we will place no parking notices on cars throughout the week indicating that parking would not be allowed on Friday, June 11th after 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. on that day if approved by the Council.

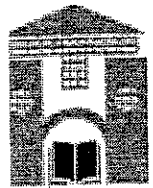
Food will be sold as was done last year. A live band will also be set up on the corner of Grant and Farragut as was done last year. Port-a-johns will be available. We will also be contacting the local business owners and advising of this event if they wish to remain open.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony Ferrante

Anthony Ferrante
President



Vandergrift Public Library
128C Washington Ave. Vandergrift, PA 15690
724-568-2212 vandergriftpubliclibrary@comcast.net
www.vandergriftpubliclibrary.org

Vandergrift Municipal Building
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

January 28, 2021

Dear Vandergrift Park and Recreation Committee,
We appreciate the relationship that we have built with the borough in letting us use your local parks. We value your time and assistance on those scheduled days and we hope we can continue to strengthen that relationship as we work together to give the community educational and exciting programming. We seek to request space for one upcoming program:

Location: Kennedy Park

Event: Annual Easter Egg Hunt Sponsored by the Vandergrift Public Library

Date Requested: Saturday, March 27th at 1pm.

We would like to request the space at Kennedy Park for this event for families and children ages 2-8. Due to COVID-19, we will have a modified layout with the following precautions:

- Offer online attendance option to help reduce the number of attendees and to limit event capacity to allow for social distancing.
- Utilize the entire park instead of just the gazebo area to discourage crowded waiting areas.
- Block off sections of standing in order to space people at least 6 feet apart.
- Encourage people to stay at least 6 feet apart by providing signs or other visual cues.
- Encourage Mask Wearing.
- Children will keep the eggs that they find instead of returning them in years past.

Please let me know if we are allowed to use the space for this event as soon as possible. This really is a very worthwhile community event-one that creates wonderful memories! We had to cancel last year's due to the pandemic but feel confident that we can still create a safe event for the community. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,
Vanessa Groholski
Director

Mr. Uskuaritis stated that the Girl Scouts wish to use the parking lot at the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department to sale Girl Scout cookies on February 27th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, and On March 6th and March 14th.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuaritis, second by Mr. Holmes. to approve this request.
Motion carried.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

A Motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Holmes, to pay all stated and approve bills. Motion carried.

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported that the Committee reviewed all applications for the employment of a labor, with a CDL license, and recommending the hiring of Robert Sturges to this position pending a satisfactory background check and a drug and alcohol test. She also stated Mr. Sturges, once employed, will be on a Ninety (90) day probation period.

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

Mrs. Wilson stated that with the resignation of Mark Richards from the Street & Sanitation Department, she is requesting that Council approval the advertisement for position of labor, with a CDL license.

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Holmes, to advertise for the position of labor, with CDL license, and that applications for said position will accept until February 19th, until 3:30 pm. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr.Holmes, to accept the Street & Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove presented and reviewed a summary of items worked on during the month of January. (See page 4-A & B)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to accept the Engineer's Report.
Motion carried.

Vandergrift Borough Council and Staff,

The following is a summary and status of items worked on by our office over the month of January 2021 for Vandergrift Borough. The items requiring action at the February meeting are shown in **Bold** text below. We request that these items be placed on the agenda for consideration and/or approval. I plan to attend the meeting in person and to be available for questions.

- 2020 CDBG Franklin Avenue Street Reconstruction Project - The Construction Contract Agreement has been executed and submitted to the County. The County has requested that the preconstruction meeting for this project be held at their office in the annex behind the Court House.
- MAWC Street Excavation Permits – Inspected/issued numerous waterline repair street excavation permits.
- Proposed Driveway at 108 West Adams (Nadine Fusillo) – Conducted a preapplication field view. I am requesting the Chief of Police to provide comments prior to issuing a permit. We've provide the owner an application form along with the instructions for curb cutting and sidewalk reconstruction. The location is on the right side of the dwelling where there appears to be enough room to fit a car outside the right-of-way, however, there is a telephone pole in close proximity. A property sketch or survey will be needed. The owner claims her car has been vandalized twice and desires an off-street parking space. Note that there appears to be space available at the rear of the property off of 15th Street, however, that street is at a lower elevation and the owner desires the parking space in the front.
- Unsafe Structure Inspections and Reports
In January we've conducted unsafe structure inspections for the following (reports pending):
110 Columbia Avenue (Front Porch)
223 Holmes Street (Garage on 30th Street), and
109 Washington Avenue
- Olmstead Commons – Provided required information to DCNR including the property survey, GIS shapefiles, etc.
- ATI Proposed Site Development – Gerry Johnson, GM at ATI wants to schedule a conference call to discuss their proposed plant modifications for a new production line involving some building changes and a 200 foot tall tower at the Vandergrift Plant. The goal is to determine what procedures will be involved to obtain permits/approvals from the Borough. The meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks and I will advise as to the time and date. I've asked for some preliminary plans to be presented in order for us to better determine what permits/approvals will be needed.
- Pool Heater DCNR Reimbursement – Unfortunately, we do not have the items requested. DCED requested a copy of the advertisement, bids or list of companies solicited; a solicitor letter stating that all procurement guidelines were followed; a copy of the contract with the installer including the Non-Discrimination/Sexual Harassment

Clause and Prevailing Wage rates; and their insurance Certificate with CFA listed as additional insured.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION OR DISCUSSION

- None.

If anyone has any questions, please let me know. Thank you and take care.

Sincerely,
Lucien Bove, PE
Bove Engineering Company
8201 Route 819
Greensburg, PA 15601
(724) 925-9269

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

No Report

Mr. Holmes expressed commended the police, fire departments, EMS, and Mutual Aid during the fire structure at 150 Franklin Avenue on January 13th. He stated that we are thankful for their support.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Collini, to accept the Police & Public Safety Report. Motion carried.

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Uskuaritis requested that Council approval the advertisement the position of an "Assistant Pool Manager" and the positions of "Life Guards" for the 2021 season.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuaritis, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

Mr. Uskuaritis stated that he would like to bring back "season passes" for this year. With the COVID-19 situation, he stated that the passes could be sold at one's risk.

Solicitor Loperfito recommended that this matter be postponed until it gets closer to the opening of the pool.

Mr. Uskuaritis stated that he would like to bring back volunteer's for the parks in the town. He stated that the Borough has "Applicatios for Seasonal Voluteers" on file.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to accept the Recreation Report.
Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Generelli presented for adoption a Declaration of Disaster Emergency to expire Monday, March 1, 2021. (See page 6A & 6B)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt the aforementioned disaster emergency declaration. Motion carried.

In regards to structure located at 326 Longfellow Street, a motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to move forward with filing a nuisance action on said property. Motion carried.

Solicitor Generelli informed Council the Comcast Franchise Agreement will expire on September 10, 2021.

President Chvala stated that she plans to have the General Government Committee, Solicitor Loperfito, and the Borough Secretary meet in the near future for the purpose of discussing this matter and bringing back a recommendation to Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to accept the Solicitor' Report.
Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Holmes commended Mr. Uskuaritis for his action, as a fireman, in the rescuing of the child at the house fire at 150 Franklin Avenue.

President Chvala question if Council wishes to act action on increasing the refuse fee by \$1.00 per month.

Mr. Maszgay recommended to raise this fee to \$.50 per month.

No action was taken regarding the aforementioned matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 16, 2020, the Coronavirus (hereinafter referred to as "COVID-19") pandemic has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage and suffering to the persons and property of the Borough of Vandergrift; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (hereinafter referred to as the "CDC") have declared COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern," and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (hereinafter referred to as "HHS") Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed cases in the Borough of Vandergrift and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic threatens to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Borough of Vandergrift, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Borough of Vandergrift may be able to resolve; and,

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in the Borough of Vandergrift.

WHEREAS, the Declaration expired on February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift desires to extend the Declaration due to ongoing need related to the COVID-19 pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Mayor and Council of the Borough of Vandergrift, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. Section 7501), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in the Borough of Vandergrift.

FURTHER, we, the undersigned, direct the following:

1. The Borough of Vandergrift Emergency Management Coordinators shall coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate actions needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response actions deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

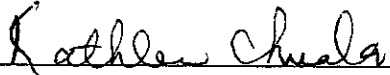
2. Officials of the Borough of Vandergrift shall act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency; namely, by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contract and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without

regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

3. In order to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on public health, the following measures are hereby adopted originally declared by the Mayor of the Borough of Vandergrift effective 12:01 A.M. on April 28, 2020, amended, by act of the Borough of Vandergrift to expire February 1, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., and hereby extended until Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. unless extended or terminated by the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift.

- A. The Borough of Vandergrift requires that utility customers and taxpayers mail in their payments. As always, a receipt will be mailed to you if you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. The Borough Building front entrance will remain closed until further notice. Due dates however have not been changed at this time.
- B. Borough municipal offices will remain open during this time; however, walk-in visits are suspended until further notice. Borough employees are available to answer questions via telephone or email, during regular business hours. The department remains open for emergencies and by appointment.
- C. Meetings of Municipal Authorities, Board and Commissions shall resume with CDC recommended guidance in place.
- D. Borough buildings and properties are available for limited use by outside groups at this time.
- E. Monthly in-person Borough Council meetings shall be attended by necessary personnel, while maintaining social distancing and other safety measures as recommended by the CDC, with the public to attend and participate virtually. A live-stream meeting through Facebook Live, Skype, Zoom, GoToMeeting or another platform shall be scheduled, with an alternative method of public comment, to satisfy the requirements of the Sunshine Act. Council shall ensure that a reasonably accessible method of public participation is utilized and it is clearly explained to the public in advance of and during the meeting.
- F. In accord with the guidance as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, social distancing and the use of masks are encouraged.

4. This declaration is hereby declared amended and extended upon approval of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift this 1st day of February 2021.



 KATHLEEN CHVALA,
 Council President

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Uskuaritis, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm