

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 4, 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	
Thomas Holmes	Karen McClarnon
John Uskuriatis	Casmier Maszgay
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 December 7, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Uskuriatis. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

President Chvala stated that no visitors addressed Council.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented and reviewed a recap of the Borough's Recycling Report for the year 2020. (See page 2-A)

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

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Secretary reported that the Code Officer issued 282 notice violations and 23 violation citations during the year 2020.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented the following communication;

Exhibit 1-A: Janice Oberdorf, 120 East Adams Avenue.

Subject: Request to have Borough notices placed on the Borough's facebook Page.

The Secretary stated that he would comply with this request.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Uskuaritis, to pay all stated and approved bills. Motion carried.

2020
Borough of Vandergrift
Recycling Report

	<u>Aluminum#</u>	<u>BiMetal#</u>	<u>Glass#</u>	<u>Paper (Tons)</u>
January	400	1,060	6,380	2,100
February	300	860	5,820	5,300
March	-----	-----	-----	6,800
April	-----	-----	-----	1,300
May	-----	-----	-----	1,000
June	-----	-----	-----	
July	540	1,060	11,200	
August	680	1,360	5,690	
September	460	1,060	5,400	
October	-----	-----	-----	
November	720	1,140	5,880	
December	<u>920</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>7,300</u>	<u>16,500#</u>
	4,020#	7,840#	47,670#	16,500#
	2.01 tons	3.92 tons	23.84 tons	8.25 tons

Total Tons= 38.02 x \$41.39 = \$1,573.65 (Savings)

Exhibit A-A

120 East Adams Avenue

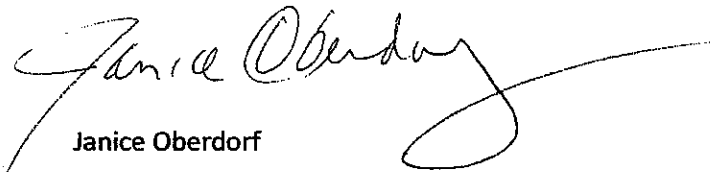
Vandergrift, PA 15690

12-7-2020

Vandergrift Borough Council:

When items are to be advertised since the newspaper is not available for home delivery and only available for online subscribers – can the Borough Facebook page also carry those notices? One more way to keep the citizens of Vandergrift in the loop. You might also want to consider posting them on the windows at the borough office.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Oberdorf". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Janice Oberdorf

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson commented the members of the Street & Sanitation Department for doing a great job following the Nor'Easter snow storm on December 16th and Christmast Day.

Mrs. Wilson reported that the new 2021 Mack Refuse Truck was involved in a vehicle accident. She stated that the truck does not appear to be totaled, and that the Tri-County Truck Center can make repairs, of which, hopefully can be completed within 4-6 weeks.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the Street Department will be collecting Christmas Trees, at curb side, and will be delivered at a site in Allegheny Twp.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucien Bove presented and reviewed a summary report. (See Page 3-A)

Mr. Bove explained that the installation of guide trails along Bryant Street resulted in an increase of \$244.00, resulting in a total cost at \$5,645.25.

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

BUDGET REPORT:

No Report

TREE & Light REPORT:

Chairperson McClarnon thanked Jessie Salensky for his help in planting of 10 verious trees in town.

Mr. Uskuaritis stated that a light is out in the lot of the No. 1 Fire Department.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that she would contact Vic Capretto to resolve this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Holmes, to accept the Tree & Light 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 December for Vandergrift Borough. The items requiring action at the January 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.

- Stormwater Management Ordinance – We worked with the Solicitor’s on the technical changes needed. This ordinance has been advertised and is scheduled to be adopted at this meeting.
- Guide Rail along Bryant Street (1022 Wallace) – We received and reviewed the quotes for the guiderail installation. We checked the work which was substantially completed on Dec. 16th with the exception of 1 Terminal Section, which was not available at the time but will be installed ASAP. We have received the invoice which includes an additional cost of \$244.00 for 4 extra-long posts which were needed due to the soft ground which was not anticipated. We recommend approval of the invoice in the amount of \$5,645.25 and payment to be made upon the installation of the terminal section.
- 2020 CDBG Franklin Avenue Street Reconstruction Project - The Borough has signed the subrecipient agreement and awarded the project to the low bidder, Tresco Paving Corp. in the amount of \$120,203.75 contingent upon County approval.
- 127 Grant Avenue Demolition – Work completed.
- 2021 CDBG Application – Worked on names, addresses and filling out forms to be used for the required income surveys.
- Multimodal Grant Application – As requested by DCED, we provided a revised timeline due to the delay of the CFA meetings and submitted an updated Financial Statement. The awards are tentatively scheduled to be made at a Spring 2021 CFA Board Meeting.
- Peoples Gas Line Replacement Projects on Sherman and LaFayette – The Street Excavation permits were processed and issued.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION OR DISCUSSION

- **Guide Rail along Bryant Street (1022 Wallace)** – Approval of the invoice in the amount of **\$5,645.25** with payment to be made to Ward Building & Highway Specialties, Inc. upon the installation of the far terminal section.
- **Stormwater Management Ordinance** – To be adopted at this meeting.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Chvala questioned what action Council wishes to take regarding the donation of property located at 215 Whittier Street by the co-owner Gretchen Blystone.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to express Council's appreciation for this matter, but respectively decline this offer.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to accept the General Government Report. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Uskuaritis reported that all recreational facilities have been winterized for the season.

Mr. Uskuaritis stated that Jason Silvis, newly elected state representative, informed him that the Borough should receive reimbursement for the purchase of the new heating system at the Vandergrift Pool from DCDR.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Generelli presented Ordinance No. 1-2021: "StormWater Management" for adoption.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Holmes, to adopt Ordinance No. 1-2021. Motion carried.

Mr. Holmes stated that this ordinance will increase construction costs and that the Borough had no choice in the adoption of matter.

Solicitor Generelli presented Ordinance No. 2-2021: "Burning Ordinance" for adoption.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2021

Solicitor Generelli presented for adoption a Declaration of Disaster Emergency, of which will expire February 1, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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

In regards to demolition of the structure at 326 Longfellow Street, Solicitor Generelli stated that Borough must obtain a right-a-entry before we can move forward with this matter.

A motion was made by Mrs. McClarnon, second by Mr. Holmes, to direct the Solicitor to move forward with obtaining a legal right-a-entry regarding 326 Longfellow Street. Motion carried.

Mrs. McClarnon requested that a meeting be held with the Tree & Light Committee and the Solicitor to discuss certain Committees and to determine what constitutes a nuisance tree.

Solicitor Generelli stated that she would be willing to meet with the Tree & Light Committee.

Solicitor Generelli requested Council call an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

At 7:55 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to call an executive session of Council for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion carried,

At 8:15 pm, a motion was made by Mrs. McClarnon, second by Mrs. Wilson, to return to the regular order of business, and to state that no action was taken by Council during the executive session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

19th
JANUARY 2, 2021

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift met in Special Session in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., with President Chvala presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lenny Collini	Karen McClarnon
Tom Holmes	Christine Wilson
John Uskuaritis	Kathleen Chvala
Casimer Maszgay	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Larry Loperfito, Solicitor Stephen J. DelleDonne, Secretary

At 7:01, this time President Chvala requested Council to call an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Collini, to call an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion carried.

At 7:12, a motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Uskuaritis, to return to the regular order of business and to state that no official action was taken during the executive session. Motion carried.

At this time Solicitor Loperfito presented an irrevocable letter of resignation from Mark Richard, effective January 19, 2021. (See page 1-A)

President Chvala requested if there were anyone wishing to make public comment at this time.

With no public comments received, President requested a motion to adjourn the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Collini, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Council of the Borough of Vandergrift
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

IN RE: Mark Richard Resignation

Dear Members of Council:

Please consider this letter as my irrevocable letter of resignation. I do hereby knowingly and voluntarily resign my position from the Borough of Vandergrift. I acknowledge that there are no conditions associated with my resignation and I further acknowledge that this is irrevocable. I am requesting that the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift accept my resignation effective immediately.

1-19-21
DATE

Mark Richard
MARK RICHARD

WITNESS:

Glenn S. Rupert
GLENN S. RUPERT,
Union Representative