

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 6, 2017

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathleen Chvala	Vernon Sciuillo
Brian Carricato	Christine Wilson
James Rametta	Frank Moliterno
Lenny Collini	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary	
Larry Loperfito, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz- Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the January 3, 2017, meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mr. Rametta. Motion carried

VISITORS:

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

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, stated that he was asked by residents as to whether notices can be placed in the paper regarding no trash collections on holidays.

President Carricato stated that placing a notice in the paper would not help due to the paper not being delivered to homes of the residents of Vandergrift.

Ashley Hannigan, No. 1 Fire Department, questioned if approval was granted in regards to their annual carnival this year.

President Carricato stated that approval was approve in the fall of 2016.

James Williams, 126 Oregon Avenue, requested that the Borough patch the potholes on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Mr. Sciuillo stated that he would address this request.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary addressed a letter received from the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority regarding the post construction flow monitoring of all 13 municipalities. He stated that the Authority is requesting the Borough to complete a flow meter location acceptance. (See pages 2A & 2B)

Engineer Bove stated that he would complete the form along with his comments.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented and reviewed the following correspondence received and distributed to members of Council:

Exhibit 1-A: Jim Putignano, president of Festa Italiana.

Subject: Request of Kennedy Park for their annual Festival on Sunday, August 13th, 2017, with use of field from August 9th through August 15th. Also, requesting Jackson and Kennedy Drive be made one-way, as requested.

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

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Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority

1361 SCHOOL ROAD • LEECHBURG PA 15656

PHONE: (724) 568-3655

FAX: (724) 568-3554

January 19, 2017

Vandergrift Borough Council
109 Grant Street
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Re: Post Construction Flow Monitoring Project – Flow Meter Locations

Dear Borough Council:

The Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority (KVWPCA) completed its plant expansion project in 2016. A requirement of the project completion is to conduct post construction flow monitoring of all thirteen (13) authority municipalities similar to the flow study performed prior to construction.

Flow meter locations are similar to the previous flow study project, however, location adjustments have been made based upon sewer construction revisions, closing of diversions or other considerations. In many cases, the contractor, Drnach Environmental, has met with representatives of your municipality to review meter locations to ensure flows are being measured in the best possible location. The Post Construction Flow Monitoring Project was initiated on January 1, 2017 and will continue through June 30, 2017.

This letter is to confirm that you are satisfied with the locations of the flow meters in your municipality to measure flows as accurately as possible. Please sign and return the attached form indicating your acceptance of the flow meter locations in your municipality. If there are concerns regarding flow meter locations, please contact me at (724) 568-3655.

Sincerely,

Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis J Duryea".

Dennis J Duryea, P.E.
Authority Manager



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FLOW METER LOCATION ACCEPTANCE

Based on information provided by our representatives (Engineers, Public Works Crew, Other), the Vandergrift Borough Council accepts the locations of the flow meters for the Post Construction Flow Monitoring Project to be conducted from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

Comments

Name – Signed

Date

Name – Printed

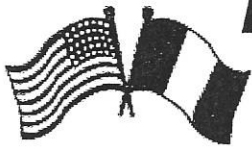
Title

Name – Signed

Date

Name – Printed

Title



Festa Italiana di Vandergrift



Post Office Box 115—Vandergrift, PA 15690

www.FestaItaliana.us

Exhibit 1-A

January 25, 2017

Borough of Vandergrift Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear Council,

Re: 2017

The Festa Italiana di Vandergrift committee is requesting the use of Kennedy Park for our Festival on Sunday August 13th, 2017.

We request the use of the field from Wednesday August 9th through Tuesday August 15th for setup and cleanup.

We are also requesting Jackson Avenue to be turned into a one-way street from 24th Street to Walnut Street and Kennedy Drive one way from Walnut Street to 24th Street on the day of the Festa.

This is similar to what we have requested for past Festas.

Re: 2018

We have also set our date for 2018 (our 15th annual Festa!!!) of August 12, 2018. More info to follow.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks so much for your help!

Sincerely,

Jim Putignano
President, Festa Italiana di Vandergrift 2017
(412) 443-7776
jim@putignano.us

cc: Kiski Valley Lancers Football
126 Lafayette Street
Vandergrift Pa 15690

Exhibit 2-A: Thomas P. Ford, Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources.

Subject: Notice of the \$10,000 grant for the Vandergrift Pool has been approved.

Exhibit 3-A: Nadine Artman, Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Department.

Subject: Request use of Kennedy Park for the purpose of hosting the 2nd Annual Paws and Claws Festival on September 16, 2017.

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

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

The Secretary presented an invoice from Bove Engineering Company in the amount of \$9,737.50 for work done on MS4 Permit Requirements. (See page 3-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to pay the aforementioned bill and to direct the Engineer to hold off on any additional matters regarding the MS4 requirements. Motion carried.

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciullo reported that a lot of water is infiltrating the sewer line on Michigan Avenue. He stated that approximately 120 feet of line will need to be replaced. He also recommended the installation of a French drain along the road to capture the spring water and tie this into the Borough's storm drain system. He recommended this work be done as soon as possible in order to offset data being recording with the flow meters placed by the K.V.W.P.C.A.

Mr. Sciullo requested that something be done about sewage being pumped on to the street at 505 Emerson Street. He said that this is causing a lot of ice build-up.

Solicitor Loperfito recommended that the Engineer contact the owner in order to perform a dye test.

Engineer Bove stated that a new lateral line needs to be installed to said property.



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DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Exhibit 2-D

BUREAU OF RECREATION AND CONSERVATION

January 20, 2017

Mr. Brian Carricato
Council President
Vandergrift Borough
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

RE: Vandergrift Borough (Westmoreland)
Joseph A. Petrarca Memorial Pool

Dear Mr. Carricato:

I am pleased to inform you that the above-referenced project has been approved for a Parks, Recreation and Conservation grant award in the amount of \$10,000 from the Heritage and Other Parks Appropriation. This application was submitted to and approved by the Governor's Office. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' Bureau of Recreation and Conservation will now process the grant.

These funds will help with the building of community conservation partnerships with local governments, businesses and nonprofit organizations to protect critical natural areas and open space, develop greenways and trails, provide quality park, recreation and conservation opportunities as well as improve the quality of life in Pennsylvania's communities.

In the near future you will receive the Grant Agreement for this project. If you proceed with any project activity before the Grant Agreement is fully executed and returned to you, you do so at your own risk. Only approved project costs incurred after the effective date of the Agreement may be eligible for reimbursement. A Project Manager from the Bureau will provide a letter to you with instructions on how to proceed with the project.

I wish you much success in implementing this project, and look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please contact our Bureau of Recreation and Conservation at 717-783-2658, or by fax at 717-787-9577 for assistance.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Ford
Director

conserve sustain enjoy

P.O. Box 8475, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8475 | Phone 717.783.2658 | Fax 717.787.9577



Exhibit - 3

Vandergrift Fire Department No. 2
229 Emerson Street
Vandergrift, PA 15690

February 1, 2017

Dear Council,

The Vandergrift Fire Department No. 2 would like to request permission to host the second annual Paws and Claws festival at Kennedy Park on September 16, 2017.

Thank you for your time and support,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nadine Artman".

Nadine Artman
Secretary

REF: Item No. 2
MS4 Permit Requirements
For Month of December

DEC.	DESCRIPTION		HOURS
1	Work on MS4 map, outlet locations and waiver info	Lu	8.0*
2	Work on MS4 map, outlet locations and waiver info	Lu	6.0*
5	Work on MS4 map, outlet locations and waiver info	Lu	4.0*
6	Work on MS4 map, outlet locations and waiver info	Lu	6.0*
7	Work on MS4 map, outlet locations and waiver info	Lu	6.0*
8	Field work and work on MS4 map, outlet locations and waiver info	Lu	8.0*
9	Field work and work on MS4 map, outlet locations and waiver info	Lu	8.0*
10	(Sat) Work on MS4 map, outlet locations and waiver info	Lu	8.0*
12	Work on MS4 map, outlet locations and waiver info	Lu	7.0*
13	Work on MS4 map, outlet locations and waiver info	Lu	6.0*
14	Field checking/locating storm pipe outlets with Christine	Lu	2.0*
14	Field work to locate pipes with Lucien	Chris	4.0
14	Work on MS4 drawings	MWB	4.0
15	Work on mapping catch basins and system	Lu	8.0*
15	Work on MS4 drawings	MWB	6.0
16	Work on mapping catch basins and system	Lu	8.0*
16	Work on MS4 drawings	MWB	6.0
19	Work on MS4 system mapping and waiver	Lu	8.0*
20	Work on MS4 system mapping and waiver	Lu	6.0*
20	Work on MS4 drawings	MWB	7.0
21	Work on MS4 drawings	MWB	6.5
21	Work on MS4 system mapping and waiver	Lu	8.0*
22	Work on MS4 system mapping and waiver	Lu	5.0*
22	Field work and drafting for MS4	MWB	8.0
23	Work on MS4 drawings	MWB	7.0
23	Work on MS4 system mapping and waiver	Lu	4.0*
26	MS4 mapping/locating and dye test 74 foot deep manhole & 60 inch pipe	Lu	3.0*
27	MS4 waiver request, form, info, letter and attachments	Lu	4.0*
27	Work on MS4 drawings	MWB	8.0
27	Type rough/final drafts of cover letter to DEP, Harrisburg requesting advanced approval of waiver, make copies of letter and attachments for mailing	Deb	2.0
28	MS4 waiver request, form, info, letter, attachments and maps	Lu	8.0*
28	Work on MS4 drawings	MWB	7.0
29	Work on MS4 drawings	MWB	7.0
29	MS4 waiver request, form, info, letter, attachments and maps	Lu	8.0*
30	MS4 waiver request, form, info, letter, attachments and maps	Lu	5.0*
Total Hours:			216.5

We would like to receive for the above work as per our Agreement as follows:

*Engineers time @ \$50/hr. x 144.0 hrs = 7,200.00

Staffs time @ \$35/hr. x 72.5 hrs = 2,537.50

Total Amount Due: \$ 9,737.50

THANK YOU!

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucian Bove reported that the flow monitoring work performed by the K.V.W.P.C.A. is going well.

In regards to the problem on Michigan Avenue, Mr. Bove estimated that the cost to replace 120 feet of sewer line would be approximately \$50,000, and to replace the entire length of Michigan Avenue (approximately 320 feet) would cost about \$80,000.

Following a discussion of this matter, a motion was made by Mr. Moliterno, second by Mr. Collini, to direct the Engineer to prepare specifications for the advertisement of bids, both ways, to be opened at the March 6, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Bove presented a letter to be distributed to the residents of West Vandergrift directed them to disconnect their downspouts from flowing into the Borough's sewer system. (See page 4-A)

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Moliterno, to accept the Engineer's Report. Motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Moliterno presented and read a letter of resignation from Ashley Polka, a part-time patrolman, from the Vandergrift Police Department. (See page 4-B)

A motion was made by Mr. Moliterno, second by Mrs. Chvala, to accept Ms. Polka's resignation effective February 6, 2017. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moliterno, second by Mr. Rametta, to hire Stacey Dayen to the position of a full-time school crossing guard. Motion carried.

Mr. Moliterno informed Council that Frank Camilli, 401 Linden Street, has submitted an application for a handicap parking space. He stated that even though Mr. Camilli meets the criteria set forth in the ordinance, it is being recommended that his application be denied due to there being suitable off street parking available next to his house.

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BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY

ARMBRUST PROFESSIONAL CENTER

8201 ROUTE 819

GREENSBURG, PA 15601

724-925-9269

FAX: 724-925-1216

February 7, 2017

Vandergrift Borough
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

Urgent Notice West Vandergrift Property Owners:

Dear Property Owners:

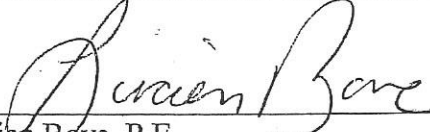
The Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority is currently conducting flow monitoring of Vandergrift Borough sanitary sewers. Recent flow observations during wet weather indicate that there may be stormwater, roof drains, sumps or other drains connected to the sanitary sewer. Please be advised that such connections are prohibited by Vandergrift codes. If the monitoring shows increased flow during wet weather, sewer bills may increase.

Therefore, we ask that property owners investigate their sewer service line and make necessary repairs to disconnect any prohibited connections within 30 days of the date of this letter or be subject to fines and penalties of the sewer ordinance.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY


Lucien Bove, P.E.

4-B

To Vandergrift Borough Council and Chief Caporali,

Thank you for the opportunities you have given me with my employment with Vandergrift Borough. I enjoyed my time as an officer here, and greatly appreciate the experiences I have been so lucky to have. I have learned a lot here with the job and also about myself. At this time, working 38 hours a week at Kiskiminetas Township, I do not feel that I can give you the time you are asking of me here in Vandergrift. I wish I could have more hours in the days but due to department policies and the hours I work for Kiski, I feel someone who has the time to give you would be more suited for my current position. Maybe in the future I will have the time to give you, but at this time, I just don't have the time to give.

Thank you for all of the opportunities, and I hope to see you all in the future!

Sincerely,

Ashley D Polka

A motion was made by Mr. Moliterno, second by Mr. Sciallo, to accept the aforementioned recommendation and to deny Mr. Camilli's request for a handicap parking space. Motion carried.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Chairperson Rametta informed Council that the walls in basement of the Municipal Building are deteriorating and need sealed. He stated that he has obtained three bid proposals from Rick Stefaniak: Water base: \$4200.00; Fiber base: \$3950.00; and Latex base: \$3550.00. Mr. Rametta recommended the fiber base bid.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to approve the aforementioned work and to be paid with the budgeted out of the building maintenance funds. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to accept the Building & Grounds Report. Motion carried.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported that she has tried to address a tree problem with a resident, Henry Wilken, on Washington Avenue. She stated he keeps complaining that there are tree limbs ready to fall onto his vehicle. She stated that M & M Tree Service has been called in twice to address this complaint.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to accept the Tree & Light Report. Motion carried.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Carricato informed Council that the Committee interviewed two street employees for the position of working foreman. He stated that this position, according to the labor contract, can be filled by Council based on qualifications of the position, not on a seniority basis. He therefore recommended that Council appoint Glen Rupert to the position of working foreman at the hourly rate of \$18.59 per hour.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Moliterno, to appoint Glen Rupert to the position of working foreman. Motion carried.

President Carricato informed Council that the Committee has reached a contract agreement with the members of the Vandergrift Police Department.

President Carricato provide the following items approved in the Agreement:

1. Four Year Contract.
2. 2.5% wage increase
3. Reduction of sick days to 30 days (240 hours) per year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Moliterno, to approve the Four (4) year contract Agreement between the Borough of Vandergrift and members of the Vandergrift Police Department. Motion carried.

President Carricato stated that he, Mrs. Chvala, and the Secretary met with Thomas Ceraso, Municipal Authority of Westmoreland County, regarding to the water company's plan to upgrade the water lines in town in order to provide a greater volume of water. He stated that Holland Street, Lowell Street, and section of Bryant Street water lines will be replaced from a 4" to a 10" line. He stated that the plan will also include moving the hydrants off a 4" line to a 10" line.

President Carricato stated that this project will cost the water company approximately \$1,000,000.00 and will begin within six months, once DEP permits have been obtained.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Collini stated that he will be holding a committee meeting for the purpose of discussing improvement to the Vandergrift Pool.

In regards to project to repair the retaining wall along the side of the pool, President Carricato recommended that the Engineer prepare the proper specifications in this matter.

Mr. Collini stated that he is putting together a calendar of events to be held at the Kennedy Park for this year.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No Report

Solicitor Loperfido requested Council to call an executive session for the purpose of discussing on-going litigation matters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

At 8:12 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to call an executive session of Council for the purpose of discussing on-going litigation matters. Motion carried.

At 8:21 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to return to the regular order of business, and to state that no action was taken during the executive session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Sciallo, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

