

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL
OCTOBER 1, 2018

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathleen Chvala	Casmir Maszgay
Peter Basile	Vernon Sciallo
Christine Wilson	Lenny Collini

OTHER OFFICIALS

	Stephen Delle Donne, Secretary
Larry Loperfito, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Lucien Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES

The Minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting were approved by motion of Mrs. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Maszgay. Motion carried.

At this time, Mr. Basile, presented and read statement regarding the Hometown Heroes banners. (See page 1-A)

Follow the statement by Mr. Basile, Mike Reilly, presented of the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department, read a statement regarding the Hometown Heroes Banners. (See pages 1-B & 1-C)

Mr. Collini stated that he wanted on record that Council acted on the right information that was given to them at that time.

Following the above statements, a motion was made by Mr. Basile, seconded by Mr. Maszgay, to rescind a motion taken at the September 4th meeting to take down the Robert P. Kirkland banner at the Municipal Building. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

1-A

October 01, 2018

Address of Councilman Pete Basile

I would like to address Vandergrift Councils' recent decision regarding the Hometown Heroes banner.

The banner issue was brought up by a member of council, and should have been tabled on the spot. It should not have been voted upon until all sides were looked into to make sure this issue was proven accurate. We made an error in judgment without having all of the facts. AND, proper procedures were not followed by the Fire department.

When changes were made to this program that uses Borough property, protocol must be followed. When involving Borough property there needs to be perimeters on what can and can't be done. Not following procedure could lead to legal issues for all parties involved.

This decision, had nothing do to with Officer Kirkland or his family. It did have to do with changing the initial order form that was distributed by the Fire department to the community. The initial order form was for Military personnel only.

Our vote was never intended to disrespect our First Responders .
Everyone that risks their lives for other should be considered a hero.

Inaccurate information was put out across the country by people who were not present at the meeting. Facts were distorted. People on both sides were hurt, but also it brought our community together. This issue alone shows that there are people in this town that do care.

The Vandergrift #1 Fire department will continue to operate the banner program for our community. Any future changes made to the banner program will be done so with the authorization and guidance of Vandergrift Council.

Based on what I have just said would like to make a motion to rescind the vote regarding the banner for Officer Robert Kirkland.

A representative from Vandergrift #1 Fire Department would like to say a few words before we take a vote on this matter.

TAKE A VOTE.....

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Mike Reilly—138 Franklin Avenue. President, Geo. G. McMurtry-Vandergrift #1 Fire Dept & Commander, Vandergrift Veterans Honor Guard.

As a result of actions taken by this board at their last meeting regarding the Hometown Hero banner program, and the ensuing negative publicity, a group of fire dept officers recently met, informally, with several members of Council. Our objective was to come to some understanding as to the reasons behind the actions taken; and to determine how to resolve the situation in the best interest of both the borough & everyone involved.

As(Pete) noted, the concensus of opinion coming out of the meeting was that Council may have acted somewhat hastily, and on less than reliable information. I assured the members present that after being in contact, on more than one occasion, with the Commanders of both of the other local veterans organizations that both groups fully support the fire dept's administration of the Hometown Hero banner program to this point. And contrary to information presented to this council neither Commander has received any negative comments regarding the program from any of their regular membership. Both organizations have also expressed their full support for extending the program to include local First Responders.

After considerable discussion it was agreed, by all those present, that the fire dept will maintain sole control of the Hometown Hero banner program; with the advice & approval of council. In the unlikely event that any additional

changes in the qualifications for the purchase & placement of banners for the program are considered, Council will be advised & their approval sought.

In the spirit of that agreement the fire dept has drafted, and you all have copies of, the proposed revised qualifications for the purchase of any future Hometown Hero banners. With the support of all three local veterans groups we are proposing that, in addition to United States military service, the program be extended to include any deceased First Responder (defined as Police, Fire, Rescue or EMS) who served in the borough during their lifetime. Or any current Active or Life Members of any of the borough related Police, Fire, Rescue or EMS departments or services.

Hopefully, these agreements will remedy any current misunderstandings and eliminate the need for any further public protest or negative publicity regarding the program. The Hometown Hero banner project was initially envisioned as a small fund raiser for the fire department. That never happened. It has, however, evolved into something much larger than that and it needs to be allowed to move forward to include other deserving individuals who have served and are still serving their country and their community. I don't believe there can be any disagreement about the fact that the banner program has become both an asset to the community and a great source of pride to the residents whose relatives and friends service is being honored as a result. The one thing none of us should ever be allowed to forget is that—It is not about us, it's about them. On behalf of all veterans and First Responders I would like to thank everyone in this room for their support.

Brandy Kaler, 317 Harrison Avenue, East Vandergrift, requested permission to use the Gazebo at Kennedy Park for the purpose of having a meeting to host a scavenger hunt on October 19th.

Mr. Basile recommended that the Borough develop a standard form for individuals, groups and organizations to establish a format for the use of public property owned by the Borough.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, stated that individuals started a fire in the middle of the sidewalk on Lowell Street.

Chief Caporali asked if Mr. Detar called 911 when this happened.

Mr. Detar stated that he called the police station and left a message.

John Uskaritas, Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department, presented and reviewed the improvements to their building in 2016, 2017 and 2018 totaling \$42,000. (See page 2-A)

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

OPENING OF BIDS:

Engineer Bove stated that the advertisement of bids for 2018 Sewer Repair and I & I Elimination Project to be received for tonight's meeting.

At this time the Secretary opened and read aloud the following bids received regarding the aforementioned sewer project: (See page 2-A:Bid Tabulation)

The bids received were submitted to the Engineer for his review and recommendation for awarding of the bid at the November 5, 2018 meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented a letter from Nadine Artman requesting the use of the field and stage at Kennedy Park for the 4th Annual Paws and Claws Festival to be held on Sunday, September 8, 2019.

President Chvala turned this matter over to the Recreation Committee for review and recommendation at the November 5, 2018 meeting.

Vandergriff Fire Dept. No. 1
278 Franklin Ave., P.O. Box 6
Vandergriff, PA 15690
724-567-7171



Station 51

2-12
Randy Dunmire, Chief

2018 Updates:

Heater / a/c unit installed in Gear Room / Office area.	\$1,500.00
Glass block window in Gear Room and downspout replaced on alley side of building	\$500.00
Scott Electric Grant building electrical / lighting	<u>\$20,500.00</u>
Total:	\$22,000.00

2017 Updates:

Truck bay floor prep / painting	\$500.00
Remove / replace 5 11'x10' garage doors and openers	\$12,500.00
Remove / replace man door on alley side of building	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
Total:	15,500.00

2016 Updates:

Front of building and parking lot brick re-pointing	\$2,530.00
Gear room window's remove and replace	\$1,120.00
Repair letters on front lower area of the building alley side	\$150.00
Block windows alley side of building. Removed old single pane replaced with glass block.	\$650.00
Front entry door area replace ceiling and light above door. Fix downspouts on parking lot side of building.	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total:	\$4,550.00

Grand Total: \$42,050.00

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**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
2018
SEWER REPAIR AND 181 ELIMINATION PROJECT
USING
BOROUGH SEWER FUNDS
BID TABULATION
Bids Opened: Monday, October 1, 2018 - 7:00 PM**

Blidder Name:
10% Bid Bond:
References/Documentation Provided:

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QTY	UNIT	1		2		3		4		5		6	
				UNIT COST	PRICE	UNIT COST	PRICE	UNIT COST	PRICE	UNIT COST	PRICE	UNIT COST	PRICE	UNIT COST	PRICE
Bid A - PA Ave. Storm Sewer Replacement from Delaware to Virginia & other work															
A1	Replace 24" Perforated Storm Sewer	776	LF	\$42.00	\$32,592.00	\$65.00	\$50,440.00	\$90.00	\$69,840.00	\$78.00	\$60,528.00	\$109.00	\$84,584.00	\$118.00	\$91,568.00
A2	Repair Existing Catch Basins	8	EA	\$1,800.00	\$14,400.00	\$490.38	\$3,943.04	\$1,200.00	\$9,600.00	\$2,625.00	\$21,000.00	\$1,675.00	\$13,400.00	\$2,500.00	\$20,000.00
A3	Type "D-W" Endwall	1	EA	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$5,238.00	\$5,238.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$2,050.00	\$2,050.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
A4	R-5 Rock Rip Rap	22	TN	\$68.00	\$1,496.00	\$121.00	\$2,662.00	\$65.00	\$1,430.00	\$82.00	\$1,804.00	\$70.00	\$1,540.00	\$50.00	\$1,100.00
A5	Wallace St. Sink Hole Repair(depth 4.5 ft)	1	LS	\$6,200.00	\$6,200.00	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	\$2,225.00	\$2,225.00	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
A6	Pavement Restorations (PA Ave. Storm)	137	SY	\$145.00	\$19,865.00	\$100.00	\$13,700.00	\$65.00	\$8,905.00	\$75.00	\$10,275.00	\$74.00	\$10,138.00	\$68.00	\$9,316.00
A7	Temporary Asphalt Surfacing	10	TN	\$160.00	\$1,600.00	\$482.00	\$4,820.00	\$250.00	\$2,500.00	\$150.00	\$1,500.00	\$400.00	\$4,000.00	\$380.00	\$3,800.00
Bid A Totals:					\$78,753.00		\$84,103.04		\$103,875.00		\$108,407.00		\$117,937.00		\$132,984.00

Bid B - Indiana to Delaware Storm Sewer Replacement															
B1	Replace Existing Storm Sewer thru yard	280	LF	\$45.00	\$12,600.00	\$70.05	\$19,614.00	\$86.00	\$24,080.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 88.00	\$24,640.00	\$ -	\$ -
B2	Install New Catch Basins(2 turning pits)	2	EA	\$3,400.00	\$6,800.00	\$638.00	\$1,276.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,350.00	\$4,700.00	\$ -	\$ -
B3	Underdrain (if needed)	100	LF	\$31.00	\$3,100.00	\$83.03	\$8,303.00	\$10.00	\$1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30.00	\$3,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
B4	Type "D-W" Endwall	1	EA	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$4,870.00	\$4,870.00	\$4,100.00	\$4,100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,650.00	\$1,650.00	\$ -	\$ -
B5	R-5 Rock Rip Rap	22	TN	\$68.00	\$1,496.00	\$126.36	\$2,779.92	\$85.00	\$1,870.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69.50	\$1,529.00	\$ -	\$ -
B6	Install Earth Berm Along WW Stream	100	LF	\$20.00	\$2,000.00	\$48.52	\$4,852.00	\$25.00	\$2,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60.50	\$6,050.00	\$ -	\$ -
B7	Temporary Asphalt Surfacing	2	TN	\$180.00	\$360.00	\$1,524.50	\$3,249.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 389.00	\$778.00	\$ -	\$ -
Bid B Totals:					\$28,956.00		\$42,943.92		\$41,110.00		No Bid		\$42,347.00		No Bid

Bid C - Sanitary Sewer Replacement West of Delaware															
C1	Sanitary Sewer Replace (8" dia SDR-35)	100	LF	\$119.00	\$11,900.00	\$63.00	\$6,300.00	\$100.00	\$10,000.00	\$160.00	\$16,000.00	\$145.00	\$14,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
C2	Raise Sanitary Manhole	3	VF	\$1,940.00	\$5,820.00	\$1,456.33	\$4,368.99	\$1,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$910.00	\$2,730.00	\$ -	\$ -
Bid C Totals:					\$16,820.00		\$10,668.99		\$14,500.00		\$19,000.00		\$17,230.00		No Bid
Option 1															
1	Sanitary Sewer Backflow Devices	4	EA	\$4,200.00	\$16,800.00	\$4,961.00	\$19,444.00	\$3,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$4,800.00	\$19,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Option 2					\$16,800.00		\$19,444.00		\$12,000.00		\$19,200.00		\$12,000.00		No Bid
1	8" Sanitary Sewer Sec'r Internal Lining	2	EA	\$ -	\$ -	\$3,651.00	\$7,302.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Option 3					No Bid		\$7,302.00		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid
1	8" Sanitary Sewer Internal Lining	200	LF	\$ -	\$ -	\$117.62	\$23,524.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Option 3					No Bid		\$23,524.00		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid		No Bid

No bids were received from Daniel's Excavating, S&E Utility Contracting or R/JF Development.

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

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Secretary informed Council that the Code Officer issued 69 violation notices, attending 3 magistrate hearings, and issued 7 citations during the month of September.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented the following correspondence received;

Exhibit 1-A: Julia Martine, Chairwoman of the V.I.P.

Subject: Light-Up Vandergrift Christmas Parade & Party Event.

President Chvala turned this matter over to Mr. Basile for review and approval.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciallo informed Council that the Borough Crew has begun to collect leaves from the streets. He also stated that residents can bag their leaves and place them at the curb to pick up on Fridays.

Mr. Sciallo stated that something has to be done about landlords place large amounts of trash following a tenant leaves the residence.

Mrs. Wilson stated that this matter should be turned over to the police for enforcement, and if necessary, to be cited.

Mr. Sciallo stated that he, Glen Rupert, and the Solicitor met with a representative from Bortek regarding the repairs to the mini street sweeper. He stated that there are an estimated

Exhibit 1-#

Vandergrift Improvement Program, Inc.

P.O. Box 77, Vandergrift, PA 15690

Phone: 724-567-5286 / Fax: 724-567-7295

Email: vip15690@comcast.net

A 501©3 non-profit organization

September 21, 2018

Vandergrift Borough
109 Grant Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Re: Light-Up Vandergrift Christmas Parade & Party Event

Dear Council,

The Vandergrift Improvement Program is beginning the preparations for the annual Christmas celebration and parade. The 'Light-up Vandergrift Christmas Parade & Party' festivities will be on Friday, November 23rd. We would like your permission to use the regular parade route (Walnut, Longfellow, Franklin and Grant) and to close the Walnut and Longfellow streets staging area before the parade starts to form at 5:00pm. Parade participants will gather on Walnut and the area near Ferrante Motors. Participating emergency vehicles will line up along Longfellow.

Vendors will begin to set up on the sidewalks on Grant Avenue at 3:00pm, at which time we will need to close Grant to through traffic. Entertainment will start on Grant Avenue at 5:00pm, and the parade will begin at 6:00pm from Walnut Street and end at the Casino Theater.

We would like to put the community Christmas tree up on the corner of Farragut near Ianni's the same as in the past and also would like to have the Vandergrift Police lead the parade and assist with crowd control on Grant Ave.

Any council members wishing to participate in the parade please let me know by Friday, November 9th, so that I can put you on the list for the MC. A reminder to those who participate in the parade: For the safety of spectators along the parade route (especially Grant Ave.) throwing of candy/treats from moving vehicles is not permitted. Please have 'elves' (helpers) walk alongside of vehicle/float to distribute treats. Your cooperation and help in keeping this a safe event is greatly appreciated!

New this year, a Holiday Shoppe in the Penney's Building is being planned for Nov. 10th, 23rd, 24th (Small Business Saturday) and Dec. 10th. Local artists and crafters will be selling their unique wares and there will be activities for children as an incentive to get families back into town to visit/shop our local merchants.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 724-567-6762 (work) or by email julie@byerstaxiandbusing.com

Thank you, Julia Martin, Chairwoman

\$3,600.00 outstanding repair bills, of which, Mr. Sciallo believed that these repairs were not the fault of the borough.

Mr. Sciallo stated that meeting with Bortek resulted in the following: Bortek agreed to reduce the amount to \$750.00 and to charge a fee of \$225.00 towards a monthly inspection of the sweeper.

A motion was made by Mr. Basile, seconded by Mr. Collini, to accept the aforementioned offer. motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, seconded by Mr. Sciallo, to accept thr Street and Sanitstion Report. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove informed Council that he has submitted an application for the 2019 CDBG Grant Program regarding the funding of the proposed street reconstruction project. He reviewed the streets designated in said project. (See page 4-A) He stated that the total project cost would be approximately \$500.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, seconded by Mr. Basile, to accept the engineer's Report. Motion carried.

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson mentioned that she did not have all the 2019 budget requests in. President Chvala requested that all budget requests be turned into Steve within one week.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, seconded by Mr. Collini, to accept the Budget and Finance Report. Motion carried.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Collini presented a letter of resignation from Louis Ludwig, a part-time police officer, effective September 8, 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, seconded by Mr. Sciallo, to accept Mr. Ludwig's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Mr. Basile stated that he has applied for a \$50,000 grant towards the purchase of a new police vehicle and other related police equipment

President Chvala stated that Senator Brewster has attained for us a grant of 50,000 to go towards a Police Cruiser. He also recently attained for us a grant for \$22,000 to repair two roofs. Vandergrift Council is very appreciative and thankful for Senator Brewsters continued support of our borough. Steve, please send Senator Brewster a letter of appreciation.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo seconded by Mr. Maszgay, to accept the Police & Public Safety Report. Motion Carried.

2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

STREET LIST

- Franklin Ave. (from St. Gertrude Church to 1st St.)
- Sherman Ave. (from Franklin Ave. to Hamilton ave.)
- First St. (from Route 56 to Sherman Ave.)
- Grant Ave. (from Columbia Ave. to concrete seam at Washington Ave.)
- Pennsylvania Ave. (from LaBellevue Road to Delaware Ave.)
- Pennsylvania Ave. (from Delaware to Indiana Ave.)
- Pennsylvania Ave. (from Virginia to bend)
- Center Ave. (from California Ave. to Oregon Ave.)
- 13th St. (portion) (from Lincoln to Washington Ave.)
- 13th St. (portion) (from Custer to 13th)
- 4th St. (from Sherman to 11th St.)
- 11th St. (portion) (from Sumner Ave. to Farragut Ave.)
- 7th St. (from Sherman Ave. to Hamilton Ave.)
- 5th St. (from Sherman to 11th St.)
- Lafayette (from Sherman to Franklin Ave.)
- 29th St. (from Howell to Burns)
- 36th St. (from Irving to 29th St.)

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

President Chvala presented a letter from Thomas Holmes, secretary for the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission, of which, provided a list of eligible for the position of full-time patrolman to the Vandergrift Police Department. She state that Mr. Jose' Pantoja and Ben Michaels have met and exceeded all requirements set forth in the Vandergrift Service Regulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Collini, to offer a conditional employment to Jose' Pantoja upon successfully undergoing a physical and psychological examination. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Maszgay, to offer a conditional employment to Mr. Ben Michaels upon successfully undergoing a physical and psychological examination. Motion carried.

President Chvala stated that these new officers have a year to move within 5 air miles of the Vandergrift Borough.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Basile stated that he has picked up free Christmas Lighting from the Kittanning Borough. He stated that the lights were made available thru the assistance of Chris Zalonka. He stated that help would be needed to inspect the lights to see if they work.

Mr. Basile stated that the "No Parking" signs behind the library have been installed. He requested the Chief to issue warning notices for now.

Mr. Basile requested the Chief to have the playgrounds opened and closed.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Solicitor informed Council that the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority has increased their capacity portion for tapping fees from \$740.00 to \$840.00.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

At 8:05, a motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Maszgay, to call an executive session for the purpose of discussing an on-going litigation matter. Motion carried.

At 8:30, a motion was made by Mr. Basile, second by Mr. Sciallo, to return to the regular order of business and to stated that no action of Council taken during the executive session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm