

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

MARCH 5, 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	James Rametta
Peter Basile	Vernon Sciallo
Lenny Collini	Christine Wilson
Casimer Maszgay	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Barbara Turiak, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfито, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz- Asst. Secretary
Lucien Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Sciallo. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Jim Williams, 125 Oregon Avenue, questioned whether the K.V.W.P.C.A sewage rates will be changed.

Solicitor Loperfито stated that there is a sixty (60) day notice before the rates are to be changed.

Marylee Kesler, 426 Hancock Avenue, informed Council that plans are being made for a Community Cleanup Day on April 21, 2018 at Kennedy Park. She also stated that the Mural may be hung on the fence of Davis Field on the Custer Avenue side.

Heather Miller, 164 Grant Avenue, requested permission to hold a Scavenger Hunt on March 17th to start at Kennedy Park at 11:30 am and end at the No. 1 Fire Department at 1:00 pm. She stated that the participants will range in age from 9 to 17 and chaperons will be present during this event.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, question if the microbrewery is coming to town.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that the Vandergrift Zoning & Hearing Board will holding a hearing on their intent to occupy a building on Grant Avenue on Tuesday, March 13th.

Joe Williams, 531 Jackson Avenue, addressed Council in regards to issues of the property located at 529 & 533 Jackson Avenue. He explained about the clutter of debris and the constant nuisance of the dogs barking.

Chief Caporali requested that Mr. Williams contact him on Tuesday.

Paula John, Iann's Pizza at 133 Grant Avenue, requested Council to consider granting permission to place a garbage dumpster at the parking stall located on 11th Street. She explained the configuration of her building prohibits the placement of the dumpster in the rear of the building.

Mr. Basile suggested that Council grant this request for a six (6) month trial basis, and that the dumpster be placed at the handicap stall, of which can be relocated to another parking stall in this area.

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

OPENING OF BIDS:

At this time the Secretary opened and read aloud bids received for the Multimodal Transportation Street Reconstruction Project. He explained that streets to be included in the project are as follows: Grant (from Columbia to Franklin); Columbia (from Grant to Washington); and Washington (from Franklin to Custer). (See page 2-A: Bid Tabulation Sheet)

Following the opening of bids, a motion was made to award the bid to Tresco Paving, the low bidder in the amount of \$127,681.05; contingent upon review and approval of the Borough Engineer and meeting all bid requirements. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

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Bid Opening: Monday, March 5, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH
2018 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
WITH
"MTF" AND LIQUID FUEL FUNDS

BIDDERS LIST

CONTRACTOR	BID BOND	PWEV*	NON-COLL AFFIDAVIT	BID AMOUNT
A. LIBERONI, INC. Plum , PA				137,388.44
TRESCO PAVING Pittsburgh , PA 1				127,681.05
VICTOR PAVING Monongahela, PA				143,852.41
EI GRANDE INDUSTRIES Donora , PA				175,876.66
DERRY CONSTRUCTION Latrobe , PA				160,760.40
NAGY ASPHALT & CONST Pittsburgh, PA				148,523.03
SHIELDS ASPHALT PAVING Valencia , PA				144,764.50
PROTECH ASPHALT PAVING New Castle, PA				169,650.43
A FOLINO CONSTRUCTION Oakmont, PA				141,428.39

*Public Works Employment Verification Form

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Turiak reported that the Library Board is working hard to promote more activities. She recommended that members stop in at the Library to see what is being done.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary distributed Ethics forms to members of Council to be completed and returned by May 7, 2018.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented and reviewed the following correspondence:

Exhibit 1-A: Vanessa Groholsk, director of Vandergrift Library, requested Council's permission to use Kennedy Park for the purpose of providing an Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th at 1:00 pm.

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

Exhibit 2-A: Christopher Kriley, DEP, informing the Vandergrift Borough that the Borough qualifies for a waiver from NPDES MS4 permitting requirements. Said letter indicated that the waiver applies for a 5-year period and expires five years from March `16, 2018.


Exhibit 3-A: Pat Maxanek, East Vandergrift Borough, thanking Council for the quick response if addressing the mudslide at the Old Sheridan Road.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

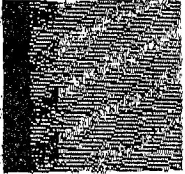
A motion was made Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mr. Rametta, to pay all stated and approved bills. Motion carried.

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

No Report



Vandergrift Public Library
128C Washington Ave. Vandergrift, PA 15690
724-568-2212 / Vanessa.Groholski@wlnonline.org
www.vandergriftpubliclibrary.org



February 12, 2018

Vandergrift Municipal Building
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear Vandergrift Park and Recreation Committee,

It's time to coordinate our Annual Vandergrift Easter Egg Hunt which is planned for Saturday, March 24 at 1pm. We would like to request the space at Kennedy Park for this event. Children ages 2-8 are invited to participate. This event is very well attended.

Please let me know if we are allowed to use the space for this event. This really is a very worthwhile community event-one that creates wonderful memories.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



Vanessa Groholski

Director / Children's Librarian



pennsylvania
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

Exhibit 2-A

Date: FEBRUARY 16, 2018

Stephen Delledonne, Secretary
Vandergrift Borough
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Re: Stormwater – MS4 Waiver
Vandergrift Borough Storm Sewer System
Waiver No. PAG136400
Authorization ID No. 1203873
Vandergrift Borough, Westmoreland County

Dear Mr. Delledonne:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) received your request for a permit waiver along with your application for an NPDES permit for your small Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4). We have reviewed your submission and we have determined that you qualify for a waiver from NPDES MS4 permitting requirements, and your request is approved.

This waiver applies for a 5-year period and expires five years from March 16, 2018 which is the effective date of the New General Permit. In the event that the conditions identified in the waiver request form change during the term of this waiver, you may be required to submit a new application for an individual NPDES permit or NOI for coverage under the PAG-13 General Permit.

You must submit an application or NOI for coverage under an NPDES MS4 Permit at least 180 days prior to the expiration of your waiver. At that time, if you determine that you meet eligibility requirements for a waiver from permitting, you may include a new waiver request with your permit application or NOI. NPDES permits and waivers must be renewed every five years.

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal, pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. Section 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. Chapter 5A, to the Environmental Hearing Board, Second Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457, 717.787.3483. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800.654.5984. Appeals must be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board within 30 days of receipt of written notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time period. Copies of the appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure may be obtained from the Board. The appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure are also available in braille or on audiotape from the Secretary to the Board at 717.787.3483. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

Mr. Stephen Delledonne

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Date: FEBRUARY 14, 2018

IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS ACTION, YOUR APPEAL MUST REACH THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS. YOU DO NOT NEED A LAWYER TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD.

IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE, HOWEVER, SO YOU SHOULD SHOW THIS DOCUMENT TO A LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION. CALL THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD (717.787.3483) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

If you have any questions, please call Raymond Lattner of the Permits Section at 412.442.4058.

Sincerely,



Christopher Kriley, P.E.
Program Manager
Clean Water Program

Enclosures

cc: Regional Files
Bove Engineering Co.
OpSection

806 McKinley Avenue
East Vandergrift, PA 15629
February 26, 2018

Vandergrift Borough
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I just wanted to send a thank you note for your prompt attention to the mudslide that occurred at the Old Sheridan Road Railroad Bed and Mckinley Avenue Extension.

The mudslide occurred overnight Thursday into last Friday and I reported it to Chris Zelonka from the East Vandergrift Council. He viewed the area and made some calls to members of the Vandergrift Council and they quickly arrived at the scene to observe the situation.

Last Tuesday a back hoe was working on fixing the problem along the Longfellow Path and the catch basin above Cochran Street.

Again, I would like to thank you all for your time and consideration with this situation.

Sincerely,



Pat Mazanek

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucien Bove reported on the mudslide at the Longfellow Street Trail leading to East Vandergrift Borough. He stated the ditch at the base of the hill was repairs and mitigation steps at the top and bottom of the hill in order to prevent further water drainage problems. He also stated that steps to be taken provide an on-going maintenance plan, especially following a major rain storm.

Engineer Bove reported that Peoples Gas is planning gas line repairs on Linden Street; Hawthorne Street, between Longfellow and Walnut; and Oregon and Florida Avenues. He stated that most of repair lines will in the grass areas, except where the gas company makes a cross-cut on a street. He also stated that the gas company is seeking consideration in the permit fees in lieu of the ordinance requirement to make repairs curb to curb.

Engineer Bove requested permission to proceed with an inspection of the unsafe building located at 127 Grant Avenue, of which, permission was given.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Maszgay informed Council that he, the Solicitor and the Secretary met with a representative of West Penn Power in regards to their proposal to replace all of the 603 mercury vapor lights with LED lights. He stated that this project will not begin until sometime in August of this year, and will result in a savings of approximately \$3600.00 per month.

Mr. Maszgay stated that he will having a Tree Committee, at which time he will review the list from last year of trees to be either trimmed or removed.

A motion was made by Mr. Scullo, second by Mrs. Wilson, to accept the Tree & Light Report. Motion carried.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Sciallo, to appoint Dante Cellitti, 126 East Adams Avenue to the Vandergrift Borough Planning Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Collini, to appoint Brian Carricato to Vandergrift Zoning & Hearing Board, filling the unexpired term of Randy Klick, to expire December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Basile stated that he is foregoing plans to apply for a grant regarding deck hockey within the tennis courts. He stated that the Washington Avenue project is more important at this time.

Mr. Basile stated that Tim Toy is interested in installing a Volleyball Court on the Jackson Avenue side of Kennedy Park. He stated that he will be working with Mr. Toy on the matter.

Mr. Basile informed Council that Ashley Wilson, YMCA, is requesting permission to sponsor a Spring Tee-Ball league from May 1st to June 19th.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Rametta, to approve the Scavenger Hunt, as requested by Heather Miller. Motion carried.

Mr. Basile stated that he is seeking an Assistant Pool Manager.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Collini, to advertise for an Assistant Pool Manager for the 2018 Summer Season. Motion carried.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfito stated that Council will need to modify the policy of the Borough regarding the use of facilities within the police department. (See page 5-A)

POLICY OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT REGARDING USE OF FACILITIES WITH BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

THIS POLICY of the Borough of Vandergrift is effective as of the date of enactment of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift as set forth below and shall apply to the use of Borough facilities located within the Borough Building and Police Station situate at 109 Grant Avenue, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690. This revokes and replaces the prior policy of June 5, 2107.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift deems the security of its Borough Building and Police Department to be of paramount importance to the security of records, documents, evidence, as well as the health, safety and welfare of the employees and visitors to the public portions of the building; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift deems it to be paramount that the safety of its officers, investigatory information, evidence and facilities of the Borough Police Department require security and limitations to access;

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby adopt this use policy as associated with the aforementioned facilities.

It is the policy of the Borough of Vandergrift that access to the Vandergrift Borough Police Department and use of the facilities within the Vandergrift Borough Police Department, shall be limited to active police officers employed by the Borough of Vandergrift on a full time or part-time basis only; provided however, that the main Police Department area, which contains the officer's desks, shall be available for use by the officers, with citizens and other individuals present, provided that at all times, an active police officer employed by the Borough of Vandergrift is present with any individuals within said area.

Further, the weight room area may be used by, full-time or part-time officers and currently elected officials of the Borough of Vandergrift, during their term of office, at times deemed convenient to the Department and as may be limited by the Chief of Police, at will, and subject to execution of required release and waiver documents for the Borough.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Policy has been adopted by the Borough of Vandergrift at its regular public meeting on March 5, 2018.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT:

Kathy Chvala

KATHY CHVALA, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

Stephen J. DelleDonne

STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE, BOROUGH SECRETARY

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Basile, to approve the aforementioned change to this policy. Motion carried

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Basile, second by Mr. Collini, to permit Iann's to place a garbage dumpster in the handicap space along 11th Street on a six month trial basis. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Collini stated that he would like to entertain the plans to provide a dirt track for racing of RC cars at Project 70. He stated that will bring back a plan on this matter.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm