

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFF COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vernon Scullo	Frank Moliterno
Brian Carricato	Christine Wilson
James Rametta	Kathleen Chvala

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Louis Purificato, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfito, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Michael & Lucien, Engineers	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 4, 2014 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Moliterno. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Cheryl Tomasello, 407 Longfellow St., addressed Council in regards to her concerns about keeping Vandergriff alive. She stated that she wanted to help with the problems of the town, especially to focus on a place for the teens. She suggested a skateboard park where the youth can openly express themselves with their graffiti drawings. She stated that she appreciates what Council is doing, but more could be done.

Mr. Moliterno stated that the Council is doing a great job and that all problems can't be resolved

Ms. Tomasello also suggested that the curfew law be enforced.

Barbara Turiak, 216 Franklin Ave., requested that Council consider placing an additional school crossing guard at the intersections of Hamilton, Franklin and East Vandergrift Lane. She stated that she is concerned with the safety of children walking to and from school.

Mr. Moliterno stated that this matter will be address during a Police & Public Safety Committee meeting. He also stated that Kiski Area will need to approve the addition costs.

Dennis & Robin Sholtz, 208 Emerson St., addressed Council in regards to recent flooding of their basement due to a back-up of the sewer line. Ms. Sholtz questioned who is responsible and who will assume the cost of the damages. She also stated that they never had a problem until the sewer separation work began.

Mr. Moliterno stated that the contractor should be held responsible for these damages.

Following a discussion, Engineer Bove stated that he will resolve this problem by rerouting the sewer line and putting a new line in the area.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented for Council's approve an agreement between the Borough of Vandergrift and the Westmoreland County Transit Authority regarding the continuation of bus transportation for the Vandergrift citizens for fiscal year 2014-2015. He stated that the Borough's assessment share has increased from \$1030.00 to \$1,100.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mr. Rametta, to approve the aforementioned agreement as presented. Motion carried.

The Secetary presented Borough's financial requirement and minimum municipal obligation to the Vandergrift Police Retirement Plan for 2015 municipal budget. He stated that the MMO for 2015 is \$44,105.00. (See page 2-A)

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**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN
FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT AND MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION
FOR 2015 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

A. Normal Cost

1. Normal Cost as a Percent of Payroll	14.609%
2. Estimated 2014 Payroll for Active Participants	\$ <u>408,107</u>
3. Normal Cost (A1 x A2)	\$ <u>59,620</u>

B. Financial Requirement

1. Normal Cost (A3)	\$ 59,620
2. Anticipated Insurance Premiums	0
3. Anticipated Administrative Expense	6,122
4. Amortization Payment, if any	<u>7,869</u>
5. Financial Requirement (B1 + B2 + B3 + B4)	\$ <u>73,611</u>

C. Minimum Municipal Obligation

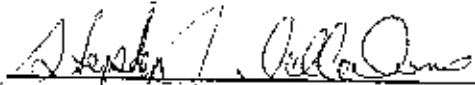
1. Financial Requirement (B5)	\$ 73,611
2. Anticipated Employee Contributions (7.23% of Estimated Payroll)	29,506
3. Funding Adjustment, if any	<u>0</u>
4. Minimum Municipal Obligation (C1 - C2 - C3)	\$ <u>44,105</u>

NOTES:

1. 2015 General Municipal Pension System State Aid may be used to fund part or all of the municipal obligation and must be deposited within 30 days of receipt. Any remaining balance must be paid from municipal funds.
 2. Deposit into the Plan's assets must be made by December 31, 2015 to avoid an interest penalty.
 3. Any delinquent Minimum Municipal Obligation from prior years must be included in the 2015 budget along with an interest penalty.
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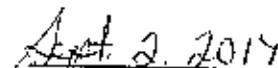
I hereby certify that the above calculations, to the best of my knowledge, are true, accurate, and conform with the provisions of Chapter 3 of Act 205 on 1984.

Certified By:



Chief Administrative Officer

Prepared using the January 1, 2013 Valuation.


Date

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

ORDINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

No Report

President Carricato informed Council that Officer Rigatti, on his own time, obtained a number of community service workers to perform cleaning and paint of the parking stall lines at the Columbia Parking Lot this past Saturday.

Mrs. Wilson questioned if Officer Rigatti has followed up on the residents who have not removed their downspouts in Phase I.

President Carricato suggested that Mrs. Wilson go with Officer Rigatti to check these residents, and if found not separated, Officer Rigatti can therefore cite the owner.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciuillo, to accept the Ordinance Officer's Report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

The Secretary presented a request from Bove Engineering to approve the submission of a PennVest Payment Request No. 7 in the amount of \$718,329.74. He stated that this amount reflects 2A Construction Estimate No. 6 (Monzo) of \$242,283.37; 2B Construction Estimate No 6 of \$415,145.84; Engineer Estimate No. 8 of \$59,667.50 and Interim Estimate No. 5 of \$1,223.03.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mr. Rametta, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciuillo informed Council that 2014-2015 State Salt Contract will reflect a 18.5% increase, bringing the cost per ton of salt to \$68.00.

Mr. Sciallo recommended that the contractors Glenn Johnston and R.A. Monzo be billed for having the Borough's street crew come out a clean up the sinkage areas caused by recent rain storm in the areas of the sewer separation work.

President Carricato suggested that he and the Secretary prepare a statement indicating this cost to the Borough.

Mrs. Wilson stated that it isn't right for the Borough to the cut the grass in areas that belong to the State. She stated that PennDot indicated that they only responsible for the area curb to curb.

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the Street & Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Michael Bove informed Council that a pre-construction meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. He stated that this is in regards to the CDBG street reconstruction project.

Engineer Michael Bove reviewed a problem on 22nd Street. He stated that the work has encountered an unstable sandy soil which is causing extensive damage to the brick alley.

Engineer Michael Bove again requested that Council consider approving 2A Change Order, an additional amount of \$47,400; and 2B Changer Order, an additional amount of \$82,950.

President Carricato stated that this would take up 50% of the \$260,000 contingency funds for this project, with less than 1/2 of the total project done at this time.

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Sciallo, to table this matter for one month. Motion carried.

Engineer Lucien Bove stated that he a met with a state representative regarding the extension of the Roaring Run Trail, to include the area behind the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Dept. He recommended that Council seek funding from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Chairperson Rametta reported that he has obtained an estimate from J & J Roofing to replace the roof at the Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Department in the amount of \$10,150.00. He stated that this \$4,000 over the amount left in his budget.

Following a discussion of the matter, Mr. Rametta stated that he would see if J & J Roofing would accept half this year and the remaining half next year.

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

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported that she is winding down her tree removing and trimming for this year. She stated that there are five (5) trees left to be trimmed this year. In regards to the pine tree on the parklette located at Custer & Washington, Mrs. Wilson stated that it will remain until next spring.

Mrs. Wilson stated that she will have the 4 to 5 large trees removed from the drainage ditch located at the base of the hill abutting East Vandergrift Borough. She stated that this will cost about \$1200.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Moliterno, to approve the aforementioned work. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Carricato presented the following to be acted on by Council:

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to appoint Theresa Geltz, as the Borough's Zoning Officer. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Moliterno, to send the refuse bills and the sewer recovery bills to the owners of the property and not to the tenants. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciullo, to combine the billing of the refuse bill, sewer recovery bill and the Community Development Fund on one billing statement/card. Motion carried.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

President Carricato stated that the Committee is working on a plan regarding the playground within the Borough. He stated that this will be addressed at the next Council meeting.

President Carricato presented the following events to be held at Davis Field and Kennedy Park:

1. Kiski Area Band Festival – September 6th.
2. Movie in the Park – September 26th. (Either Wizard of Oz or Frozen)
3. Arts & Craft Show – September 27th thru 28th.

In regards to the pool facility, President Carricato informed Council that the pool was closed as of Labor Day. He stated that work will begin to finding and repairing the leaks, of which the work will be done in-house. He stated the pool will be winterized and will only add water to the deep end in order to prevent freezing.

President Carricato stated that a meeting was held with DCNR for the purpose of obtaining grants for the pool. He stated that a full report will be presented at the next meeting.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he will be evaluating the playground report conducted by the Borough's insurance carrier.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he will be presenting a Privacy Policy regarding employee personal files and records. He stated that the Borough Secretary will oversee this matter.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he will present an ordinance establishing a standard width for sidewalks within the Borough.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Rametta stated that legal action should be taken against the owners of the former S & 10 Building on Grant Avenue and the Anchor Building on Columbia Avenue.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he had met with the owner of the Anchor Building, at which time he indicated that the sidewalk will be replaced, with an area of green space. He stated that Mr. Mihalko was very compliant.

Mr. Rametta stated that the following locations should be addressed:

1. Vacant lot on Longfellow Street abutting the Salvation Army.
2. The areas beside Detar's Electric on Custer Ave.
3. Lot on Longfellow Street beside Byers Busing.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.