

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: March 4, 2024

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift will meet in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm, with President Holmes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Marilee Kessler	Thomas Holmes
Christine Wilson	Jody Sarno
Rae Ann Bruner	John Uskuraitis
Daisha Clayton	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Lenny Collini, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Shea Kraft, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Approval of February 5, 2024 minutes

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

OPENING OF BIDS:

1. None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- 1.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. No Report

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Issued 33 violation notices and 2 citations during February.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Victorian Vandergrift Museum & Historical Society-Car Show June 7<sup>th</sup> on Grant Avenue.

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Approve the hiring of a labor for the Street & Sanitation Department.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. See attached

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

1. Distribute monthly General Fund, Pool and State Aid Budget reports.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

- 1.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

1. Update on building and grounds projects.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. See attached report of trees trimmed and St. Lights fixed.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. Act on Police Chief Caporali retirement.

RECREATION REPORT:

1. No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Reappointment of Vacancy Board Chair.
2. Contract regarding Chief Joseph Caporali.
3. Resolution No. 3-2024-ATP Grant Application.
4. Resolution No 4-2024 – PA 811 Safe Digging Month.
5. Notice Only: MAAT/Vandergrift IMA regarding MAAT LaBelleVue Road Expansion

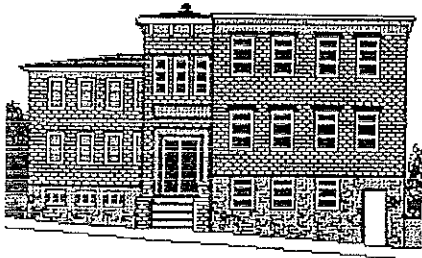
UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Council's approval placement of Greenway monument-See attached.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 5-2024-Submit application to the WalksWorks Program.

Exhibit 1-A



## Victorian Vandergrift Museum & Historical Society, Inc.

PO Box 86, Vandergrift, PA 15690

Telephone: 724-568-1990

Website: vvmhs.org E-Mail: vvmhs@comcast.net

January 27, 2023

Vandergrift Borough Council

109 Grant Avenue

Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

Dear Council Members:

The Vandergrift Museum and Historical Society is asking for permission to hold a car cruise (as we have done for the last six years) on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> on Grant Avenue. The car cruises have been a huge success even with the pandemic. They have helped show off our town and allowed us to make a few dollars to help to continue operating the Museum.

We would like to close Grant Avenue to traffic from Washington Avenue to Columbia Avenue starting at 4 pm on that day and run to approximately 10 pm. This is what we have done in the past and it seemed to always go well. We are also requesting the use of Farragut Avenue, Sumner Avenue and Columbia Avenue from Grant to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. These areas will be used if we run out of space on Grant Avenue for parking participants in the car cruise. We will make sure the police have access to their building since Grant Avenue would be closed from Sumner to Columbia Avenue.

We are requesting that street parking not be allowed after 4 p.m. on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the cars being displayed at the cruise. As was done last year, we will place no parking notices on cars throughout the week indicating that parking would not be allowed on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> after 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. on that day if approved by the Council.

Food will be sold as was done previously via food trucks on Columbia Avenue from 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. A live band will also be set up on the corner of Grant and Farragut as has been done previously. Port-a-johns will be available for the public. We will also be contacting the local business owners and advising of this event if they wish to remain open.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request.

Sincerely yours,

*Anthony Ferrante*

Anthony Ferrante  
President

ADJOURNMENT:

raeannbruner@vandergriftborough.com

2/28/2024 9:25 AM

## Feb. 2024 Tree and Light Report

To Vandergrift Borough Secretary <vgborosec@comcast.net>

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Trees and Lights  
February 2024

Gas Co trimmed branches at 185 Sherman for gas line replacement.  
Christine Wilson then had borough crew cut the tree down.

Street light fixed behind 327 Beech in 43 street alley.

Street light fixed at Linden and Custer

Street light fixed at corner of Burns Street and Holland Street

Rae Ann Bruner

# Agenda Items for March 2024 Council Meeting

## NEW BUSINESS

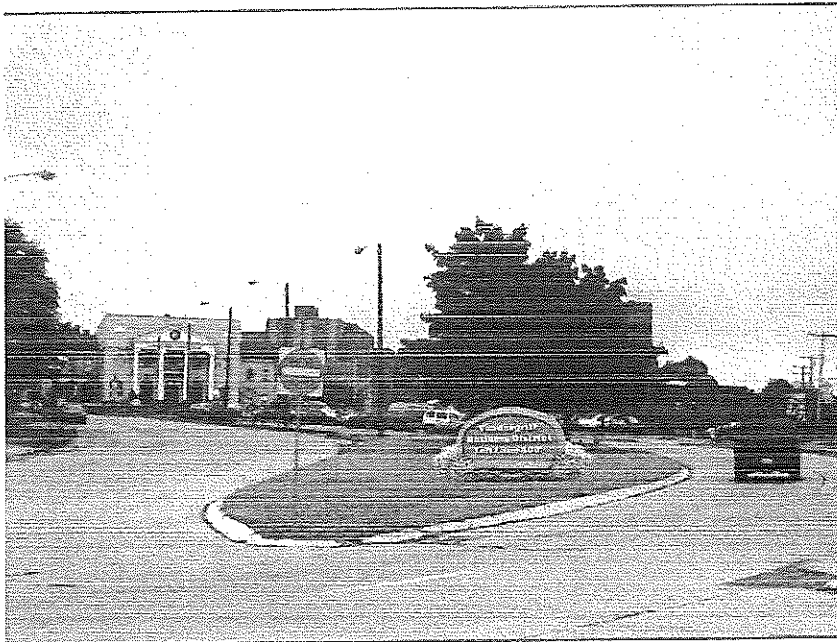
- 1- Community Watch Meeting Thursday, March 28 -Enjoying Vandergrift's sidewalks and streets safely meeting open to residents of all ages and abilities. Officer Gray and Samantha Pearson, of PA Downtown Center will conduct the meeting as part of Vandergrift's Active Transportation Plan.
- 2-Request for council to approve placement of Greenway monument (see attached image) at one of the locations shown below, pending PennDot approval, as both locations are in a PennDot Right of Way.

Parcel 37-01-02-005 - The grassy area below the Casino Parking lot is not part of the parcel owned by the Borough. It is within the right-of-way of Washington Avenue SR 0056. Being between the lanes of SR 0056, this site would need PennDOT approval.

Parcel 37-01-02-101 - This parcel owned by the Borough. It is very narrow and is across the street from the grassy area at the corner of Sherman and Farragut (SR 56 Bridge). the grassy area (it's like a small park) is shown as part of the road right-of-way . Grass area is maintained by the Borough.



## PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



RESOLUTION NO. 3-2024

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT  
WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, WESTMORELAND COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND PENNSYLVANIA DOWNTOWN CENTER WALKWORKS PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH), Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity, collaborates with the Pennsylvania Downtown Center to increase opportunities for physical activity through improvements to the built environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Department of Health provides grant funding, through the WalkWorks Program, to support the preparation of Active Transportation Plans to help municipalities envision and implement projects to increase opportunities for physical activity and improved public health; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Vandergrift supports and promotes active transportation, including walking, biking, using a wheelchair or other personal mobility assistive devices that contribute to active and health life styles amount its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Vandergrift seeks to develop an active transportation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Vandergrift proposes to respond to the WalkWorks Program Funding Opportunity Announcement with a grant application requesting funding in the amount of \$300.00, to support the preparation of the Borough of Vandergrift Active Transportation Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Borough of Vandergrift hereby authorizes Daisha Clayton, Councilperson, to submit an application to the WalkWorks Program.

**RESOLVED AND ENACTED** ,by the Borough of Vandergrift, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, This Day \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT**

By \_\_\_\_\_

Council President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

Stephen J. DelleDonne

Borough Secretary

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_

Lenny Collini

Mayor



## Engineer report and agenda items for March 4, 2024

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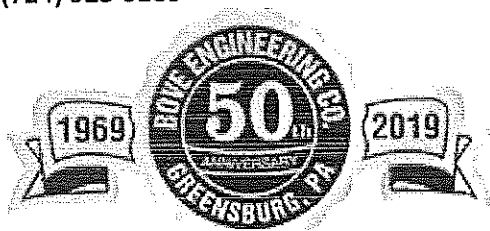
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please see my requested agenda items below for the Monday, March 4, 2024 Council meeting:

1. 2024 CDBG Application – Awaiting official response from the County Planning Department.
2. Olmsted Park Development – Request for committed cash donations from contributing organizations. Budget being amended accordingly.
3. Columbia Avenue Parking Lot Rain Gardens & Tree Pits – Preliminary schedule discussions with PennDOT and WCD anticipate bid letting this summer/fall with construction in the spring of 2025. Discussion of tree grate maintenance needs for trees installed in Phase 1.
4. 2022 CDBG Project Contractor DP Case 31250 – This case is not on the March 12, 2024 DPC meeting agenda. According to the DP Specialist regarding this case, Vandergrift Borough has no violations.
5. Vandergrift Casino Theater and Library Building Improvement Project - Phase 2 – Under design. Anticipate advertising this spring.
6. **PNG Line replacements** – Please be advised of the PNG gas line replacement projects which have been started, or are pending: Sherman Avenue Project Phase 2 (started), \_Washington Avenue Project (pending), **Fourth Street Project** (pending). Please advise of any concerns.
7. MAAT Upper West Vandergrift Sanitary Sewer Connection – We received revised plans 2-27-2024, comments pending. Intermunicipal agreement pending.

Items requiring board action are shown in **Bold** print. If anyone has any questions, or If any additional items are required, please let me know as soon as possible. I plan to attend the meeting and will be available to answer any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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ADJOURNMENT: