

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

April 1, 2024

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm, with President Holmes presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Lenny Collini, Mayor	Theresa Geltz, Assistant Secretary
Shae Kraft, Solicitor	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief
Lucian Bove, Engineer	

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 4, 2024 were approved by motion of Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr.Sarno. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, requested the police department to resolve the dog barking problem between the hours of 7:30 am and 8:00 am.

Chief Caporali told Mr. Detar to call 911 when this problem occurs.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Collini reported that there is happy matter report. He stated that Sen. Joseph Pittman has indicated that the Borough will receive \$204,000.00 for the paving of Grant & Mckinley Avenues. Also, he stated that the Borough will receive additional \$74,000.00 for 9th Street retaining wall project.

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

SECRETAY'S REPORT:

No Repot

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Holmes stated that the Code Officer issued 23 violation notices and 3 citations during the month of March.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mr. Uskuaitis, to accept the Code Officer's Report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Exhibit 1-A: Shannon Viscenti/V.I.P. Requested permission to hold the 3rd Annual Witching Night" on October 12th, from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr.Uskuraitis, second by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the above request.

Exhibit 2-A: Julia Martin, V.I.P. Requested permission to use the lower portion of the Columbia Parking Lot the Vandergrift Farmers' Market, starting June 6th to October 17th.

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

Exhibit 3-A: Cynthia Dunmie, 112 Sumner Avenue. Requested Council to take action regarding the Borough tree in front of her property.

Ms. Brunner stated that she will meet with Ms. Dunmire about this matter.

The Witching Hours

APPLICATION FOR USE OF VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH PROPERTY

NAME OF APPLICANT: Shannon Visconti / VIP

LEGAL ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: 151 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

IF CORPORATE, NAME OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON MAKING APPLICATION: Shannon Visconti

PHONE NUMBER OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON: 412-585-7481

EMAIL ADDRESS OF APPLICANT thewitchinghours15690@gmail.com

TAX ID NUMBER OF CORPORATE ENTITY: Vandergrift Improvement Program

AREA REQUESTED: Grant Avenue / Farragut to Post Office
Columbia to G+G / Columbia to Pres. Chue

DATE REQUESTED: Oct. 12, 2024

TIME REQUESTED: 1:00pm - 10pm

WILL THIS REQUEST REQUIRE THE CLOSURE OF ANY STREETS? YES NO

WILL THIS REQUESTED USE REQUIRE A POLICE PRESENCE? YES NO

(Even if the answer is no, the Borough reserves the right to evaluate the use and, if police presence is deemed necessary by the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift, any and all fees for police presence will be a requirement prior to final approval.)

HAVE YOU SECURED INSURANCE NAMING YOUR ENTITY AND THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT AS INSURED SUBJECT TO BOROUGH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS?

YES NO (Please attach a copy of the declarations page of the paid policy and verification that the policy has been paid in full.)

NATURE OF EVENT PLANNED (Please set forth, in detail, the nature of the event that you plan for the Borough property, the number of persons intended to be present at the event, the nature of the presentation at the event and any other information deemed pertinent. The Borough of Vandergrift reserves the right to delay action on any application in which the Borough deems the information provided is insufficient to allow the Borough an opportunity to evaluate the request.)



Vandergrift Farmers' Market
PO Box 191
Spring Church, PA 15686
724-422-3883



Exhibit 2-A

March 27, 2024

Vandergrift Borough Council
c/o Steve Delledonne, Borough Secretary
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Council Members:

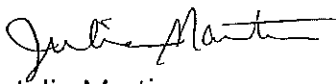
On behalf of the Vandergrift Farmers' Market, I ask your permission to use the back portion of the Columbia parking lot for the market.

The market will be open from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday beginning June 6th and ending October 17th, 2023.

The Market Manager this year is Stephanie Riddle-Klingensmith, she can be reached at 412-860-5346. Any questions please contact Stephanie or myself, Julie, at 724-640-6402. Stephanie is working hard to recruit some new vendors to add to our very faithful long-time vendors Yarnick's Farm Market and Maple Ridge Farm & Bakery.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

See you at the Market!


Julia Martin
President, VIP, Inc.

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Cynthia Dunmire
112 Sumner Ave
Vandergrift, PA 15690
March 27, 2024

Subject: Request for Assistance with Tree Issue

Dear Vandergrift Borough,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to bring to your attention a significant problem that I am facing due to a large tree located in front of my home at 112 Sumner Ave. The tree's branches extend over my property, and its roots have caused damage to the pipes beneath my home.

Over the past few years, I have noticed that the tree branches have been encroaching on my property, causing potential hazards and damage. I have had branches fall on my deck and vehicles several times over the past few years. Additionally, the tree's roots have infiltrated the underground pipes, resulting in significant plumbing issues that have cost me approximately \$4,000 in repairs. The roots have also lifted the sidewalk in front of 112 and 114 Sumner Ave causing the concrete to crack and lift which is also a hazard to people who walk, run, and use wheelchairs in our community.

I understand that maintaining trees and ensuring the safety of residents is a priority for Vandergrift Borough. Therefore, I kindly request your assistance in addressing this matter. I would greatly appreciate it if the borough could investigate the situation and take appropriate action to resolve the issue.

I understand that this is a large tree that would cost a lot to remove, but I also cannot afford to have my basement dug up and replace piping under my home due to the tree's continuous growth in size.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you to discuss a resolution and appreciate your efforts in maintaining the safety and well-being of our community.

Sincerely,



Cynthia Dunmire
724-596-0432

REGULAR AND STATED BILLS:

A motion was made by Ms. Kessler, second by Mr. Sarno, to pay all stated and approved bills. Motion carried.

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson informed Council that she and Glen Rupert will be attending the PA One Call informational meeting in Lower Burrell on April 10th.

Mrs. Wilson stated that Ursula Clark on Holland Street is requesting a "Hidden Driveway Sign" be erected on Holland Street.

Mrs. Wilson stated that she will speak to Ms. Clark on this matter.

Mrs. Wilson reported that the new full-time employee started on April 1st.

A motion was made by Mr. Sano, second by Mr. Uskuaitis, to accept the Street & Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove reported that the restoration plan for PNG gas line project on Columbia Avenue is anticipated to start sometime in October of this year. The work will include curb to curb resurfacing on Columbia Avenue to 11th Street; and 11th Street from Columbia Avenue to Sumner Avenue.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Ms. Bruner, to move forward with this plan. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Ms. Bruner, to amend the agenda for the purpose of announcement of the Grant Avenue & McKinley Avenue street reconstruction project.

Engineer Bove requested to send out bids for the Olmsted Common's Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mrs. Kessler, to authorize the Engineer to proceed with advertisement of the aforementioned project. Motion carried.

President Holmes requested that Council approve the placement of park bench within the Olmsted Commons in memory of former Council person, Kathy Chvala.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Kessler, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, 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 Bruner reported that two Maple trees were cut down on Washington Avenue, and that the tree at 176 Washington was not trimmed based on the recommendation of the tree service. She also stated that the request for the trimming of the tree at 171 Grant Avenue will be later determined.

Ms. Bruner report that 10 Street Lights in town were replaced in March.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mrs. Kessler informed Council that application PA Walkworks Active Transportation Grant was submitted on March 22, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Holmes requested permission to negotiate a lease between the Vandergrift Borough and PNC Bank regarding PNC Bank in installing a ATM machine within the Municipal Building.

A motion was made by Mr.Sarno, second by Mrs. Wilson, to allow Mr. Holmes to proceed with aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

Mrs.Kessler requested permission to hold a "Clean-up Day" sometime in May of this year. She stated that clean up day site will be at Davis Field.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis. second by Mr. Sarno, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.