

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: September 3, 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	Bryan Young
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 August 5, 2024 minutes

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

OPENING OF BIDS:

1. None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- 1.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Present the 2025 MMO regarding the Vandergrift Police Pension Fund.
2. Present the names of Janice Oberdorf & Debi Kakias to fill the vacant positions on the Vandergrift Planning Commission.
- 3- 2024-2025 Alle-Kiski Intergovernmental Council Cooperation Agreement.
4. Present the 2025 MMA regarding the Non-Uniformed Employees Pension.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. The Code Officer issued 58 notice violations, issued 3 citations, and attended 1 court hearing

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Jason Keltzer-Request use of baseball field at Project 70.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Repaired leaks at the Borough Garage & Municipal Bldg-\$1,000.00
2. Steam Jenny is broke and is being repaired. It is over 10 years old.
3. Paint machine is being repaired. It is over 20 years old.
4. Leaf macine is broke and beyond repair. It was purchased for \$1,000 and is 23 years old.
5. Recycling truck is 26 years old and not worth repairing.

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. Resignation of part-time police officer-Vincent Zottola.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

1. Updates on Building & Grounds current and upcoming projects, to include the Olmstead Commons Project

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. See report.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. No Report

RECEATION REPORT:

1. Pool did well this year.
2. Looking into camera throughout town
3. Vandalism & graffiti at parks & playgrounds.

4. Still working on Pickle Ball Court.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Resolution No. 7-2024-Category 4 Facilities Local Share Assessment Grant.
2. DCEDk-Small Borrowing.
3. Executive Session-Discussion of Active and Pending Litigation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Need to adopt resolution to apply for a grant for the purchase of a ventrac tractor.
2. Need to appoint 2 individuals to Planning Commission.
3. Marilee Kessler –See attached

ADJOURNMENT:

## RE: Engineer agenda items for September 3, 2024

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following are my requested agenda items for the Tuesday, September 3, 2024 Council meeting:

1. **Grant Avenue & McKinley Street Reconstruction** (CEAP Grant) Open Bids and Award Bid. Status of Funds deposited. Need the calendar of events for October, if any.
2. **2024 Liquid Fuel Patching Project** – Job Complete. Approved Payment Estimate 1, Final Except for Retainage.
3. **Olmsted Commons Park Development Project** – Preconstruction Meeting Held 8-20-2024 (minutes distributed). DCNR representative requested a Time Extension amendment Request be submitted ASAP. **Authorize Time Extension Amendment Request to complete the Project.**
4. **Ninth Street Retaining Wall Replacement Project** (CEAP Grant) Working to get Drilling and Geotechnical Engineering Proposals.
5. **Columbia Ave. Parking Lot Rain, Gardens & Tree Pits** – We revised Project Plans, submitted to WCD & PennDOT. WCD paid July's Engineering Reimbursement to the Borough.
6. **Subdivision Plan** – Planning Commission Meeting held for California Avenue Plan. Plan not approved. Legal documentation required for the Quiet Title.
7. **411/413 Linden** - (former Moose Lodge) Proposed Parking Lot, Driveways & Stormwater Management Plan. I anticipate ZHB Hearing Application soon.
8. **2024 CDBG Project** – Engineering, Plans, Spec.s complete except for advertisement and bid dates. Awaiting **authorization to advertise** from County Planning & the Borough. Note that PNG is planning a Gas Line replacement project in the block from Holland to Irving with new lines in the street pavement. Full width wearing course replacement.
9. **2025 CDBG Application** – Approve List of Streets Segments for application.
10. **Reappointment for 2025** - Request reappointment as the Borough Engineer as per our request letter.
11. **MS4 Waiver Application** – Authorization to submit waiver request for next 5 year MS4 Cycle.
12. **DCED LSA Category 4 Grant Application** – Approve Resolution (prepared by solicitor) to apply and authorize Engineer to submit application (deadline 9-30-2024).
13. **219 – 225 Grant Avenue Partial Building Collapse** – Progress slowly being made. Several items have yet to be accomplished.
14. **PNG Gas Line Replacement Projects**
  - a. Franklin Avenue Project – On hold.
  - b. Sherman Avenue Project Phase 2 (Sherman, 6 St. and 11<sup>th</sup> St.) Near Complete.
  - c. Washington Avenue Project (Hancock, Custer, 16<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and Washington) Complete.
  - d. Fourth Street Project –Complete.
  - e. Sherman Avenue Project Phase 1 – In Progress.
  - f. Columbia Avenue Leak Project (11<sup>th</sup> Street) – Planned to start October 14, 2024.

- g. Grant Ave. & McKinley Crossings Project – Near Complete. The ditch crossing McKinley along 12<sup>th</sup> Street has not yet patched with Binder.
  - h. **Longfellow Street Project** – Planned for August 20, 2025 (2024 CDBG conflict).
  - i. LaBelle Vue Project –Under design.
  - j. 429 Franklin – Permit Pending.
15. MAAT Agreement for LaBelle Vue Road Sewer Connection – No update
16. Any Engineering-related Items added to the agenda

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 be available to answer any questions. I hope you all have a nice Holiday weekend. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## August 2024 Tree and Light report

To Steve Delladonne <vgborosec@comcast.net>

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### August 2024 Trees and Lights

#### Trees trimmed:

325 Hancock  
122 Jefferson  
138 Jefferson  
151 Jefferson  
171 Grant

#### Borough crew:

115 Hamilton  
105 Lafayette  
186 Grant

#### Lights:

175 Sherman  
185 Sherman  
537 Walnut  
Pole cracked reported 932 Wallace

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## New Business item to discuss at Sept. council meeting

To Vgborosec <vgborosec@comcast.net>

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New Business:

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, through its Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, has launched the Municipal Opportunities for Retrofits and Energy Efficiency (MORE) Grants Program.

Offer to receive free assistance with the borough buildings assessments.

This would cost the borough nothing to have formal building assessments prepared for potential use in grant applications....No action would be required other than the application and a resolution--a draft resolution was also provided.