

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT  
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING  
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING  
JANUARY 2, 2024

The Council of the Borough met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm, with Mayor Collini presiding.

At this time, Mayor Collin administered the Oath of Office to the following newly elected individuals to the Vandergrift Borough Council: Rae Ann Bruner, Daisha Clayton, and John Uskuraitis. A roll call was taken by the Borough Secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

Mayor Collini proceeded with election of officers of the Vandergrift Borough Council. He opened the floor for nominations for President of Council.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mrs. Kessler, to nominate Tom Holmes to the position of President of Council. With no other nominations put forth, Mayor Collini stated that nominations be closed and declared Mr. Holmes as President of Council.

Mayor Collini opened the floor for nominations for Vice President of Council.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to nominate Christine Wilson to the position of Vice President of Council. With no other nominations put forth, Mayor Collini stated nominations be closed and declared Mrs. Wilson as Vice President of Council.

Mayor Collini opened the floor for nominations for President ProTempore.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Holmes, to nominate John Uskuraitis to the position of President ProTempore of Council. With no other nominations put forth, Mayor Collini stated that nominations be closed and declared Mr.Uskuraitis President ProTempor of Council.

Following the election of officers, the gavel was turned over to the newly seated President of Council Mr. Holmes, to conduct the balance of the meeting.

President Holmes moved forward with following appointments:

1. A motion was made by Mr.Sarno, second by Mr. Uskuaritis, to appoint Daisha Clayton to Chair the Vandergrift Borough Vacancy Board. Motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Sarno, to appoint Lucian Bove as the Borough Engineer for the fiscal year 2024. Motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to appoint Zelankofske Axelrod as the Borough Auditor. Motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mrs.Kessler, to appoint Larry Loperfito as the Borough Solicitor. Motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Mrs.Wilson, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to appoint Cambell Durrant, P.C. as the Boroughs Labor Council. Motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Kessler, to appoint Brian Young as the the Boroughs Code Officer. Motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Mr.Uskuraitis, second by Ms. Clayton, to appoint Theresa Geltz As the Borough Zoning Officer. Motion carried,

8. A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mrs. Kessler, to appoint Stephen DelleDonne as the Borough Right to Know Officer. Motion carried.

VISTORS:

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Ms. Clayton, to hear from visitors. Motion carried.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, requested Chief Caporali to look into an illegal parked car at Beech & Linden Streets.

Chief Capoli requested Mr. Detar to call when this occurs.

Kyle Harris, president of the Kiski Valley Lancers, stated that KVL has recently sold their building 413 Linden Street and wish to erect a 30 x 40 structure similar to the Lions pavillon to be located near the current backstop. (See page 3-A)

President Holmes stated that all plans would need to be provided to the Borough Engineer and that all engineering fees to be covered by KVL.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Ms. Bruner to move forward on this matter at this time. Motion carried.

Joe Watt, 117 Hamilton Avenue, questioned what is going on with the structure at 114 Hamilton. He stated that asbestos is being removed and believes it is not being done properly.

President Holmes requested Mrs. Kessler to contact the Westmoreland Land Bank regarding this matter.

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

At this time, the Secretary presented for adoption Resolution No. 1-2024, whereby the contribution by members of the Vandergrift Police Department to Police Pension Plan for 2024 is set at the rate of 6.23%. (See page 3-B)

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Sarno, to adopt Resolution No. 1-2024. Motion carried.

The Secretary presented for adoption Resolution No. 2-2024, whereby Council appoints the First Commonwealth Bank as depository financial institution for the Borough for the year 2024. (See page 3C)

**Kiski Valley Lancers**  
 Youth Football Organization

Mailing: 106 Hamilton Avenue, Vandergrift, PA 15690

January 1, 2024

**Sub: Request for Construction/Placement of Building at Kennedy Park**

Respected Members:

We recently agreed to sell our "Home" on 413 Linden St. Our closing date is January 31, 2024. This building has served as the headquarters for our organization for many years. It housed our equipment as well as served as the central meeting place for our players, coaches and parents. Unfortunately, the building is in need of many repairs. Between the much needed maintenance and the monthly upkeep, the property is a large financial burden for our volunteer organization. As a board, we have decided selling the property is the best long-term decision for our organization.

In the short term, we will now be housing our equipment and supplies at Davis Field. As you know, we have made many improvements at the stadium and we will continue to provide upkeep on the field and the many restle buildings, concession stands, etc. We also have immediate plans to add a new scoreboard and sound system. The letter is to request permission for us to construct and permanently place a building at Kennedy Park.

The building we are requesting will be roughly 30' x 40' in dimension. (Plans to be provided upon approval.) We envision something similar in size to the Lions building that currently sits near the playground. The building will be one story. It will serve as the central meeting place for our organization. It will also house equipment and supplies. We would like the building to be constructed near the current concession stand at Kennedy Park, on or near where the current backstop is located. No funds are needed from the borough. We are simply asking for permission to construct and place the building on the park property sometime before the start of the 2024 season in July.

KVL has been a trusted partner of the borough for many years and we are excited to continue that relationship well into the future. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We're hoping for a positive response.

Thank you very much.

KVL Football & Cheerleading

KVL  
 Committee  
 Kyle Harris - President  
 Kristian Clayton - Vice President  
 Joseph DiNinno - Treasurer

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**RESOLUTION 1 of 2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF.  
COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF  
PENNSYLVANIA SETTING THE POLICE CONTRIBUTION  
RATE TO THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR 2024.**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Vandergrift (the "Borough"), on January 6, 1958 established a retirement for certain of its employees known as the **Borough of Vandergrift Police Pension Plan** (the "Plan"), which was adopted pursuant to Act 600; and,

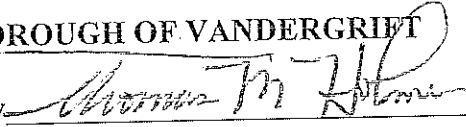
**WHEREAS**, the Borough received confirmation from the Plan's Actuary with respect to the Participant Contribution and the actuary soundness of the plan; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Borough is satisfied that the conditions have been met in order to set the contribution rate to 6.23% of compensation for the 2024 Plan year;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council that, effective January 1, 2024 and continuing through and including December 31, 2024, the amount of the Participant Contributions shall be 6.23% of compensation.

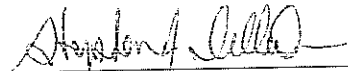
**RESOLVED** this 2nd day of January, 2024 at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF**

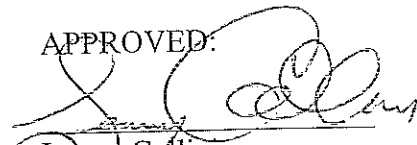
By 

Council President

ATTEST:

 (Seal)  
**Stephen J. DelleDonne,**  
**Borough Secretary**

APPROVED:

  
**Lenny Collini,**  
**Mayor**

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT**

**RESOLUTION 2 of 2024**

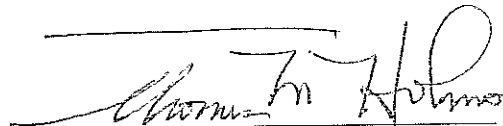
**RESOLVED**, that the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift at it 2024 reorganization meeting held on January 2, 2024, has adopted the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that First Commonwealth Bank is appointed as depository financial institution for the Borough for the year 2024;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Borough of Vandergrift hereby authorizes the signatures of the Borough Secretary and the President of Borough Council, Vice President of Council or, if not available, of any one (1) other available councilperson on checks or withdrawal of funds on deposit or any two (2) elected officers acting without the Borough Secretary with First Commonwealth Bank

This **RESOLUTION** is adopted this 2nd day of January 2024.

  
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**SECRETARY**

  
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**PRESIDENT, BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COPORATE SEAL**

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Kessler, to adopt Resolution No. 2-2024. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Kraft informed Council that Renosys has accepted the Borough's offer of \$15,766 in regards to the work to reattach the pool liner. He stated that Renosys has requested \$36,629.00 to perform said work.

A motion was made by Ms. Clayton, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to settle this matter by paying the amount of \$15,766.00 to Renosys. Motion carried.

In regards to the ligatiin matter between the Westmoreland Land Bank vs. Richard Swiklinski, Docket No 4685 of 2023, Solicitor Kraft recommended that Council take no action.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Mr. Sarno, to take no action in regards to the aforementioned matter. Motion carried

BILLS TO BE APROVED:

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

NEW BUSIESS:

A motion was made by Mrs Wilson, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to readvertise for the position of labor within the Street & Sanitation Department. Motion carried.

At 7:30 pm, a motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to call an executive session of Council for the purpose of addressing a personnel matter.

At 7:40 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr.Sarno, to return to the regular order of business, and to state that no action was taken during the executive session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm.