

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: April 1, 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 March 4, 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 23 notice violations & 3 citations in March-2024.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Shannon Visenti/VIP-3rd Annual Witching Hour Night-Oct.12th,1:00 pm to 10:00pm.
2. VIP Farmers' Market: Thursday, June 6th to end Thursday, October 17th.
3. Cynthia Dunmire-tree issues at 112 Sumner Ave.

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Attending PA One Call information meeting in Lowell Burrell April 4th.
2. Ursula Clark requests the installation of "Hidden Drive Way" sign on Holland St.

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. No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

1. Discuss Olmsted Commons Park Project.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. See attached

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

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RECREATION REPORT:

1. No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update of PA WalkWorks Active Transportation Grant-Ms. Clayton

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PNC Bank ATM lease.
2. EARTH DAY-Community Cleanup Day will be held in May-2024. The site will be at Davis Field near the fence lines.

ADJOURNMENT:

Engineer report and agenda items for April 1, 2024

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please see my requested agenda items below for the Monday, April 1, 2024 Council meeting:

1. 2024 CDBG Application – Awaiting official response from the County Planning Department (general basic information started).
2. Olmsted Park Development – Request for committed cash donations from contributing organizations. Budget amended accordingly and sent to DCNR on March 25th. We are awaiting their OK to proceed with advertising bids. We will need to modify the bid proposals to allow options for alternative materials for the event space using permeable asphalt and other options that will allow us to omit certain items such as the Park Shelter should the bids and funding amount require. Note that at the December 4, 2023 meeting, Council authorized the advertising of bids for this project once the approval from DCNR is received.
3. Columbia Avenue Parking Lot Rain, Gardens & Tree Pits – The gas company's discovery of a buried manhole on Sherman Ave. below 4th St. may allow some cost savings for this project by eliminating the pipe under the sidewalk to Farragut Ave. as long as the manhole is connected to the existing system and has good integrity to remain in place. We will request that the line be investigated internally prior to allowing any such connection. Please be reminded of the discussion regarding the need for maintenance of tree grates installed in the Phase 1 Columbia Ave. Street Tree project.
4. 2022 CDBG Project - Contractor DP Case 31250 – This case is not on the April 9, 2024 DPC meeting agenda. According to the DP Specialist regarding this case, Vandergrift Borough has no violations.
5. Westmoreland County Utility Coordination Committee – We attended the quarterly PA 1-Call utility location coordination meeting.
6. Vandergrift Casino Theater and Library Building Improvement Project - Phase 2 – Under design. Anticipate advertising repointing and window replacement this spring.
7. PNG Gas Line replacements – The following PNG gas line replacement projects are currently in progress: Sherman Avenue Project Phase 2 (includes a Sherman Ave. from Farragut to Hamilton, the bottom of 4th, 6 St. and 11th St. above Jefferson), Washington Avenue Project (includes Hancock below Adams, Custer, 16th, 15th and all of Washington), Fourth Street Project (11th to near Sherman). Please let me know of any concerns or issues.
8. PNG Columbia Avenue Gas Line Project – This is a proposed project with construction anticipated to start in October after the other gas line projects in the area have been completed. The work includes curb to curb resurfacing on Columbia from Grant to 11th and 11th Street from Columbia to Sumner including the entire intersection at Sumner. We are requesting Council approval of the restoration plan so it can be incorporated when the permit is issued. Farragut Avenue is a one way Street, therefore they will need to keep the roads open at least one lane at a time and have traffic control with flaggers as needed for crossings. Unfortunately the Borough does not have record drawings of the sewers in this area so field verification will be required and such is noted on the gas company plans for this project.

9. MAAT Upper West Vandergrift Sanitary Sewer Connection – Awaiting comments or revised plans from MAAT.

10. DCED LSA and Multimodal Grant applications – Unfortunately, during the March 26th Commonwealth Finance Agency meeting, no awards we're made for the 3 grant applications for Vandergrift Borough, including Grant and McKinley St. Reconstruction, the Maintenance Tractor and the Ninth Street Retaining Wall Reconstruction project. We'll need to find out if any of these will be reconsidered at future meetings or if new applications are required. Senator Pittman's office has suggested the Borough look into the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank (PIB) to fund the design of the retaining wall in order to have a shovel-ready project which would increase the likelihood for approval of funding for the retaining wall construction.

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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March 2024 Tree and light report

To Vandergrift Borough Secretary <vgborosec@comcast.net>

Trees and Lights

March 2024

Two Maple trees on Washington cut down 3/12/24

Request for trimming at 176 Washington. Tree service said they saw nothing needing cut at this time

Request for tree removal at 171 Grant. To be determined if needed.

Street lights 10 reported in March:

260 Franklin

600 Hancock

4 on Kennedy Drive

131 15th street

1st street at Peoples Gas Shed

100 Franklin

143 Washington