

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: November 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	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 October 7, 2024 minutes

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

OPENING OF BIDS:

1. None

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Announcements.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Propose the borrowing of \$75,000: DePanicis settlement, MMO payment, & Heating/AC.
2. Propose the borrowing of \$100,000 Tax Anticipation Loan for 2025.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

- 1.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. V.I.P: Welcome Santa and Tree Lighting Celebration.

APPROVAL OF REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. No Report

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. Handicap parking request at 307 Longfellow Street.
2. Handicap parking request at 501 Longfellow Street.
3. ERsignation of Bethany Allera as a part-time police officer

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

1. *No Report*

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. See attached report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. Recommend the hiring of a full-time police officer.

RECEATION REPORT:

1. Winterizing of the pool.
2. Fixed light on the stage at Kennedy Park.
3. Fixed light at Franklin Park.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. Californial Avenue subdivision (Stefanik-Resolution No. 8-2024

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Ms. Clayton to discuss "East Primary Evacuation".

ADJOURNMENT:

## Engineer Agenda items for November 4, 2024

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following are my requested agenda items for the Monday, November 4, 2024 Council meeting:

1. **Grant Avenue & McKinley Street Reconstruction** (CEAP Grant) Substantially complete except for detectable warning surfaces (DWS) at 124, 129, 133, & 152 Grant. I think the project was a success due in large part to all of our involvement and attention to details. Requesting authorization to approve Payment Estimate No. 1.
2. **Olmsted Commons Park Development Project** – Work started. Earth moving near complete. Walkways started, first pour will be Friday. Retaining wall complete. I'm working with Victor Capretto to try to get some of the electrical conduit and other work donated for the future light poles and Anthony Ferranti regarding the work for the mural wall construction. I am requesting a volunteer meeting be scheduled to review DCNR requirements for the volunteer work to count as match and to determine funds needed for materials. I met with Gene Hepler today to discuss the large V monument installation and required coordination. Requesting authorization for President Holmes to sign the revised scope change and time extension amendment request letter required by DCNR.
3. **Casino Theater & Library Building Improvement Project – Phase 2** – We are planning to advertise for bids over the winter months for construction in 2025.
4. **Ninth Street Retaining Wall Replacement Project** (CEAP Grant) Still awaiting a site meeting with the Geotechnical Engineers to obtain cost and tech. proposals.
5. **Columbia Ave. Parking Lot Rain Gardens & Tree Pits** – The WCD is working on the bid specifications and plans to advertise for bids this fall or winter. A PennDOT HOP is required to access the MH on Sherman. Requesting authorization to prepare and submit PennDOT permit so as not to impede the schedule. According to the agreement, WCD pays the cost for our engineering work.
6. **California Avenue Subdivision Plan** – The plan was approved by the Planning Commission. Requesting plan approval by Council and authorization for the required signatures and seal upon the plan. The Surveyor will have the plan recorded at the Courthouse within 90 days and will provide copies of the recorded plans.
7. **2024 CDBG Project** – Requesting authorization for Council to approve the Subrecipient Agreement once it is received from the County Planning Dept. (please provide me a copy) and a tentative bid opening date for the Street Reconstruction to be done in 2025 when the asphalt plants open and paving season begins.
8. **MS4 Waiver Application** – As requested by DEP we determined and submitted the Borough's watershed area contributing to outfall 001 (Frozen Hollow pipe).
9. **MAAT LaBelle Vue Road Sewer Extension - Intermunicipal Agreement** – I met with Councilwoman Wilson, revised the agreement as requested and submitted same to the Solicitor's and all for review and comments. Requesting any comments or action needed by Council to move forward.
10. **219 – 225 Grant Avenue Partial Building Collapse** – Please advise if anything is required from me for the solicitor to proceed with legal notice or action.

11. 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.) Complete.
  - c. Sherman Avenue Project Phase 1 – I met with Councilwoman Wilson and PNG to give direction on the required curb and pavement restoration on 1<sup>st</sup> St..
  - d. Columbia Avenue Leak Project (11<sup>th</sup> Street) – PNG revised the start date from Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> to today. They also revised the scope and limits of the work to include Columbia Ave. from Grant to 11<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from Columbia to 4<sup>th</sup> only. The work from 4<sup>th</sup> St. down to Sumner Ave. has been deleted from the project as of today and there will be no work on the newly paved section of Farragut Ave. due to a policy change regarding coated steel pipe.
  - e. Monroe Ave. Project - Grant Ave. & McKinley Crossings Project –Complete.
  - f. East Madison Ave. Project – Please see the correspondence submitted for this future project and advise of any concerns.
  - g. Longfellow Street Project – Project planned for August 20, 2025 (Note - this street is to be paved under the 2024 CDBG project).
  - h. LaBelle Vue Project – Under design. Please advise of any concerns or issues regarding the plans submitted. Anticipate an application being filed soon.
  - i. 134 Hamilton (work in 7<sup>th</sup> Street) – Permit Pending.
12. MAWC Line Repair Restoration Issues – I field checked and photographed 3 areas of concern by Councilwoman Wilson and requested a status update from MAWC. Ben Wentzel replied that he has work orders for all of these areas and will make sure that they all get addressed.
13. First Energy Adding Power Lines– First Energy is planning to add additional power lines over Pennsylvania Ave. and Virginia Ave. using all existing poles and towers.
14. 101 W. Adams Driveway Permit – Initial inspection made and Driveway permit issued for driveway on 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
15. 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 but not listed above, please let me know as soon as possible. I plan to attend the meeting and to be available for any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## Oct 24 Tree and Light report

To Steve Delladonne <vgborosec@comcast.net>

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Trees and Lights October 2024

Tree removed in parklet at Franklin and EV hill

Lights reported:

118 Custer

141 Custer

253 Sherman Front

253 Sherman Back

105 Indiana

721 Irving

537 Walnut WP waiting for parts to fix. Reported multiple times.