

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2025

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	Daisha Clayton
Marilee Kessler	Rae Ann Bruner
Tom Holmes	Byran Young
Christine Wilson	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Lenny Collini, Mayor	Stephen J. DelleDonne, Secretary
Shae Kraft, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Assistant Secretary
Lucien Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 3, 2024 meeting were approved by motion of Mrs. Kessler, second by Ms. Clayton. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

A motion was made by Ms. Bruner, second by Ms. Clayton, to hear from visitors at this time. Motion carried.

Barbara Haugue, consultant firm for the Active Transportation Plan for the Borough regarding the walking, biking, wheelchair and snow walk. She stated that the grant was awarded in full and must go to Council for adoption in July.

The visitors present addressed Council in regards to their opposition of the proposed increase of the Rental License to \$200.00 per rental unit

1. Rob Iseman
2. Scott Popovich
3. Shannon Durr
4. Barbara Hubbard
5. Silvia Maxwell
6. Nick Morgan
7. Ron Sturgill

Joseph Watt, 117 Hamilton Ave., addressed Council in regards to a telephone pole removed at 121 Hamilton Avenue. He questioned when West Penn Power will reinstall a new pole.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Collini stated that Lent Season is coming up and all should be respectful. He reported that election time is here, with 4 seats open for 4 years and 1 seat open for 2 years.

Mr. Collini stated that Spring is right around the corner and a lot of speeding issues in town.

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

OPENING OF BIDS:

At this time, the Secretary opened bids received on the 2024 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project. (See page 2-A BIDDERS LIST).

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Young, to award aforementioned bids to the lowest responsible bidder, contingent upon acceptance of the Westmoreland County Planning Department and the Borough Engineer. Motion carried.

CODE OFFER'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No Report

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Estimated Cost: \$160,000

VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH
2024
CDBG STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT
Using CDBG Funds

BIDS DUE: Monday, March 3, 2025 by 3:30 p.m.

BIDDERS LIST

	CONTRACTOR	BID BOND	REF.S	PWEV FORM	NON-COL. AFFIDAVIT	CONTRACTOR'S CERT of COMP SECTION 3	BID AMOUNT
1	A. FOLINO CONSTRUCTION, INC. Oakmont, PA 15139						\$ 147,864.70
2	A. LIBERONI, INC. Plum, PA 15239						\$ 138,468.97
3	DANIELS EXCAVATING Greensburg, PA 15601						\$
4	DERRY CONSTRUCTION CO. INC. Latrobe, PA 15650						\$ 138,990.00
5	DUN RITE CONSTRUCTION & PAVING, LLC Lower Burrell, PA 15068						\$ 158,393.85
6	EL GRANDE INDUSTRIES Donora, PA 15033						\$ 140,798.25
7	HOLBEIN, INC. Freeport, PA 16229						\$ 168,720.25
8	MORGAN EXCAVATING, LP Charleroi, PA 15022						\$ 159,674.25
9	NAGY CONSTRUCTION & ASPHALT PAVING Pittsburgh, PA 15239						\$ 155,397.90
10	SHIELD'S ASPHALT PAVING Valencia, PA 16059						\$ 156,160.00
11	TRESCO PAVING Pittsburgh, PA 15239						\$ 138,288.30
12	WRIGHT ASPHALT & CONCRETE, LLC Beaver Falls, PA 15010						\$ 133,365.00

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported she had the K.V.W.P.C.A. open a clogged 8" sewer line on Delaware Avenue.

Mrs. Wilson stated that sections of Pennsylvania and Delaware Avenue roads need repaired with Liquid Fuel Funds if there is available funding.

Mrs. Wilson reported a second meeting has been held by the Allegheny Twp. Municipal Authority with PennVest regarding their LaBellvue Sewer Project, with closing set for some time in April.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove presented and reviewed his monthly report. (See page 3-A)

Engineer Bove reported that the Casino theater and Library Building Improvement-Phase 2 has been advertised for bids to be opened at the April 7th meeting.

Engineer Bove stated that the drilling work on the 9th Street Wall has begun. He also stated there are a number of DCED Grants available to certain projects, of which he plans to work on.

Engineer Bove stated that he has applied for a PennDot permit regarding the Columbia Parking Lot Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Ms. Bruner, to accept the Engineer's Report. Motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

Chairperson Clayton provided members of Council with budget reports of the General Fund, Pool Fund the State Aid Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mr. Young, to accept the Budget & Finance Report.
Motion carried.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Kessler requested Council to act on the following matters:

She stated that Dante Martinez has submitted a letter of resignation regarding his employment as a full-time police officer, effective March 10, 2025.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Mrs. Wilson, to accept his resignation. Motion carried.

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Engineer Agenda items for March 3, 2025

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The following are my requested agenda items for the Monday, March 3, 2025 Council meeting:

1. **2024 CDBG Project**
2. 2025 CDBG Info.
3. **Casino Theater and Library Building Improvements - Phase 2 (LSA Grant)**
4. **Olmsted Commons Park Development Project**
5. Ninth Street Retaining Wall Replacement Design Project
6. **Ninth Street Conditions**
7. **DCED LSA Statewide**
8. **DCED LSA CAT 4**
9. **DCED Multimodal**
10. **DCED PA Small Water/Sewer**
11. 102 Columbia Modular Home
12. 110 Columbia tracks & mud
13. Columbia Ave. Parking Lot & S/W Project PennDOT Permit
14. **Peoples Gas Request for 2025 Street Paving List**
15. PNG 11th Street Project
16. PNG Longfellow Project
17. PNG Irving & Burns Project
18. **Beech Street**
19. **MAWC Street Exc. Permits & Restoration**
20. 2024 Wasteload Management Report Submitted
21. 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,

Lucien Bove, PE

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Mrs. Kessler stated that Vianna-Natalea Nuscis has resigned her position as a full-time school crossing guard.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Ms. Clayton, to accept her resignation. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Mr. Sarno, to hire Ronald Holt to the full-time position of school crossing guard, contingent upon passing a background check. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kessler stated that Lynda Robinson 106 Farragut Avenue has submitted a Persons with Disability Parking Place application and that she does meet the criteria set forth in the Ordinance.

A motion was made b Mrs. Kessler, second by Mr. Sarno, to approve this request. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kessler stated that Eliza Trygar of 305 Elm Street has submitted a Persons with Disability Parking Place application and that she does meet the criteria set forth in the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Ms. Clayton, to approve this request. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kessler stated that John Marcoccia of 412 Longfellow Street has submitted a Persons with Disability Parking Place application and that he does meet the criteria set forth in the Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mrs. Kessler, second by Mr. Sarno, to approve this request. Motion carried.

A motion was made Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Young, to accept the Police & Public Safety Report. Motion carried.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Chairperson Sarno reported that he has made five (5) attempts to contact the water company in regards to obtaining the steps to have the water shut-off at residences who have failed to pay their sewer recovery fees.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Ms. Clayton, to accept the Building & Grounds Report. Motion carried.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Bruner presented her light report, which indicated twenty (20) street lights reported out to West Penn Power. (See page 4-A)

In regards to the missing light pole at 121 Hamilton Avenue, a motion was made by Ms. Bruner, second by Ms. Clayton, to direct the Solicitor to contact West Penn Power, by letter, to have the missing light pole re-set. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Ms. Clayton, to accept the Tree & Light Report. Motion carried.

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Trees and lights February 2025

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February Trees and Lights

- 411 Franklin
- 403 Franklin
- 513 Linden
- 319 Linden
- 309 Linden
- 100 Linden
- 194 Washington
- 416 Emerson
- 515 Longfellow
- 136 Hamilton
- 128 Lafayette
- 340 Walnut
- 520 Bryant
- 911 Howell
- 323 Lowell
- 511 Burns
- 328 Harrison
- 416 Longfellow x2
- 231 Shermanx3
- 205 Shermanx3

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

A motion was made by President Holmes, second by Mr. Sarno, to present Matthew LaManna-Smith a conditional offer of employment to the position of patrolman within the Vandergrift Police Department. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Sarno, to direct the General Government Committee to proceed with bringing to Council a candidate for the position of Chief of Police.

A motion was made by Ms. Clayton, second by Mrs. Wilson, to accept the General Government Report. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Kraft requested an executive session for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter.

At 8:15 pm, a motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Sarno, to call an executive session for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter. Motion carried.

At 8:46 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Kessler, to return to the regular order of business, and to state that no action of Council was taken during the executive session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarno, second by Mrs. Kessler, to table action on the adoption of Ordinance No. 1-2025. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Young, second by Mr. Sarno, to allocate \$1,000 from the General Fund for the purpose to designate grass cuts by the Code Officer. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.