

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFF COUNCIL

JUNE 9, 2016

The Council of the Borough of Vandergriff met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., with President Carricato presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathleen Chvala	Vernon Sciallo
Frank Moliterno	Brian Carricato
James Rametta	Christine Wilson
Lenny Collini	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Louis Purificato, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Anthony Urti, Solicitor	
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Sciallo. Motion carried

VISITORS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciallo, to hear from visitors at this time. Motion carried.

There were no visitors present at the meeting.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary received a letter from the Westmoreland County Department of Planning & Development regarding the Borough's intent to make application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for the Program Year 2017. He stated that the application must be submitted no later than September 30, 2016. The Secretary stated that a copy has been provided to the Borough Engineer for submission to the County.

The Secretary that the Rainbow Emergency Communications & Operations (RECO) is requesting permission to do a Boot Drive on Friday, June 10th, from 4:00 pm to dusk.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

The Secretary distributed a letter from Jason Rigone, Director of the Westmoreland County Planning & Development regarding MSI Corporation failure to remove the old bridge to their plant, as agreed upon in a Cooperation Agreement with the County and the Borough.

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

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Maszgay reported that during the month of May 65 complaints will handled, with 12 citations being filed.

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Collini, to accept the Code Officer's Report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented a letter from Debra & Geary Anderson requesting permission to hold a 5 year anniversary Sale and Celebration on the sidewalk in from of 140 thru 146 Washington Avenue on Friday-Saturday, July 15th & 16th.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

To:
Vandergrift Borough Board Members
109 Grant Ave
Vandergrift, Pa. 15690

May 13, 2016

From:
Debra and Geary Anderson
Penny Lane Thrift and Consignment Shop
140 Washington Ave
Vandergrift, Pa. 15690
724-567-5484

Board Members,

We would like permission to hold a 5 year anniversary Sale and Celebration on the sidewalk in front of 140-142-144-146 Washington Ave. We may or may not need all of that space but we're hoping that we will. We want to giveaway helium balloons, grilled hot dogs, cold beverages, door prizes and discounts. We would have tables set up for our jewelry and other small items, purses, wallets etc. We would like to invite a few of the area Churches to set up a bake sale table and invite a few of the area small businesses to set up tables as well. We can certainly keep our tables and goods to one side so as not to restrict pedestrian traffic. We figure that the more we have going on, the more customers we will draw.

We will stay away from the Fireman's Club so as not to interfere with their flow of business. We will probably invite them to set up a raffle table. The Casino Theater will also be invited as, they are our neighbors.

This has nothing to do with the event but, can we have someone move the large concrete trash bin from in front of where the sub shop used to be, to in front our our store? The late night customers from the Fireman's Club throw their empties in front of our store and 138 Washington as well. Maybe and that's a big maybe, they will use the trash bin if it's there. I didn't think it would be a problem since there are no businesses on that end of Washington and soon there will be no buildings at all.

We would appreciate an answer as soon as possible as, this event will be advertised and we have to order promotional items. If any of you have suggestions or ideas, please let us know. We are open to all the possibilities that this event could generate. We are planning on Fri-Sat July 15th and 16th. If you think it would better to plan this event to co-inside with another town function, please let us know, we are flexible except for vacation and family re-union time which, is July 25th to Aug 7th. Thank you for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely:
Debra and Geary Anderson
724-567-5484

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciallo reported that the street crew has removed about 9 tons of garbage from the Park Plan area of town. He stated that this has caused the collection to become behind schedule. He suggested that the Borough change the amount and type of garbage to be collected and/or the Borough charge property owner an additional fees.

President Carricato suggested that the Borough explore the possibility of assessing the property owner a different rate.

President Carricato stated that each occurrence must be handled with the filing of a citation at the magistrate's office.

Mr. Sciallo informed Council that the new refuse truck should arrive sometime in July.

A motion was made Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Moliterno, to accept the Street & Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucian Bove requested that Council approve the advertisement for bids on the CDBG Street Reconstruction Project to be opened and read aloud at the July 5, 2016 regular meeting of Council.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

Mr. Bove also stated that there are five sidewalk pads that are needed to be installed on West Adams Avenue. He explained that the installation of these pads were overlooked during the sewer separation project by the inspector. He stated that Monzo Construction Company has agreed to installed these pads at a cost of \$1800.00

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the aforementioned work at \$1800.00. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

Mr. Bove informed Council that a property owner on Delaware Avenue is planning to build a new house. Unfortunately, the Borough's sewer line is in the middle of Delaware Avenue, of which was recently repaved. However, he stated that this is an alternative sewer line that the owner may be able to use. He stated that he would work with the owner on this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to accept the Engineer's Report. Motion carried.

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Moliterno informed Council that the Committee interviewed Ashley Polka for the position of part-time patrolman.

A motion was made by Mr. Moliterno, second by Mrs. Chvala, to hire Ashley Polka as an extra police officer serving on a part-time basis for the Borough of Vandergrift from time to time on an hourly or daily basis. Motion carried.

Mr. Moliterno informed Council that Patricia Bucci, 249 Sherman Avenue, has submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application. He stated that she does meet the criteria set forth in this ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Moliterno, second by Mr. Sciallo, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

Mr. Moliterno stated that he has received complaints regarding the speeding in town. He assured Council that action will be taken to enforce this matter.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to accept the Police & Public Safety Committee. Motion carried.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

No Report

TREES & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported that M & M Tree Service trimmed 33 trees on Washington Avenue.

Mrs. Wilson stated that she has purchased 14 new trees from Musser Nursery. She stated that a Linden Tree will be purchase to replace the dead tree on the permeable sidewalk on Columbia Avenue. She also stated that someone from the Westmoreland Conservation District will be in to take a soil sample for the purpose of determining the cause of the tree dying.

Mrs. Wilson informed Council that the tenant of 327 Longfellow Street removed a Borough tree and replanted in their yard. She stated that matter has been turned over to the police.

Mrs. Wilson stated that she has received a letter from Jean Holmes, of East Adams Avenue in which she requests to remove the tree in front of her house and replant a new tree.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to approve the aforementioned request and to work with the Tree Committee regarding what type of tree is to be planted. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to accept the Tree & Light Report. Motion carried.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Collini stated that the car/bike cruise event will be held this Friday, June 10th.

Mr. Collini stated that a program called "Krazy For Kids" is being held at Kennedy Park.

Mr. Collini stated that the Vandergrift Pool is open and the heating system is working.

Mr. Collini stated that he would like work with the Vandergrift Library to have "Movies In the Park" this year.

A motion by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciallo, to accept the Recreation Report. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Attorney Urti stated that he would like to have an executive session of Council for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mrs. Wilson questioned if Council would like to include the upper portion of Grant Avenue and Washington Avenue in the 2nd priority list in the CDBG Street Reconstruction Project. She stated that the county planning department will need to approve this matter.

President Carricato informed Council that Commissioner Ted Kopas is looking into having the County provide matching funds with the Community Development Block Grant programs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Collini stated that someone needs to talk to Kiski Area School Board about the importance joining Westmoreland County Land Bank Program. He suggested that someone attend a school board meeting.

President Carricato stated that Commissioner Ted Kopas is addressing this matter with the school superintendent.

Mr. Collini stated that the Council should open the talks about Davis Field with the Kiski Area School Board.

President Carricato felt the school board did not wish to discuss the Davis Field matter until such time as a teacher contract was settled. He believed that once a contract was reached the issue of money would not interfere with the school board's plans to build a new stadium.

Mr. Collini question if the meters on Grant Avenue would be bagged for the car cruise on Friday night.

Chief Caporali stated that this matter would be taken care of.

Mr. Rametta stated that he would like to use some of the funds received from the "Banshee" series for the purpose of renovating the tennis courts and also provide an area for deck hockey. He stated that this money could be used towards a matching grant from the state.

At 10:12 am, a motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Wilson, to call an executive session of Council for the purpose of discussing a litigation matter. Motion carried.

At 10:24 am, a motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Collini, to return to the regular order of business and to state that no formal action of Council was taken during the executive session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Chvala, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

