BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

MARCH 7, 2016

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathleen Chvala

Vernon Sciullo

Frank Moliterno

Brian Carricato (Arrived at7:28)

James Rametta

Christine Wilson

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Louis Purificato, Mayor Larry Loperfito, Solicitor

Michael Bove, Engineer

Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary

Theresa Gelts, Asst. Secretary

Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried

VISITORS:

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

Duane Prusia, President of the Kiski Area Youth Network, stated that he is rescinding his previous offer to purchase the former Senior Citizen Center Building of \$22,000, and to submit a new purchase offer of \$25,000.00. Ashley Hanigan, representing the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Dept., stated that the Department is planning to have their annual carnival to be held May 31st thru June 4th. She stated that a fomal letter requesting the use of Kennedy Park for this event will be forthcoming.

Ms. Holmes requested that something be done about the partial structure remaining a 212 Holmes Street. She stated that this is a dangerous area.

Julie Martin, V.I.P, passed out an invitation to a combination event Three Annual Meetings and a Mission Statement of the V.I.P. (See pages 2A & 2B)

Ms. Martin stated that new LED lights have been installed in the Columbia Parking Lot. She requested that all monies saved from these lights be placed in a separate for the purchase of new energy efficient lights in other areas of town.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary announced that the Borough will be receiving \$366,000 through the Community Development Block Grant program to perform street reconstruction of 12 streets that were deteriorated from the recent sewer separation project. (See page 2-C thru 2-E)

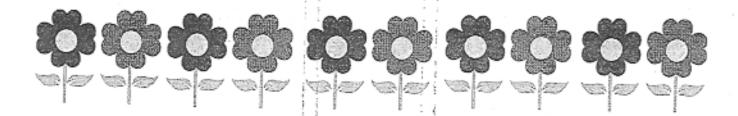
The Secretary presented a letter from the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department requesting a \$1,636.00 as part of match to purchase two thermal imaging cameras. (See page 2-F)

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the aforementioned request, and that said amount to paid out the Fire Protection Tax Fund. Motion carried.

The Secretary stated that the General Government is requesting Council's approval to allow credit card transaction for residents who are paying their refuse and sewer recovery fees through Transfirst/First Commonwealth Bank. He stated that yearly fees would amount to approximately \$553.00, of which will off-set by a fee for each transaction by the Borough.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala to approve the aforementioned matter.

With no second received to the motion on the floor, Vice President Sciullo stated that said fails to be approved.



Please Join Us For a Combination Event Three Annual Meetings for the price of one!

Annual Updates by Casino Theatre Restoration and Management, Inc (CTRM)
Victorian Vandergrift Museum and Historical Society (VVMHS)
And Vandergrift Improvement Program (VIP)

Thursday, April 28, 2016 6 pm Anna's Cucina Rustica upper banquet room

118 Carolina Avenue (Just off the "bypass") Vandergrift, PA 15690

Home Style Dinner consisting of salad, bread, chicken, pasta, potatoes, ice cream and cake, coffee and tea

Cash bar for alcoholic beverages and sodas

Chinese Auction

Guest Speaker: Officer Joe Gray- Vandergrift Police Department

Tickets can be purchased at Poinfrets and the VVMHS Office (724-568-1900)—Purchase by April 21, 2016
If you cannot purchase tickets in person, Please detach and return reservation form: Please Return By April 18 2016

Annual Dinner 2016 Reservation Form Thursday, April 28, 2016 6 pm \$25 per guest

MENU

Home Style Dinner consisting of salad, bread, chicken, pasta, potatoes, ice cream and cake, coffee and tea

Name(s)______# attending____

Phone Please Make Checks Payable to: CTRM, Inc.

Visit the VVMHS museum or Pomfret's Paints to buy tickets

Or Senc Reservations to : Casino Theatre-P.O. 3cx 202 Vandergrift, PA 15690

(pick up prepaid ti kets at the door—all tickets must be prepaid)
For Further In primation: 724-681-6667 or 724-454-1625

For Further In comation: 7



email:





Vandergrift Improvement Program, Inc.

P.O. Box 77, Vandergrift, PA 15690

Phone: 724-567-5286 Email: vip15690@comcast.net

A 501@3 non-profit organization

Mission Statement

The Vandergrift Improvement Program's: (\'IP) mission is to protect, preserve and restore the historic commercial district and improve the quality of life in Vandergrift.

February 26, 2016

Dear Neighbor,

The West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund (WPPSEF) recently awarded a grant to the Vandergrift Improvement Program (VIP) to aid in starting an energy savings and awareness program in Vandergrift. Part of the grant was used to replace the lights in the Columbia Avenue Parking Lot with new LED lighting. The VIP will assist Vandergrift in tracking and measuring energy and related financial savings and estimated environmental benefits related to the switch to LED lighting. The plan is, to use the savings realized, to purchase more LED lights for the town resulting in more savings, for more lights and so on and so on.

The other part of the grant is for education and outreach. We have two Energy Awareness and Savings educational workshops scheduled that are free and open to the public. The one-hour workshops will be conducted by Pittsburgh-based energy consultant Mr. Barton Kirk, Ecological Engineer, at Ethos Collaborative. You are invited to attend either or both workshops. Please RSVP via email to vip15690@comcast.net or call the VIP office at 724-567-5286 (please leave a message) to reserve your space. Seating is not limited but, we do need a head count so that we have enough information packets for everyone. Below are the dates, times, location and brief description of the workshops.

Workshop 1: Energy savings for Businesses & Organizations,

Tuesday, March 29th, 6:30pm-7:30pm, at the George G. McMurtry Fire Department, 278 Franklin Ave., Vandergrift. A one hour workshop on the most cost effective ways to reduce the impact of energy use in the workplace. We'll step you through a proven process of easy energy management so that you can make smart decisions about energy suppliers, equipment upgrades, facility improvements and daily operations. And we'll connect you with the best tools, local resources and incentives to save on energy while delivering more value to your company, customers and community.

Workshop 2: Energy Savings for Homeowners and Renters

Tuesday, April 26th, 6:30pm-7:30pm, at the George G. McMurtry Fire Department, 278 Franklin Ave., Vandergrift. A one hour workshop on the most cost effective ways to reduce the impact of energy use on our household budgets and improve our region's energy security. We'll start by understanding where typical households in the region spend the most on energy. Then we'll look at the pratical energy solutions that offer the most opportunity for short term and long term savings. We'll show you how to make the most informed choice of electric power supplier and discuss options for generating your own renewable energy. Lastly we'll connect you with the best tools, local resources and incentives for saving on energy at home.

Hope to hear from you soon! Cindi Contie & Julia Martin Vandergrift Improvement Program, Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT A DIVISION OF THE WESTMORELAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

FIFTH FLOOR, SUITE 520 40 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE GREENSBURG PA 15601



Telephone: 724-830-3600 Fax: 724-830-3611 TDD724-830-3802

February 4, 2016

Vandergrift Borough 109 Grant Avenue Vandergrift, PA 15690

Re:

Fiscal Year 2016 Westmoreland County

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Dear Municipal Officials:

This letter is to advise you that Vandergrift Borough has been selected to be included in Westmoreland County's 2016 CDBG Program. Pending approval by the Westmoreland County Commissioners and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the following project will be funded as follows:

Activity:

Street Reconstruction: 12 streets throughout the Borough that deteriorated as a result

of a sewer separation project

Amount Funded:

\$366,000.00

Please note that it should not be assumed that additional CDBG funds will be provided if the Amount Funded is exceeded during the bid process or in construction. You are requested to make every effort to keep project costs within the amount funded. It is recommended to include alternates in the bid proposal as a means of controlling costs. It should be noted that any project revisions that would affect the project's beneficiaries, could affect the project's overall eligibility. You and / or your engineer are required to contact this office for approval at every step in the process to ensure compliance with the federal requirements attached to the CDBG funding. This includes (prior to advertising) submission of a request for federal prevailing wage rates, a copy of the bid advertisement, plans and specifications (in a compact disc format); bid tabulation, contracts, bonds, etc. Failure to do so could jeopardize the project's eligibility.

Your project is part of the 2016 Consolidated Plan which will be approved and authorized by the Westmoreland County Commissioners on March 10, 2016; it will then be submitted to HUD. HUD approval will not be finalized until late May or June 2016. Do not execute a CDBG-funded construction contract or authorize a material purchase prior to notification by this office. Please note that the possibility exists that funding for this project may be reduced or eliminated completely based on HUD's final grant amount to Westmoreland County. However, you may consider this letter as a "letter of no prejudice" whereby you may begin preliminary work, such as the engineering design required to initiate the bidding process. None of the preliminary costs are

covered by the CDBG grant. Contact me at 724.830.3650 (fgetto@co.westmoreland.pa.us) or Terry Antonacci at 724.830.3651 (tantonac@co.westmoreland.pa.us) before any engineering or design work is initiated.

Please confirm your acceptance of this grant offer by signing a copy of this letter and returning both pages to my attention at 40 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Fifth Floor, Suite 520 Greensburg, PA 15601-2341 by Friday March 1, 2016. When HUD issues a grant agreement to Westmoreland County, a subrecipient agreement will be approved by the Commissioners and forwarded to you for signature. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Bert Getto

Deputy Director

GRANT ACCEPTANCE

BRIDE T. CARPITANO
Printed Name / Title Council Presson

WESTMORELAND COUNTY 2016 CDBG PROGRAM

LIST OF STREETS

FIRST PRIORITY:

- JACKSON AVENUE from Walnut St. to 15th St. (concrete seam)
- 2. WALLACE STREET from Lowell St. to Walnut St.
- KENNEDY WAY from Walnut St. to 24th St. (Tennis Courts)
- 4. MONROE AVENUE from Franklin Ave. to Jackson Ave.
- 5. MADISON AVENUE from Franklin Ave. to Hancock Ave.
- 26TH STREET from Hancock Ave. to Longfellow St., and from Hancock Ave. to new seam behind Ferrante's Garage
- 7. BRYANT STREET from Holland St. to Howell St.
- 42ND STREET from Poplar St. to Linden St. or at least the hill part to Poplar St. (conc. alley)
- 33RD STREET Only the bad section where 33rd St. meets Bryant St. (175 feet long)
- 10. LONGFELLOW STREET EXTENSION from House No. 807 to 38th St.
- 11. EAST ADAMS STREET from Hancock Ave. to Franklin Ave.
- 12. WALNUT STREET from Hancock Ave. to Jackson Ave.

SECOND PRIORITY:

- 13. HAWTHORNE STREET from Walnut St. to 28th St.
- 14. 34TH STREET from Bryant St. to 29th St.
- 15. 29TH STREET from Howell St. to Wallace St.
- 16. 27TH STREET from Hancock Ave. to Longfellow St.
- 17. 26TH STREET from Hawthorne St. to Wallace St.
- 18. BRYANT STREET from Hancock Ave. to Poe St.
- 29TH STREET from Wallace St. to Hancock Ave.
- POE STREET from Bryant St. to Holmes St.
- 38TH STREET from Longfellow St. Ext. to Longfellow St. Ext.

March 7, 2016

Vandergrift Borough Council 109 Grant Avenue Vandergrift, PA 15690

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am happy to inform you that Vandergrift Fire Dept. No. 1 has been fortunate enough to be selected by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security to be a recipient of one of their Assistance to Firefighters Program grants for fiscal year 2014-15. The grant will fund two new thermal imaging cameras.

The total grant project amount is \$18,000, which is \$9,000 each for the two cameras. Thermal imaging cameras have become a standard tool in firefighting, hazmat, and rescue. They are highly effective in locating a fire and hot spots within a structure, locating a victim in a smoke-filled environment, and locating victims when searching outside.

We currently have two thermal imaging cameras that are approximately 13 years old. These two cameras were purchased when the technology was fairly new to the fire service. Since that time, the advances in technology have rendered these cameras obsolete, which was our reasoning for applying for the grant.

The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program requires a local match. The match for our department, based on our demographics is 10 percent. That requires a \$1,636 match with the federal share being \$16,364. We are requesting the matching funds (\$1,636) from the equipment fund maintained by the borough for such purchases.

By using funds from the equipment fund to match or supplement grant monies, we feel that the borough is getting the most out of their funds committed to the fire departments. Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Schaeffer

Fire Chief

The Secretary stated that beginning April 1st, the Borough will begin making monthly payments of \$26,475.23 towards the \$8,231,335.00 PennVest loan regarding the Phase 2A & B sewer separation project. Said loan is for thirty (30) year period.

The Secretary stated that the total overage of the aforementioned project is \$246,585.76. He stated that \$154,900.00 has already been applied, leaving a balance of \$91,605.76.

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second Mrs. Chvala, to pay the remaining balance from the Sewer Recovery Fund. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented the following correspondence to members of Council:

Exhibit 1-A: Mike Langer, owner of property located at 310 Franklin Avenue.

Subject: Request to acquire the paper ally that runs from Madison Ave. to 20th Street.

Solicitor Loperfito recommended that no action be taken on this until such time as he has had an opportunity to study this matter.

Exhibit 2-A: Dan O'Neil, Kiski Area Athletic Director.

Subject: Request to use Project 70 baseball field for our Boys Junior High Baseball team. An attached game schedule was included.

Following a discussion of why a lease is important regarding the use of Borough facilities by the Solicitor, a motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Carricato, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

February 22, 2016

Ms. C. Wilson

Mr. J Rametta

Mr. F Moliterno

Mr. L. Collini

Ms. K Chvala

Mr. V Sciullo

Mr. B Carricato

Mayor L. Purificato

Dear Mayor and Council:

I am the current owner of the home located at 310 Franklin Ave., however, my daughter and son in law currently live there. They moved to Vandergrift when they got married approximately two years ago and both are currently employed by Leading Technologies. They are very happy in Vandergrift and have raved about the virtues of the Borough. As a result, they have long term plans to remain at 310 Franklin Ave.

However, there is a bit of a parking problem. Therefore, I would like to acquire the "paper ally" that runs from the alley behind them to Madison Ave. thus alleviating much of their issue.

Please know the property is not currently a rental nor do we have any intention of making it one. Conversely, this is an attempt to create an opportunity for long term residency.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Langer

2550 Virginia Drive

New Kensington, Pa. 15068

724-516-6032 (cell)

724-836-1123 ext 11 (work)

cc: Mr. S. Delledonne



Kiski Area High School

Dan O'Neil - Athletic Director

February 29, 2016

Dear Borough of Vandergrift,

Please accept this letter as my request for permission to again use Project 70 Community Field as a facility for our Boys Junior High Baseball team. We were fortunate to use the fields last year and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

I have attached a game schedule and practice will begin daily, weather permitting, from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Our business manager will also forward a certificate of insurance for your records.

Should you require any other information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 724-845-6683.

Thank you.

Dan O'Neil

KA Athletic Director

Kiski Area High School

200 Poplar Street Vandergrift, PA 15690 School Phone: 724-845-6683 Home Phone:

e: Fax: 724-845-5011

dan.oneil@kiskiarea.com

Superintendent Dr. Timothy Scott

Principal Mr. Chad Roland

Athletic Director Mr. Dan O'Neil

Athletic Director Dan O'Neil

Junior High Baseball (Boys) 2015-2016

Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
S Saturday	Mar. 12	Belle Vernon Area High School	Project 70 Field	4:00PM
S Thursday	Mar. 17	@ GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL	Gateway Middle School	4:00PM
Monday	Mar. 21	* FRANKLIN REGIONAL H.S.	Project 70 Field	4:00PM
Wednesday	Mar. 23	* GREENSBURG SALEM M.S.	Project 70 Field	4:00PM
Monday	Mar. 28	* @ CONNELLSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	Connellsville H.S.	4:00PM
Wednesday	Mar. 30	* @ HEMPFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	Hempfield H.S.	4:00PM
Monday	Apr. 04	* @ PENN TRAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL	Penn Trafford Municipal Field	4:00PM
Wednesday	Apr. 06	* NORWIN HIGH SCHOOL	Project 70 Field	4:00PM
Monday	Apr. 11	* PLUM HIGH SCHOOL	Project 70 Field	4:00PM
Wednesday	Apr. 13	* @ Belle Vernon Area High School	Fayette City Field	4:30PM
Monday	Apr. 18	* GATEWAY HIGH SCHOOL	Project 70 Field	4:00PM
Wednesday	Apr. 20	* @ FRANKLIN REGIONAL H.S.	Franklin Regional H.S.	4:00PM
Tuesday	Apr. 26	* @ GREENSBURG SALEM H.S.	Shuster Field	4:00PM
Wednesday	Apr. 27	* CONNELLSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	Project 70 Field	4:00PM
Monday	May. 02	* HEMPFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	Project 70 Field	4:00PM
Wednesday	May. 04	* PENN TRAFFORD HIGH SCHOOL	Project 70 Field	4:00PM
Monday	May. 09	* @ NORWIN HIGH SCHOOL	Norwin High School	4:00PM
Wednesday	May. 11	* @ PLUM HIGH SCHOOL	PBBA Field #6	3:30PM

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No Report

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Chairperson Rametta stated that he would like to address the matter of the sale of the former Senior Citizen Building.

Solicitor Loperfito explained the steps regarding moving forward with the sale of this property. He stated that has complied with having two auctions for the sale of said property, and that the Borough may entertain and/or negotiate a potential purchase offer. He stated that he does not believe the offer of \$25,000 is unreasonable.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that there are three steps that need to be addressed. He stated that Council must announce the buyer of the property and acceptance of proposal as the required public announcement; allow a 30 day elapse period prior to the sale of property; and to adopt a resolution at the April meeting to allow the execution of the sale agreement.

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Moliterno, to propose the sale of the former Senior Citizen Building located at 306 Spruce Street, subject to the terms of the agreement of sale of said property. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Carricato, second by Mrs. Chvala, to accept the Building & Grounds Report. Motion carried.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson informed Council that a letter was received from Anita Kilgore at 807 Longfellow Street Ext., regarding damage to her car by a fallen tree. She stated that this tree is not on Borough property, but is on the property owned by the Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Department. The Secretary was directed to contact Ms. Kilgore by phone advising her that this matter should be addressed to the fire department not the Borough.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Mr. Carricato informed Council that the Committee has begun contract negotiations with the members of the Vandergrift Police Bargaining Committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Carricato, second by Mrs. Chvala, to institute a credit card system for the purpose of accepting refuse fee and sewer recovery fee payments through the First Commonwealth Bank. Motion carried with Mr. Moliterno opposing.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfito questioned whether Council is interested to accept the parcel located at 221 Longfellow Street.

Mr. Carricato recommended that this matter be tabled.

In regards to the sale of the ladder truck of the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Dept., Solicitor Loperfito stated that since the truck is titled to the Borough of Vandergrift the sale must follow the same procedures in selling Borough owned vehicle.

Solicitor Loperfito presented for adoption Resolution No. 2-2016, authorizing the leasepurchase of a municipal rear load waste truck for the Borough with a useful life in excess of five years. (See page 5-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Carricato, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt Resolution No. 2-2016. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that proposed 20 year lease with the Kiski Valley YMCA is being reviewed by the officials of the YMCA.

RESOLUTION 2 OF 2016

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING THE LEASE-PURCHASE OF A MUNICIPAL REAR LOAD WASTE TRUCK FOR THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT WITH A USEFUL LIFE IN EXCESS OF FIVE (5) YEARS.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift deems necessary the leasing of a new municipal rear load waste garbage truck to be utilized for the collection of rubbish in the Borough of Vandergrift; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift is desirous of leasing through Vision Financial Group, Inc., or their assignee, in order to finance the Master Lease of the rear load municipal waste truck;

NOW THEREFORE, intending to be legally bound, the Council of the Borough of Vandetgrift does hereby RESOLVE as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby authorize Stephen J. DelleDonne, Borough Secretary, Brian J. Carricato, Council President and Vernon E. Sciullo, Council Vice-President or any of them, individually or together, as required by the lease documents to execute, on behalf of the Borough of Vandergrift, any and all documentation necessary to effectuate a Master Lease Purchase Agreement through Vision Financial Group, Inc., or their assignee, relative to the lease-purchase, subject to a \$1.00 buyout, of a certain 2016 Freightliner and Leech packer waste truck with lease acquisition cost of \$168,347.00; and further, to execute any and all other documentation, as may be necessary and required, by any entity, to effectuate the lease arrangements for said rear load waste truck.

RESOLVED, at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, this 7th day of March, 2016.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

Bv:

SKIAN J. CARRICATO, Council President

ATTEST:

TEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE,

Borough Secretary

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Rametta, to accept the Solicitor's Report. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Carricato, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m