

BOROUGH OF VANDERGIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGIFT COUNCIL

MAY 2, 2016

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift 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:

Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary	
Larry Loperfito, Solicitor	Theresa Gelts, Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the April 4, 2016 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Ashley Hannigan, representing the No. 1 Fire Dept., stated that the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department would like permission to use Kennedy Park on the 1st or 2nd week of September for the purpose of holding bike inspection and EMS day.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, requesting that the Borough start taking care of the potholes in town. He also requested that 25 mph signs be installed on Lowell Street.

Frank Souchock, 190 Washington Ave, requested that no action be taken on potholes because they slow traffic on the streets.

Jim Williams, 126 Oregon Avenue, stated that Oregon Avenue is dire need of resurfacing.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the CDBG funds for street reconstruction can only be earmarked for those streets that were within the Phase 2A & 2B Sewer Separation Project. She did stated that Oregon Avenue does need storm drainage and curbing.

Kristin Porter, 106 Hamilton Avenue, questioned whether anything has been done regarding the structure located at 104 Hamilton Avenue.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that a letter has been sent to Gene Iagnemma, the owner of said property, advising him to either bring the property into compliance or pursue the possibility of razing the property. He stated that fail to comply will result in the Borough taking legal actions.

Ralph Guyer, 227 Sherman Avenue, addressed Council in regards to obtaining a permit to construct a garage in the rear of his property.

Solicitor Loperfido stated it's the Borough's position that it is impossible to build on an existing foundation. He recommended that Mr. Guyer file a variance application with the Vandergrift Zoning & Hearing Board since the original garage was razed over four years ago.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented a letter from Rainbow Emergence Communication & Operations requested permission to do a Boot Drive on Friday, May 13th from 4:00 pm to dusk, with a rain date for Saturday, May 14th.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS:

The Secretary presented the following correspondence to members of Council:

Exhibit 1-A: Henry McLaughlin, President of MSI Corporation.

Subject: Notice that MSI intends apply to the PA DEP for a permits for blasting, heat treating and Midwest grinding operations.

Exhibit 2-A: Meridith Bailey, Food Service Director, Kiski Area School District.

Subject: Thanked Officers Joe Gray, Steven Callipare, Anthony DePanicis, William Moore, and Nate Rigatti for their participation in serving lunch to the students at the Kiski Area East Primary.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucien Bove reported that 90% of the CD Street Reconstruction Project has been completed.

President Carricato requested the Engineer to review the aforementioned street project for the purpose of determining whether some of the streets can be eliminated and the money saved can be shifted towards the resurfacing Washington Avenue.

Engineer Bove stated that he would look as this request, but stated that this would need approval from the County Planning Dept.

Mrs. Chvala questioned when the K.V.W.P.C.A. would perform the flow testing for the purpose of determining whether the Borough has come into compliance.



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Exhibit 1-A

April 13, 2016

RE: Notification of Plan Approval Application

Dear Boro of Vandergrift:

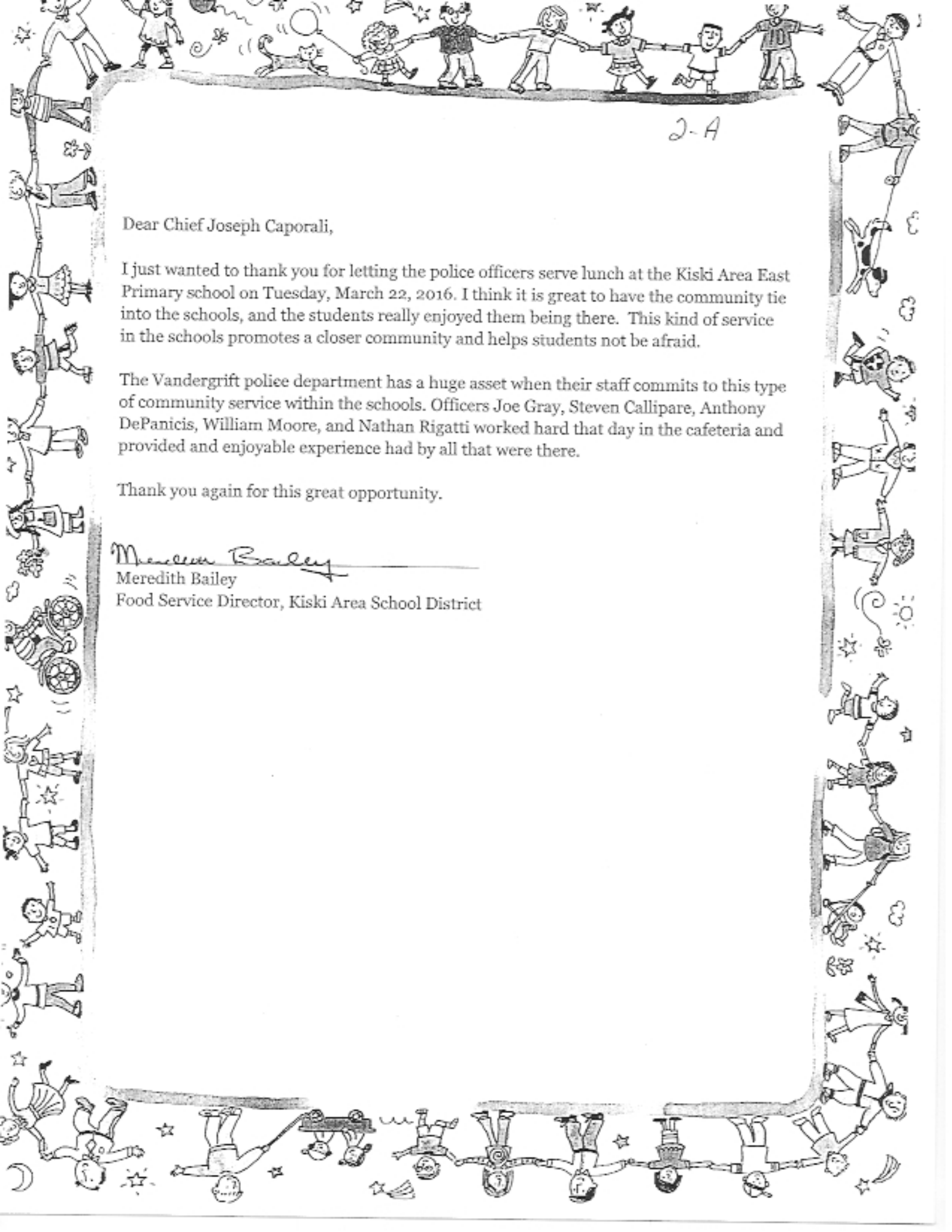
Please find this letter to serve as notification required by 25 Pa Code 127.43a. The 30 day comment period begins upon your receipt of this letter.

MSI Corporation intends to operate at its current facility site in Boro of Vandergrift. We are applying to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for air quality permits for blasting, heat treating and Midwest grinding operations. Emissions from these sources will be minimal.

If you require additional information about our operation, please feel free to contact me at brendam@msicorporation.com.

Sincerely,

Henry W. McLaughlin, III
President
MSI Corporation



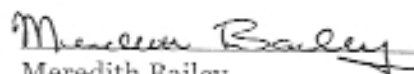
2-A

Dear Chief Joseph Caporali,

I just wanted to thank you for letting the police officers serve lunch at the Kiski Area East Primary school on Tuesday, March 22, 2016. I think it is great to have the community tie into the schools, and the students really enjoyed them being there. This kind of service in the schools promotes a closer community and helps students not be afraid.

The Vandergrift police department has a huge asset when their staff commits to this type of community service within the schools. Officers Joe Gray, Steven Callipare, Anthony DePanicis, William Moore, and Nathan Rigatti worked hard that day in the cafeteria and provided an enjoyable experience had by all that were there.

Thank you again for this great opportunity.



Meredith Bailey

Food Service Director, Kiski Area School District

Solicitor Loperfido stated that the testing is scheduled in the fall of this year for a period of six (6) months.

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:

President Carricato stated that Russell Jack, 121 Lowell Street, has submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place application. He stated that Mr. Jack does meet the criteria set forth in the ordinance and is hereby recommended that this matter be approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the aforementioned matter. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to hire Casimer Maszgay as a substitute school crossing guard. Motion carried.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported that she contracted M & M Tree Service to work through the trees on Washington Avenue for the purpose of removing all the dead limbs. She stated that a list of trees to be trimmed and/or removed was given to M & M Tree Service to obtain a quote.

Mrs. Wilson stated that she plans to purchase about five (5) new trees from Musser's Nursery.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Carricato stated that Casimer Maszgay is interested in serving as the Borough's Code and Ordinance Officer.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mrs. Chvala, to hire Casimer Maszgay as the Borough's Code & Ordinance Officer. Motion carried.

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Collini reported that steps are being taken have the pool opened for this year. He stated that Mark Newingham will remain as the pool manager. He also stated that there will be about 15 lifeguards employed.

President Carricato questioned whether anything can be done about the high sewage bills being charged to the Vandergrift Pool by the Municipal Authority of Allegheny Twp.

Mr. Rametta stated that there a "deduct water meter" which can be installed that will provide a reading that of water going to the building facility, not the water going into the pool. He explained that billing will only pertain to water usage to the building not to the pool. He stated that this will save the Borough money.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he will check with the water company about this device.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mr. Rametta, to accept the Recreation Report. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he has not received a signed sales agreement from the Kiski Area Youth Network regarding the sale of the former Vandergrift Senior Citizen Building. If not received by the June 6th meeting, he will recommend that Council rescind Resolution No. 3-2016.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that a letter was send to Mike Langer denying his request to vacate an alley situate behind Franklin Avenue.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that a letter was send to Norfolk Southern Corporation regarding complaints received about trash being on the railroad property, formally the Sherman Avenue Playground at the end of Franklin Avenue.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that letters were send to Rep. Petrarca & Sen. Brewster requesting financial assistance for the Vandergrift Pool.

President Carricato informed Council that letters will be sent to Rep. Petrarca, Sen. Brewster and County Commissioner Kopis regarding Kiski Area School District joining the County Landbank Program.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.