

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL
DECEMBER 5, 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 Sciuillo
Brian Carricato	Christine Wilson
James Rametta	Frank Moliterno

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Louis Purificato, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfido, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz- Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the October 3, 2016, meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Chvala. Motion carried

VISITORS:

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

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, thanked Council for reaching out to the water company about the fire hydrant problems in town. He questioned whether Council would consider making the 300 to 500 block of Lowell Street.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented the 2017 regular scheduled monthly meetings of Council for approval and to have schedule advertised. (See page 2-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to advertise the 2017 monthly meetings of Council. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfito presented the 2017 regular scheduled monthly meetings of the Vandergrift Planning Commission to be held on the 2nd Monday of each month.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented the following correspondence received:

Exhibit 1-A: Festa di Vandergrift Committee.

Subject: Letter of appreciation for support.

REGULAR AND STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

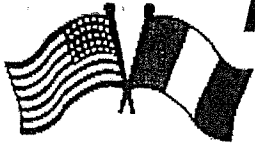
No Report

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2017**

NOTICE, in compliance with the Sunshine Act (Act of October 15, 1998, P.L., 729, No. 93), as amended by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is hereby given that the regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift, for calendar year 2017 will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 109 Grant Avenue, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, beginning at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, on the following dates:

January 3, 2017
February 6, 2017
March 6, 2017
April 3, 2017
May 1, 2017
June 5, 2017
July 3, 2017
August 7, 2017
September 5, 2017
October 2, 2017
November 6, 2017
December 4, 2017

Stephen J. DelleDonne,
Borough Secretary



Festa Italiana di Vandergrift

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Exhibit 1-A

November 21, 2016

To: Vandergrift Borough Council
From: The Festa Italiana di Vandergrift Committee

Dear Council Members,

We would like to express our deepest thanks and appreciation for all the support you and your office personal have given us for the Festa Italiana again this year!

Your support has repeatedly played a key role in our success over the years.

There is really no way to express our gratitude for your loyalty and guidance when called upon for help and resources.

We look forward to a continuing partnership with you in the future.

Sincerely,

The Festa Italiana di Vandergrift Committee

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucien Bove stated that he has been working with the solicitor on the proposed ordinance regarding street excavating in the borough.

Engineer Bove stated that he is concerned about the condition of the retaining wall along 9th Street. He recommended that this item be monitored as the wall may not last much longer. He also suggested that water runoff be diverted away from the hillside.

Engineer Bove stated that he is working on waiver of the MS4 matters.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the sewer line on Delaware Avenue continues to have a high volume of water. She stated that like to have the Engineer investigate this for the purpose of determining the cause of the high flow of water.

Mrs. Wilson reported that approximately 100 feet of the storm drain on Pennsylvania Avenue is full of holes. She stated that the Borough Crew will make the necessary repairs.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority will be performing the flow meter tests this month.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

Chairperson Chvala stated that the proposed Budget of the Vandergrift for the fiscal year 2017 was duly advertised and made available for public inspection. She stated that there were no public comments received; and therefore, is ready for adoption.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciuillo, to adopt the proposed 2017 Fiscal Budget of the Borough of Vandergrift. Motion carried

Mr. Sciuillo stated that there will be no raise in taxes, nor any increase to the refuse and sewer fees in the 2017 Budget.

Solicitor Loperfito presented Ordinance No. 4-2016 fixing the millage rate for 2017 at 28 mills. (See page 3-A)

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciuillo, to adopt Ordinance No. 4-2016. Motion carried.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift will meet during a regularly scheduled meeting on December 5, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at 109 Grant Avenue, Vandergrift, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of general business of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift and for the purpose of considering the adoption of Ordinance 4 of 2016, which said Ordinance is the Tax Ordinance of the Borough of Vandergrift setting and fixing the tax rate for fiscal year 2017.

TAX ORDINANCE 4 OF 2016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and is hereby ordained and enacted by the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift, County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Section 1. That a tax be, and the same is, hereby levied on all property and occupations within the said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the year 2017 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the sum of twenty-eight (28) mills on each dollar assessed valuation.

Making a total tax rate for all Borough purposes of twenty-eight (28) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.


Section 2. That any ordinance, or any part of any ordinance, conflicting with this ordinance shall be hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2016.

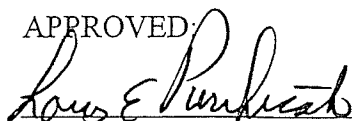
BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF

BY: 
BRIAN J. CARRICATO,
Council President

ATTEST:

 (SEAL)
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE,
Borough Secretary

APPROVED:


LOUIS E. PURIFICATO, Mayor

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Chairperson Rametta informed Council that the contractor will begin to make the necessary roof repairs at the Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Department building.

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

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson informed Council that she was contacted by Kathy Hamilton, Westmoreland County Conservation District (WCD) regarding the availability of a PA DEP grant for storm water management. She stated that the WCD is recommending completing the installation permeable walk and healthy trees on Columbia Avenue. She stated that this project would cost about \$100,000.00, of which the Borough would be responsible for 15% match.

Mrs. Wilson provided the Secretary will a copy of the grant application to be completed by January 13, 2017.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

President Carricato informed Council that the County Landbank is moving forward with the demolition of the fire damaged structure at 229 Longfellow Street. He expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Ted Kopas for his assistance in getting this structure razed.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that Brian Putignano as signed the agreement to have structure razed and has donated \$3,000 towards the completion of this matter.

President Carricato acknowledged the successful event of the V.I.P Light Up the Night and the Hometown Christmas Show. He stated that it was moving to see the flow of people at these events.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfido stated that the General Government has reached a mutual agreement with members Borough Crew for a new Four (4) year contract. He stated reported that only three items to the contract will finalized:

1. Four Year Contract
2. 2.5% wage increase over the four years.
3. Health Ins. Contribution: 1st year-\$30.00 per pay; 2nd year-\$40.00 per pay; 3rd year-\$50.00 per pay; and 4th year-\$60.00 per year.
4. Adding a managerial clause whereby the Council can hire a working foreman without placing this position out to bid to members of the St. Dept.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mrs.Chvala, to approve the 4 year contract between the Borough of Vandergrift and the General Teamsters Local Union #538. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfido presented Ordinance No. 1-2016 for adoption, which provide for an increase of the enhanced tap fee to \$625.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Chvala, to adopt Ordinance No. 1-2016. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfido presented Ordinance No. 2-2016 for adoption, which adopts to 2015 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2016. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfido presented Ordinance No. 3-2016 for adoption, which sets regulation and restoration provisions regarding excavations in any public street.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mr. Rametta, to adopt Ordinance No. 3-2016. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mrs. Wilson questioned what has been done about the properties located and 406 and 404 Whittier Street. She explained that the property was to disconnect his lateral from the neighbor.

Solicitor Loperfito stated the Code Officer, Maszgay will be contacted to have this person cited.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

