

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL
JANUARY 3, 2017

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
Brian Carricato	Christine Wilson
James Rametta	Frank Moliterno
Lenny Collini	

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 December 5, 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. Collini, to hear from visitors at this time. Motion carried.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, questioned whether Council could apply for a grant to replace the fading signs within the Borough.

President Carricato stated that grants are hard to obtain.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. Wilson, to return to the regular of business: Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary informed Council that the Borough has received a \$10,000.00 grant through the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources for upgrades and improvements at the Vandergrift Park & Pool. He stated that the grant was obtained through the assistance of Senator Jim Brewster.

The Secretary presented for Council's adoption Resolution No. 1-2017 to be attached to the Grant Application. (See page 2-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Collini, to adopt Resolution No. 1-2017. Motion carried.

The Secretary informed Council that County has advertised bids for the demolition of the property located at 231 Longfellow Street, and is scheduled for completion by 2/10/17.

The Secretary presented and reviewed a yearly recap of the Borough's recycling program. (See page 2-B)

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

Borough of Vandergrift

RESOLUTION No. 1-2017

WHEREAS, Vandergrift Borough ("applicant") desires to undertake the following project

[project title] Pool Improvement Project; and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to apply to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") for a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and a document entitled "Signature Page for Grant Application and Grant Agreement"; and

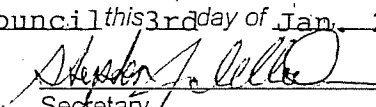
WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that, by signing the "Signature Page for Grant Application and Grant Agreement" and submitting it to the Department as part of the grant application, the applicant agrees to the terms and conditions of the grant and will be bound by the Grant Agreement if the Department awards a grant;

NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:

1. The "Signature Page for Grant Application and Grant Agreement" may be signed on behalf of the applicant by the official who, at the time of signing, has the title of Borough Secretary.
2. If this official signed the "Signature Page for Grant application and Grant Agreement" prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the "Signature Page for Grant Application and Grant Agreement," signed by the above official, will become the applicant/grantee's executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the title specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Vand. Council this 3rd day of Jan. 2017


Secretary

DCNR USE ONLY

Project Number:

2-6

2016
BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
RECYCLING REPORT

	<u>Aluminum #</u>	<u>Bimetal #</u>	<u>Glass #</u>	<u>Paper (tons)</u>
January	200	460	7,760	2.15
February	360	1,480	6,600	.56
March	380	1,200	6,500	2.56
April	440	1,340	1,340	1.56
May	-----	-----	-----	1.39
June	360	1,040	6,700	1.37
July	400	980	7,080	.65
August	420	1,180	7,520	2.42
September	420	1,180	6,980	.55
October	140	500	3,460	.58
November	500	1,680	11,000	-----
December	<u>320</u>	<u>1,260</u>	<u>7,080</u>	-----
Totals	3,940#	12,300#	72,020#	13.79#
Total Tons	1.97	6.15	36.01	13.79 tons
Total Tons	57.92 tons X 37.13 /ton = 2,150.57 Savings			

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciullo informed Council that Monzo Construction Company will be in to camera the area at 403 Linden Street where there the road way is sinking. He also stated that Monzo will camera the sewer line on Delaware Avenue to determine if the creek is infiltrating the system.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Rametta, to accept the Street & Sanitation Report. Motion carried.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucien Bove stated that he has conducted an inspection of the building that collapsed at 521 Franklin Avenue. (See page 3-A)

Mr. Bove stated that on January 5th, the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority will begin to monitor the flow to the Authority. He stated that the equipment needs to be cleaned weekly, and that the Borough needs to insure that certain factors are adhered to. He stated that the study will compare flow during wet and dry times.

Mr. Bove informed Council that the water company will be replacing a water line from the end of 8th Street, going across the Kiski River, to service Parks Twp.

Mr. Bove stated that he has submitted request for a waiver to DEP regarding NPDES MS4 2018 Permit Cycle. (See page 3-B)

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Moliterno stated that the Borough is in need of at least two school crossing guards. He stated that the time for each area is 8:15 to 8:40 am, and 3:15 to 3:40 pm daily. He stated that applications can be obtained at the Office of the Borough Secretary.

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

3-A

BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY

ARMBRUST PROFESSIONAL CENTER

8201 ROUTE 819

GREENSBURG, PA 15601

724-925-9269

FAX: 724-925-1216

January 3, 2017

Vandergrift Borough Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

Attention: Stephen J. DelleDonne, Secretary

Reference: Unsafe Structure located at 531 Franklin Avenue
Primo Event Hall (former Sons of Italy)
Vandergrift Borough (Tax Map No. 37-01-10-0-037)
Owner: Cable & Cibik Properties, Inc.

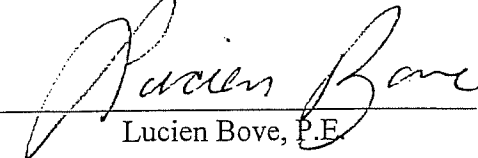
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The above referenced structure was extensively damaged by a sudden collapse on December 31, 2016. The roof and the second floor completely collapsed onto the first floor. The majority of the walls of the second and first stories have collapsed outward onto adjacent properties, parking areas and the street and sidewalk of Franklin Avenue. On January 3, 2017, I conducted an inspection of the structure from a safe distance and observed the following conditions (see attached photos): The entire roof and the second story walls and floor have been destroyed. Structure members which have not collapsed have been compromised. The remaining portions of the walls and floors are in a state of imminent collapse. The structure is not safe to conduct any testing, sampling or surveying. Supporting structural members have been compromised rendering the remaining structural elements unsound.

This building is structurally unsafe and presents a clear and present danger to the community and adjacent residences and properties. It must be condemned until it can be safely demolished. The majority of the structure has already collapsed. Unless an evaluation certified by a licensed structural engineer is submitted to the Borough indicating otherwise, the remaining portions of this structure need to be immediately demolished. The surface of the ground needs to be restored in a manner which will not adversely affect adjacent properties, and the sewer service lateral(s) must be capped and sealed in a manner which prevents infiltration of water into the sanitary sewer system.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,
BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY


Lucien Bove, P.E.

LB:dlb

Attachments

copy: Larry D. Loperfito, Borough Solicitor w/attchmts.

Cable & Cibik Properties, Inc., 298 Old Mill Road, Apollo, PA 15613

Lutterman Excavating LLC, Attn: Dale C. Lutterman, Owner

2017-502:VANDERGRIFT 2017/Unsafe Structures/Unsafe Structure at 531 Franklin Ave

3-B

BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY
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PA Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Clean Water
Rachel Carson State Office Building
PO Box 8774
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-8774

December 27, 2016

Ref: Request for Advanced Written Approval of Waiver
NPDES MS4 2018 Permit Cycle
Vandergrift Borough, Westmoreland County

Ladies and Gentlemen:

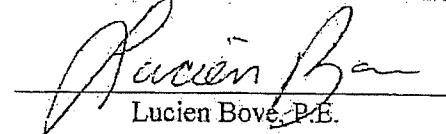
On behalf of the Borough of Vandergrift, we are hereby requesting advanced approval of a waiver under the NPDES Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). Attached please find a copy of Form 3800-PM-BCW0100e (5/2016). Also attached please find detailed maps of the storm sewers, including outlets and points of connection to other MS4's, a Zoning Map and the TMDL for the Kiskiminetas River.

Justification for the waiver request is as follows:

- According to the 2010 census, the population of Vandergrift is 5,205.
- The Borough does not have the financial resources nor an established funding mechanism necessary to implement the pollution reduction plan and all requirements of the full MS4 regulations.
- The TMDL for the Kiskiminetas River is under the category of Acid Mine Drainage. The Borough's separate storm sewer system does not contribute in any way to the TMDL of acid mine drainage.
- There is little that the Borough could do to reduce pollutants, other than sediment which could be implemented through street sweeping and storm sewer cleaning.
- The separate storm sewer area of the Borough is primarily residential. There is a railroad and industrial area along the river.
- Borough storm drains do not connect directly to the Kiskiminetas River. Many connect to the PennDOT System and several others connect to the railroad culverts and Steel Plant system.
- All outfalls to the river in the separate storm system area are by way of either the Norfolk Southern Railroad culverts or the Allegheny Ludlum (now ATI) Vandergrift Plant storm sewer system.
- The sewers in the downtown business district of the Borough are combined. Therefore, the outfalls are permitted and owned and operated by the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority (KVWPCA).
- After many years of impairment, the once foul smelling, discolored Kiskiminetas River was voted Pennsylvania's River of the Year in 2000 by DCNR, primarily due to its water quality improvement.

If you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,
BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY


Lucien Bove, P.E.

LB:dlb

Attachments

copy: Vandergrift Borough, Attn: Stephen J. DelleDonne, Secretary
DEP, Attn: Brian Schimmel, Local Government Liaison
Honorable Jim Bruster, PA State Senator
Honorable Joseph A. Petrarca, PA State Representative

2015-509:VANDERGRIFT 2016/Rqst for Waiver Approval

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson stated the Kathy Hamilton, Westmoreland Conservation District, questioned if the Borough has a Comprehensive Plan. She stated that this in regards to the grant application to complete the installation of permeable walk and healthy trees on Columbia Avenue.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that the Borough has a Comprehensive Plan adopted in 1967.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Carricato informed Council that action was taken to demo the structure, due to it collapsing, located at 504 ½ Hancock Avenue. He stated the property is in Repository, He stated that an amount of \$7200 was spent to demo said property. He stated that April Kopas, Westmoreland County Land Bank will try to sell the property, and will return the amount received over the \$7200 to the Borough.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

No Report

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he would like to hold an executive session of Council for the purpose of discussing on-going litigation matters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

At 8:12 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to call an executive session of Council for the purpose of discussing on-going litigation matters. Motion carried.

At 8:32 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to return to the regular order of business and to indicate that no action was taken during the executive session of Council. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

