#### **BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT**

#### MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

#### MARCH 7, 2022

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

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jody Sarno

**Tom Holmes** 

Christine Wilson

Daisha Clayton

John Uskuraitis

Kathleen Chvala

Marilee Kessler

#### **OTHER OFFICIALS:**

Lenny Collini, Mayor

Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary

Larry Loperfito, Solicitor

Jospeh Caporali, Police Chief

Lucian Bove, Engineer

#### MINUTES:

The Minutes of the February 7, 2022 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried

#### **VISITORS:**

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

Robert Mills, 908 Holland Street, questioned when anything can be done about the fire damage structure at 906 Holland Street. He stated that it is an eye sore and a safety hazard.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that he has obtained a "Release and Right of Entry" from the owner and will be obtaining a title search of said property.

Denise Lewandowski, 416 Longfellow Street, request permission to schedule a "Vandergrift back When Holiday Extravaganza the first weekend of December.

President Chvala stated that this matter be addressed during the regular session of the meeting.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, thanked the two new businesses for opening up on Grant Avenue.

Kurt Scalzott, 113 Virginia Avenue, requested Council to address the issue of a truck on Arizona Avenue that is tearing up the street and also tracking mud on to said street.

Shannon Gourley, 151 Grant Avenue, thanked Marlee Kessler for her help in opening up her business in town.

MaryAnn Gilliam, 102 Custer Avenue, stated that she had sent a letter to the Code Officer regarding the property at 104 Custer Avenue. She stated that the new owner is removing the porch, which in her opinion should remain as a historical part of the structure. She also stated that the properties on both sides of her property are in a deplorable condition. She stated that the owner of 104 Custer has rented the place and questioned if a certificate of occupancy was issued. In conclusion, she thanked the police for helping the eviction of the previous tenants of 104 Custer.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Collini stated that he took part in a Zoom meeting with Brian Lawrence, Executive Director of the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority and LandBank. He stated that the meeting was in regards to requesting the County Commissioners to use a portion of the American Rescue Plan Act funds to address blighted properties.

Mayor Collini reported that he rode with the Code Officer throughout the town and observed numerous code violations. He stated his concern to have our town clean and safe.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to accept the Mayor's Report. Motion carried.

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

No Report

#### CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

No Report

#### **COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Secretary presented the following correspondence:

Exhibit 1-A: Randall Dunmire, Chief Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department and Albert Wells, Chief Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Department.

Subject: Both fire departments are participating in an Assistance Firefighters Grant and FEMA regional radio grant, of which requires a \$23,145 match.

Mr. Holmes stated that in the event the fire departments do not receive this grant, they are requesting that the aforementioned monies be approved from American Rescue Funds.

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

Exhibit 2-A: Chloe Kruse, The Center on Franklin Avenue.

Subject: Request to have the Franklin Avenue Playground opened on March 19th.

President Chvala and Mr. Uskuraitis concurred that it is too early to open the playground. Mr. Uskuraitis state the equipment needs inspected prior to the opening of the playground. He stated that he would be available to help the garden club.

Exhibit 3-A: Robert Buchanan, President, VBA.

Subject: The VBA would like to approve the following events for the year, 2022:

- 1. Have a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration/BBQ competition on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2. VBA partner with Allusion Brewing Company to host an Oktoberfest Festival on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. The VBA to host an evening of vendors, food, and promotions.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Holmes, to approve the Aforementioned events and to provide the proper certificates of insurance. Motion carried.

<u>Exhibit 4-A:</u> Michael Reilly, President of the No. 1 Fire Department.

Subject: Request to use the Kennedy Park for their annual fundraising carnival To be held Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> thru June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

A motion was made b Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

# Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Department Randy Dunmire, Chief Albert Wells, Chief

March 1, 2022

Mr. Tom Holmes, Chairman Public Safety Committee Vandergrift Borough Council 109 Grant Avenue Vandergrift, PA 15690

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am pleased to announce that Vandergrift Fire Dept. No. 1 and Vandergrift No. 2 are participating in an AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) and FEMA regional radio grant with 14 other departments from 4 counties. This grant application has been submitted to request federal funds to help replace our outdated and unreliable mobile and portable multi-band radios on the 800 system. The current radios in operation are from 2005 when Westmoreland County first switched operation to the 800 system. With the cost of replacement way beyond our financial means we partnered with other departments to hire a grant writer and split the cost of the application fee. This grant that was submitted in January is valued at approximately 1.8 million dollars. If we are awarded this grant request later this year, our combined portion of the federal funding will be just around \$254,600. As with these types of grants, a matching fund is required from the participating fire departments. With this being a regional grant, the required match will be 10%. This will result in our joint financial responsibility of around \$23,145. Both of us recently signed Memorandum Of Understanding agreements with the Harrison Hills Fire Department who is the sponsor of this grant written by Vickers Consulting.

With our current financial conditions, we will be unable to easily fund this match without taking out some type of a loan.

The officers and members of both Vandergrift fire departments would like to request consideration for American Rescue Fund money from COVID-19 relief funds the borough is receiving to cover the match for this grant if awarded. In the event this grant is denied, our need for portable radios is very urgent, we would also like to ask the borough for financial assistance from the American Rescue funds to help purchase several radios on our own.

This grant application will be under review for the next several months and even though we are hopeful of being awarded this request, we could be denied due to the competitiveness of this grant and limited funds available. We will keep you informed of the progress of this review and award process. Please contact us if you have any questions or need more information about this project as you make your decision of our request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

Randy Dunmire, Chief

Vandergrift Fire Dept. No. 1

Albert Wells, Chief

Vandergrift Fire Dept. No. 2

2 attachments: MOU's signed by both chiefs for the host department

To the Vandergrift Council,

With all the lovely events being planned for our town on March 19 2022, it's looking like a fabulous way to celebrate Spring in Vandergrift. I write to you with request that the Franklin Park and playground be open starting that day, not only so people can enjoy the space but so the equipment and community garden can be prepared for the season. There is also a need for the parks accessibility for the educational programs in our town. One being the new Head Start that is located across the street from the park, and they would greatly benefit from having access to safe public outdoor play space. The weather should be turning by then in March and we should encourage the use of our parks for our next generations.

Hoping this Spring in Vandergrift will bring many people out and we should show off our beautiful town and all we have to offer here.

Thank you,

Chloe Kruse

The Center on Franklin Ave.

\*Other events happening on March 19 2022 are

PTO Vendor Show at VFD#1

Grant Avenue businesses offering Spring Sales and Classes

\* Included are time stamped photos from the past two years we have tended the community garden.



To: Town Council

From: Vandergrift Business Association

Date: 2/5/22

Subject: Town Events

The Vandergrift Business Association, recently formed in 2021, has set out to benefit the local businesses of the town this year by creating events that draw large crowds into town. As the VBA grows, we look to create other benefits and resources for the surrounding businesses. Being our first year as an organization, we are focusing on these events as our contribution to support and grow local businesses. We put a survey out to the Vandergrift Community and the following events were the most popular responses that everyone wanted.

- 1.) We would like to have a 4th of July Celebration / BBQ Competition on Sunday July 3rd. This event would have food trucks, event specific vendors, corn hole competition, and a potential BBQ Cookoff.
- 2.) The VBA would like to partner with Allusion Brewing Company to host an Oktoberfest Festival on Saturday, September 24th, 2022. This event would have event specific vendors and food trucks, music and dance performances, and potential invitations to additional local breweries offering Oktoberfest beers.
- 3.) The VBA would also like to work with the town council in following a very popular trend in several surrounding communities. Many surrounding towns are seeing great success with a monthly vendor night. Local businesses stay open late, the streets are lined with food and craft vendors. With the consistency of a certain day once a month, these events are being attended by thousands from the immediate and surrounding communities. (ex. Fridays on Fifth, Tarentum Nights). We have talked with several business who feel that Thursday Night would be the best option for the event. Many have told us that Thursday night used to be the busy night for the town and would like to see that again.

We are very excited about these events and hope the town council will work with us to make them happen this year!

Robert Buchanan President, VBA Vandergrift Fire Dept. No. 1 278 Franklin Ave., P.O. Box 6 Vandergrift, PA 15690

## **Station 51**

Randy Dunmire, Chief Michael J. Reilly, President 724-567-7171 www.vfr51.com

February 28, 2022

Vandergrift Council,

The Vandergrift No.1 Fire Department is again planning our annual carnival fund raising event. It is scheduled to be held Tuesday; June 7th thru Saturday; June 11th, 2021. We are, as a result, requesting the use of Kennedy Park from Walnut Street north to the middle sidewalk and from Jackson Avenue west to Kennedy Drive. Please accept this request to include the field, the gazebo and all associated utilities (i.e. water and electric).

The events will operate Tuesday, June 7th thru Thursday, June 9th from 6:00PM To 10:00PM; and on Friday & Saturday June 10th and 11th from 6:00PM to 11:00PM. Activities being planned include carnival rides, associated games and food concessions. This year's rides and concessions will again be provided by Penn Premiere Shows/LAM Enterprises. This will be our fifth year with this local, family owned and operated business. Over that period we have experienced little or none of the field damage issues we had with our previous vendor.

I have been in contact with the owner/operator of the organization and have been assured that, in addition to all the standard licensing, insurance and liability coverages being in place; that the PA Dept of Agriculture has been consulted regarding operating with any ongoing COVID protocols.

We will also be continuing our joint operation and fund raising efforts with both the Vandergrift #2 Fire Dept. As well as any interested, local non-profit organizations.

This event annually provides one of our largest sources of local fund raising. We would like to thank you in advance for your ongoing support and co-operation.

Please feel free to me with any question. Thank you.

Michael Reilly

President

(412) 558-5673

Exhibit 5-A: Michael Reilly, Commander Vandergrift Veterans Honor Guard.

Subject: Planned events for the Memorial Day Holiday. Request to have a Memorial Day Parade.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Sarno, to approve this request. Motion carried.

Exhibit 6-A: Vanessa Magee, Bari Club Ladies Auxiliary.

Subject: Request to use Davis Field to host a day of Easter/Spring fund for the the youth on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm to 3pm.

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

#### **REGULAR AND STATED BILLS:**

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

#### **STREET & SANITATION REPORT:**

Chairperson Wilson reported that her Committee has hired Jade Bothell as a part-time employee on the Street & Sanitation Department.

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

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

Engineer Bove stated that bids for 2022 CDBG Street Project can be advertise to be opened at the April 4, 2022 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Kessler, to advertise for bids regarding the aforementioned street project to be opened at the April 4, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfito presented for adoption Resolution No. 4-2022, to apply for DCED Local Share Account Statewide Grant Applicatio for the purchase of a Ventrak 4520 Tractor. (See page 4-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Holmes, to adoption Resolution No. 4-2022. Motion carried.

Exhibit 5-A



## Vandergrift Veterans Honor Guard Inc.



Post Office Box 166

Vandergrift, PA 15690



February 28, 2022

Mayor/Council,

As we have in previous years the Vandergrift Joint Veterans are again working on plans to mark the Memorial Day holiday.

As usual this will include morning services at seven (7) separate memorials, monuments and cemeteries in Vandergrift, East Vandergrift, Parks Township and Allegheny Township. Followed later in the morning by a parade from the Kiski Area East Primary school on Franklin Avenue to the Casino Theater for a final memorial service.

As in the past we will be receiving permission from the Kiski Area school district for both a service at the memorial at the Kiski Area High School and parade staging at East Primary. Allegheny and Parks township officials, will also be contacted regarding plans for activities in their communities. We will also be coordinating traffic control around our morning activities, as well as the parade route and Casino service with the appropriate police departments.

We are hoping to return this year's Memorial day observances to something closer to what we've been able to do in past years; with the invovlment of the Kiski Area marching band, local scout troops and the local Junior ROTC program. We, as veterans, believe that Memorial Day, of all the patriotic holidays that we observe, deserves to be commemorated to the fullest extent possible.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding our plans for these observances.

Muhaef K Michael Reilly

Commander

Vandergrift Veterans

Honor Guard

(412) 558-5673

2-23-22

Dear Vandergrift Counsel,

The Bari Club Ladies Auxiliary would like to host a day of Easter/Spring fun for the youth of Vandergrift and surrounding areas on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, from 1pm-3pm. Ideally, we would like to hold this event in town and are requesting use of Davis Field. The afternoon will include an Easter egg hunt, traditional games, food, and drinks for children 12 years old and under. We will request that anyone wishing to attend sign up ahead of time so we can limit the number of children to 100. It is our hope to bring back tradition and a sense of community to our town, and what better way to start than gathering our youth together in a safe atmosphere and make memories! If this goes well, we would love to make it an annual tradition that we can all look back on and say, "those were the days"! We hope you will grant our request so we can get started. There is a lot of work to do to make this event everything we envision. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Magee

724-596-0406

#### **RESOLUTION 4 OF 2022**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA REQUESTING STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT MULTIPURPOSE MAINTENANCE TRACTOR WITH ATTACHMENTS

**BE RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Vandergrift of Westmoreland County hereby requests a Statewide Local Share Account Grant in the amount of \$38,847.60 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the purchase of a public works equipment multi-purpose maintenance tractor with attachments for the Public Works Department of the Borough of Vandergrift.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the applicant does hereby designate Kathleen Chvala, Council President and Thomas Holmes, Vice-President to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Vandergrift and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE, duly qualified Secretary of the Borough of Vandergrift, County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by a majority of the Vandergrift Borough governing body at a regular public meeting held on March 7, 2022 and said Resolution being recorded in the minutes of the Borough of Vandergrift and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand and seal of the Borough of Vandergrift, this 7th day of March, 2022.

#### **BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT**

By:

(SEAL)

KÄTHLEEN CHVALA, Council President

Applicant:

Borough of Vandergrift

County:

Westmoreland

ATTEST:

STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE

Borough Secretary

Solicitor Loperfito presented Resolution No. 5-2022, to apply for DCED Local Share Account Statewide Grant Application to obtaining funding to replace the retaining wall on 9<sup>th</sup> Street and the reconstruction of various streets within the Borough. (See page 5-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Ms. Clayton, to adopt Resolution No. 5-2022. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

Engineer Bove questioned if Council wishes to direct a letter to DCED requesting an Extension of Time for existing pool grant.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuraitis, second by Mr. Holmes, to direct the Engineer to request an Extension of Time for the existing DCED pool grant. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

Engineer Bove stated that he will need to request a Volunteer Committee Meeting regarding the Olmsted Commons Project.

Mrs. Kessler stated that she would be willing to spear this request.

No action was taken on a request for a driveway permit at 229 Whittier Street.

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

#### **BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:**

Chairperson Clayton stated that members of Council were provide with copies of the February budget reports.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Kessler, to accept the Budget & Finance Report. Motion carried.

#### **POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:**

Chairperson Holmes stated that Cathy West, 104-B West Adams Avenue, has submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application. He stated that Ms. West does meet the criteria in the ordinance for approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to approve Cathy West's application for a handicap parking place. Motion carried.

Chief Caporali reported that during the month of February, the Police Department responded to 201 calls, issued 2 non-traffice & 5 traffice citations, handled 7 criminal arrests, and issued 10 illegal parking tickets.

#### **RESOLUTION 5 OF 2022**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA REQUESTING STATEWIDE LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT FOR THE NINTH STREET RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT AND RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS STREETS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

**BE RESOLVED**, that the Borough of Vandergrift of Westmoreland County hereby requests a Statewide Local Share Account Grant in the amount of \$826,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the replacement of the Ninth Street retaining wall and reconstruction of various streets within the Borough of Vandergrift.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the applicant does hereby designate Kathleen Chvala, Council President and Thomas Holmes, Vice-President to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Vandergrift and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE, duly qualified Secretary of the Borough of Vandergrift, County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted by a majority of the Vandergrift Borough governing body at a regular public meeting held on March 7, 2022 and said Resolution being recorded in the minutes of the Borough of Vandergrift and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand and seal of the Borough of Vandergrift, this 7th day of March, 2022.

#### **BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT**

By:

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN CHVALA, Council President

Applicant:

Borough of Vandergrift

County:

Westmoreland

ATTEST:

STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE

Borough Secretary

Chief Caporali also stated that he is in need of full-time school crossing guard.

Mr. Holmes stated that the directional signs have been installed at Poplar & Linden Streets.

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

#### **BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:**

Chairperson Sarno thanked the Borough Crew for opening the outside drain by the entrance to police department. He stated that he is in the process of obtaining bids to repair entrance way to the police department.

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

#### TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Kessler presented the following tree report to members of Council. (See page 6-A)

#### **GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:**

President Chvala stated that she has received a list of eligibilities for the position of patrolman for Borough of Vandergrift.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to extend a conditional offer of employment, as a full-time police offer, to Steve Zemba. This offer is contingent upon the applicant's successful completion of the requirements set forth by the Municipal Police Officers Education and training Commission and Act 57. Motion carried.

A motion was made Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to extend a conditional offer of employment, as a full-time police officer, to Danny Anthony. This offer is contingent upon the applicant's successful completion of the requirements set forth by the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission and Act 57. Motion carried.

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

#### **RECREATION REPORT:**

No Report

#### March 2022

Tree/Lights Committee Report—With winter weather, there is not much activity with trees.

- 1- A list of tree companies that have been used or recommended in the past is being put together. . All of these companies will be asked to verify whether they are insured and to what level, and whether an arborist is part of the company for jobs that will require one. A list of trees that are potentially slated for removal is being developed, and these will be verified by the arborists with the tree committee as to whether they are dangerous.
- 2- Notified of branches that are falling from some of the large sycamore trees on Washington Ave. Once the trees are in bud, probably mid April, committee will take a day to look at all the trees on this street identify those with dead limbs. Planning to have qualified and insured companies assess the trees and submit bids to remove the dead branches to avoid damage to vehicles and property. Another street that will be looked at in early spring is Farragut, where some large branches are coming down.
- 3- The volunteer tree committee (including 2 arborists) has agreed to help share their expertise when questions or issues arise.
- 4- The sycamore trees at the site of Olmsted Commons are noted in the grant requirement as needing to have soil sampling done and the soil evaluated and treated as necessary. This can be done at no cost by Penn State Extension, and Dr. Brian Wolyniak has offered to work with our tree committee arborist, Jesse Salensky, to accomplish this. Borough engineer is coordinating the project.
- 5- The tree committee would like to coordinate an event open to any resident who would like to learn about the trees of our community. June would be a good month to do this. A very short description of this follows

Join an Extension Urban Forester for an **Urban Tree Walk** to learn about trees in your community. We will discuss tree identification along with considerations for growing and caring for trees in the built environment and the benefits they provide our communities. Arborist Jesse Saensky has expressed interest in joining this event at the Columbia Ave site where silva cells are located for the trees in the sidewalks and to explain their value for the health of trees and for control of stormwater.

#### LIGHTS:

3 lights reported to West Penn.

Residents are asked to send the location of burned out streetlights to our committee or to the code officer, who will pass on the information. We would like to do an inventory of any non working street lights this spring.

#### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:**

Solicitor Loperfito presented for adoption Resolution No. 3-2022, which creates a schedule of fees for signs per the Borough ordinances. (See 7-A)

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Kessler stated that she hopes to have the meter baskets installed by the end of April. She also stated that plans are being made to dig the footer for the stainless letter "V" to be installed at the Olmsted Commons and the Borough Building.

Mrs. Kessler also spoke on the ARPA funding for blighted property in town. She also stated that a Blight Boot Camp will be presented by the Redevelopment Authority of Westmoreland County on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. (See page 7-B)

Mrs. Kessler presented a letter from the Vandergrift Lions Club regarding permission to hold their Annual Lions Car Cruise to be scheduled on Sunday, July 31st. (See page 7-C)

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

Ms. Clayton discussed the use of the Giant Eagle Moble Market for the Borough residents. She also distributed information participating in the Alle-Kiski Intergovernmen Council to members of Council.

#### **COMMENTS-QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS:**

Mrs. Gilliam requsted the Secretary to provide a copy of her letter to the Code Officer.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Uskuraitis, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

#### **RESOLUTION 3 OF 2022**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA CREATING A SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR SIGNS PER BOROUGH ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, Vandergrift Code § 500-20(C)(3) directs Council to establish the cost of sign permits by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift Council is desirous of establishing a schedule of fees for signs erected or posted within the Borough;

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby resolve as follows:

**RESOLVED** that a schedule of fees for signs erected or posted within the Borough of Vandergrift be established as contained herein.

SIGNS	FEE
Permanent signs	\$75 + \$1 per square foot over 10 square feet
Modification request permit per Vandergrift Code § 500-20(C)(3)	\$100
Signs defined in Vandergrift Code § 500-20(C)(6)(a)	Exempt

HAVING RESOLVED this 7th day of March, 2022 at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT** 

BY:

(SEAL)

KATHLEEN CHVALA

Council President

ATTEST:

STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE

Borough Secretary

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## **Annual Blight Remediation Summit**

### Blight Boot Camp -

April 22, 2022

## The Event Center at Westmoreland County Community College Youngwood Campus

The Blight Remediation Summit, hosted annually by the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority & Land Bank, is pleased to announce its inaugural conference to address the causes of and solutions to blight in Westmoreland County, in order to build healthy and whole communities.

The theme of this year's Blight Remediation Summit is *Blight Boot Camp 2022*. This conference, a summit of information, activities, and workshops, is intended to get attendees back to the basics of blight prevention and remediation, empowering the communities of Westmoreland County to continue, or begin, reclaiming their communities from blight.

This one-day event, held on April 22, 2022 at The Event Center at Westmoreland County Community College, Youngwood Campus, will highlight the work of RACW and our partners, as well as teach scalable steps municipalities can take to address blight in their communities. Participants gain exposure to industry best practices, data-driven solutions, and real-world examples of what has worked in similar communities.

We hope you will join us for this exciting & informative event!

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our valued sponsors will have the opportunity to showcase their product and market their brand to municipal officials, code enforcement officers, developers, commercial realtors, school board members, and more in attendance to learn about best practices, highlight successes, and to network among peers.



### Vandergrift Lions Club

Robert Yasczak, Secretary 180 Zdina St West Leechburg, PA 15656

Vandergrift Borough Council 100 Grant Ave Vandergrift, PA 15690

2/24/22

Dear Council,

The membership of the Vandergrift Lions Club met recently to set up this years Annual Lions Car Cruise. It is currently scheduled to be held on Sunday July 31, 2022 from 8:00AM-4:00PM in Kennedy Park utilizing our pavilion. We are requesting permission for the use of Kennedy Park for that date. The DJ would not start until 10-11am.

The Cruise will benefit local charities in the area such as the food bank at the Presbyterian church and the Marine Corp League Det 1416 that feeds needy Vets during the holidays. As in past years the insurance required will be covered by our club and Lions International. A copy of the insurance form is attached. We will also see that the grounds are kept in good order and cleaned up upon completion of the day.

Thank You

Robert Yasczak Club Secretary/ Car cruise Chairman

> 412-289-9519 Mobile Yasczak@gmail.com 180 Zdina St West Leechburg, PA 15656