

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFF COUNCIL

APRIL 3, 2017

The Council of the Borough of Vandergriфт 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

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting were approved, as corrected, by motion of Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Rametta. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Tammy Domiano, 109 Lowell Street, addressed Council in regards to section 8 property next door. She questioned why the Borough does not perform background checks on individuals moving into these properties.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that the Civil Rights Act would preclude this type of action. He stated that Section 8 matters are between the federal government and the landlord. Ms. Domiano stated that her husband fell on ice build-up caused by downspout water flowing improperly from the property located at 109 1/2 Lowell Street.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that this is a private matter issue.

Ms. Domiano stated that there is a need for parking space lines to be painted.

Mr. Scullo stated that he will not perform this until the water company has completed the installation of a new water line and the resurfacing of the street.

Ken Saner questioned why Carbi-Tech, 101 Sherman Avenue, is being charged two EDU on their Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority bill. He stated that the Authority is informing him that this determination was done by the Borough.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he would look into this matter with the K.V.W.P.C.A.

Donald Detar, 213 Lowell Street, questioned if the water hydrants will be checked.

President Carricato stated that the water company will check the hydrants during the planned installation of the new water lines.

Mr. Detar questioned why there is a constant water issue at the intersection of Lafayette and Sherman Avenues.

Mr. Scullo stated that he has called the water company about this leaking service line in this area.

James Held, 211 Holmes Street, questioned if trash containers can be placed within the Kennedy Park areas.

Mr. Scullo stated that the trash containers will be placed in the park this week.

Amy Bufalini invited members of Council to attend the Grand Opening of her new business, Nature's Best of CBD, on Sunday, April 9th, 1:00 pm to 5:00p.

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

OPENING OF BIDS:

At this time, the Secretary opened and read aloud bids received regarding the Michigan Avenue Sewerline Replacement & Drainage Project. (See page 3-A: Bid Tabulation)

A motion was made by Mr. Scullo, second by Mr. Rametta, to award the base bid of \$37,550.00 to R. A. Monzo Construction Company, subject to all conditions met and the engineer's review. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No Report

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Mr. Maszgay reported that the owner of 109 1/2 Lowell was cited for the downspout matter, but was pulled after the repairs were made.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Scullo, to accept the Code Officer's Report. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY

ARMBRUST PROFESSIONAL CENTER

8201 ROUTE 819

GREENSBURG, PA 15601

724-925-9269

FAX: 724-925-1216

April 3, 2017

Glenn Johnston, Inc.

1055 Center Street

McKeesport, Pennsylvania 15132

Attention: Cara Harpster, President

REF: 115 Walnut Street, Vandergrift Borough

Phase 2 Combined Sewer Separation Project

Dear Cara:

We apologize for the last minute notice given on March 23, 2017 regarding the scheduled lateral repair. We were directed to send the notice late in the day. There was no attempt to ambush or give you insufficient time regarding the notice. Please note that upon excavation of the lateral it was found that the inspection stack installed by Glenn Johnston was intact and well connected to the lateral coming from the house, and also to the existing lateral flowing toward the main line. However, several feet away from that connection it was discovered that the pipe was physically broken and full of roots. Please see the attached photos taken March 24, 2017 (the date stamp on the photos is not correct). We agree that this was not caused by Glenn Johnston or the work done under the Phase 2B construction contract. A review of the field inspection report dated July 15, 2015 (copy attached) revealed that the remaining lateral to the main line was in poor condition based upon the video inspection of the line. Note that this lateral is very deep, and the main is approximately 17 feet deep. I recall that our inspector, Jeff Zinchini called me regarding this, and questioned whether or not Glenn Johnston was to replace the bad portion of the service line between the main and the inspection stack to which the answer was "yes." On August 6, 2015, it was noted on the inspection report that Glenn Johnston was to replace the remaining lateral line to the main. Apparently that was not done as terra cotta pipe was discovered beyond the collapsed section down to about 15 feet deep where plastic pipe was found from a prior repair.

On March 24, 2017, this line was replaced from the inspection stack to the existing plastic pipe by Lutterman Excavating, LLC. Please note that this work was very difficult, specifically due to the depth, and also the fact that the location is under a very old water line and in close proximity to an adjacent telephone pole. The repair took one whole day plus the following morning to finish backfilling.

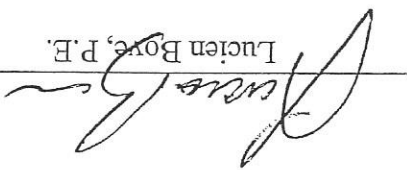
Please note that out of all the lawn restoration on the Phase 2B job, there were two spots which were not completed with the rest of the lawn restoration on the project. These were 115 & 116 Walnut Street. In retrospect, it is quite possible that there was every intention to replace this line after the inspection stack was installed, therefore explaining why the restoration was not done with all of the other restoration on the project while men and material were on site.

In summary, we agree that there were no defects found with the work done by Glenn Johnston; however, that the remaining portion of the line which was in poor condition from the inspection stack to the main was to be replaced with the Phase 2B Project and was somehow missed. When the project was completed, I was under the impression that all required lateral line replacement work was completed, and therefore this was not noted during the final inspection walk-thru. This now brings into question the lateral on the other side of the street at 116 Walnut Street which also should have been replaced.

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

Sincerely,

BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY

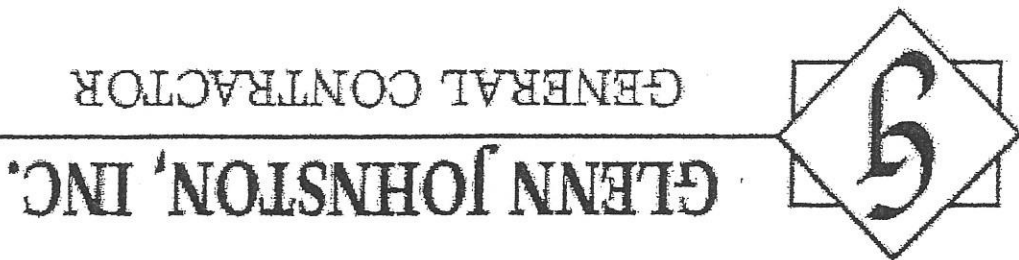

Lucien Bove, P.E.

LB:djb

Attachments

copy: Vandergrift Borough, Attn: Stephen J. DelleDonne, Secretary

2017-513:VANDERGRIFT 2017/Glenn Johnston Ltr



Michael Bove
Bove Engineering Company
8201 Route 819
Greensburg, PA 15601

March 27, 2017

Re: Vandergrift Borough Phase 2B Combined Sewerline Separation Project

Dear Michael,

Firstly we must take issue with the Boro's ambush style notification. While the Boro was aware of this issue a week and a half ago, the notice to our company arrived at 6:40 p.m. the night before the scheduled repair work. This is such an unreasonable delay in notice so as to make it invalid as notice.

Secondly, we are writing to clarify our position regarding the "root ball" that has been discovered in a portion of an existing lateral on the project. We performed no work on the portion of the line with the "root ball". We performed only that work which was directed by the contract documents and as directed by your staff. This area was no exception. We offer no warranty nor any guarantee on a line that we did not install. As we have no responsibility for the occurrence of this "root ball" and no obligation for service on a line we did not install, we consider this matter closed.

Sincerely,

Cara Harpster
Cara Harpster
Glenn Johnston, Inc.
President

BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY
CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION CHECKLIST

DATE: 7/15/2015

Inspector: Jeff Zinchini

TIME IN: 7:00 AM
TIME OUT: 3:00 PM
MILEAGE IN: _____
MILEAGE OUT: _____
TOTAL MILES: _____

PROJECT NAME: Phase 2B Combined Sewerline Separation LOCATION: Vandergriff Borough

CONTRACTOR: Glenn Johnston, Inc. SUPERINTENDENT: _____

WEATHER: (CIRCLE) SUNNY - CLOUDY - PARTLY CLOUDY - RAIN - OTHER _____

TEMPERATURE: LOW 70 F HIGH 74 F (CIRCLE ONE) COLD - COOL - WARM - HOT

EQUIPMENT: excavator, dump truck

NUMBER OF WORKERS: 10

NOTES:
BILLY SAID "G.I." TO IT.
LUCIEN COME BACK AND DO IT.

3. OF OPERATION (must include Street Name & Location for each item):

our sidewalk on Longfellow & Curtis. Put curbs on without it.
15' wait at 22' to 4' time 23' to 4' then trap down
to main 4' in pipe over half full of water + roots. pipe should
be replaced down to 116' wait at 5' to 90'.
No trap pipe to main down 25' to 116' wait at 5' to 90'.
1' check find in same lat. on wait at. Put clean down
to 116' wait at 5' to 90'.
This will not pass down good out.

IONS AND/OR DISCREPANCIES:

THE BACK SIDE OF SHEET FOR DIAGRAMS AND/OR ADDITIONAL COMMENTS, IF NECESSARY

Engineer Lucien Bove reported on the sewer repair made at 115 Walnut Street. (See pages 3-B thru 3-E) He stated that the repairs were done by Lutterman Excavating at a cost of \$5,000.00.

A motion was made by Mr. Scullio, second by Mr. Rametta, to authorize payment of \$5,000.00 for the aforementioned repair work. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

Mr. Bove stated that it is most likely that DEP will not approve the waiver application regarding the MS4 matters in treating drainage water going into the river. He stated that the next step would be to apply for the waiver at the district office in Pittsburgh.

Solicitor Loperfitto stated that he has discussed this matter with other municipalities, of whom, indicate that a waiver is not likely.

Mr. Carricato questioned what an estimate cost for the implementation of MS4.

Mr. Bove stated that based on the size of the Borough is could cost about \$2,000,000.00 for the removal of X# of pollutants.

President Carricato calculated this to cost each house hold about \$20.00 per month.

Following a discussion of this matter, a motion was made by Mr. Scullio, second by Mrs. Chvala, to authorize the Engineer to move forward with the Notice of Intent (NOI) and the waiver application. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Scullio, 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 the Committee is recommending the approval of a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application for Harry Branthoover, 185 Franklin Avenue.

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

President Carricato stated that the Committee is recommending the approval of a Person With Disability Parking Place Application for Robert Richare, 412 Walnut Street.

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

President Carricato stated that the Committee is recommending the approval of a Person With Disability Parking Place Application for Clyde Schall, 217 Washington Avenue.

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

President Carricato stated that the Committee is interested in formulating a pool of qualified candidates to be promoted to the position of "Lieutenant" within the Vandergrift Police Department. He stated that the letters of interest must be submitted no later than May 1, 2017.

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

President Carricato stated the Chief Caporali is planning to retire in two years. He stated that the Committee is recommending the acceptance of resumes and letters of interest from candidates for the position of "Chief" within the Vandergrift Police Department. He stated that the resumes must be submitted no later than May 1, 2017.

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

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Chairperson Rametta stated that the roof at the No. 2 Fire Department building is still leaking. He stated that he will contact J & J Roofing about the leak.

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

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

President Carricato informed Council that he has contacted Commissioner Ted Kopas in regards to getting CDBG Funding to reconstruct all of Washington Avenue and the upper portion of Grant Avenue cost about \$139,000.

President Carricato requested that placement of direction signs at the island at Washington and Custer Avenues for the purpose direct people patronizing the Winery to the Borough parking lots in town.

President Carricato stated the plans are in works to obtain funding to raze the vacant buildings on Washington Avenue for the purpose of providing an additional parking lot.

Mr. Scullo stated that it will take about two weeks to have the signs.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

Mr. Rametta reported that work has begun on the restoration of the wall along the pool hillside.

Mr. Rametta stated that the Recreation Committee will need to advertise for a pool manager due to the current illness of the Mark Newingham.

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

SOLICITORS' REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfito presented Ordinance No. 1-2017 to adopt and enact an ordinance codification for the Borough; to provide for the repeal of certain legislation and to provide penalties for tampering with the code.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Rametta, to advertise for adoption the propose Ordinance No. 1-2017. Motion carried.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

