

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF  
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFF COUNCIL

AUGUST 4, 2014

The Council of the Borough of Vandergriff met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., with President Brian Carricato presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lenny Collini	Frank Moliterno
Brian Carricato	Christine Wilson
James Rametta	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Moliterno. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Henry Wilken, 183 Washington Ave., addressed Council in regards to the sidewalk condition in front of the former Anchor Building at the corner of Columbia and Washington Avenues. He stated that the plywood covering a void in front of this building is a safety hazard and action should be taken to resolve this unsafe condition, especially prior to the opening of school.

Solicitor Loperfido recommended that the owner be contacted about this matter and to also direct him to install some type of protective fence.

President Carricato directed the Borough Secretary to contact the owner tomorrow for the purpose of resolving this condition as soon as possible and, if no action is taken within a reasonable time, to direct the Chief to issue a citation.

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

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary informed Council that the Borough's allocation from the Community Development Block Grant Program for the years 2015-2017 is \$191,600.00. He stated that applications for funding for the year 2015 must be submitted by October 31, 2014. He also stated that these funds can only be used in areas which benefit low or moderate income families.

Mrs. Wilson recommended that the Street Committee meet for the purpose of compiling a list of eligible streets for reconstruction via the CDBG funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Moliterno, to accept the Secretary's Report. Motion carried.

#### ORDINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

President Carricato stated that Officer Rigatti is currently on vacation and also has been in the hospital. He therefore stated that there is no report. He presented a binder for Council's review that provides an activity log of what action Officer Rigatti has taken on complaints received. President Carricato stated that this binder can be inspected at the Police Dept.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Moliterno, to accept the Ordinance Officer's Report. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented and reviewed the following correspondence received and distributed to members of Council:

Exhibit 1-A: Julia Martine, Vandergrift Arts & Crafts Festival.

Subject: Request permission to use Kennedy Park on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
And Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Festival.

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

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

The Secretary presented a request from Bove Engineering to approve the submission of a  
PennVest Payment Request No. 6 in the amount \$708,189.53. He stated that this amount  
reflects 2A Construction Estimate No. 5 (Monzo) of \$240,231.60; 2B Construction Estimate No.  
5 (Johnston) of \$408,310.98; Engineering Estimate No. 7 of \$58,630.00 and Interim Interest  
Estimate No. 4 (Apollo Trust) of \$1,016.95.

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

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucien Bove presented Change Order No. 2-Phase 2B, reflecting an increase of the  
project in the amount of \$82,950.00. He also presented Change Order No. 1-Phase 2A in the  
amount of \$47,500.00. (See pages 3-A thru 3-C)

President Carricato stated that this amounts to a total of \$130,450.00, of which, is half of the  
contingency funds for this project of \$260,000.00. He stated that it is too early in the project to  
act on this matter.

Mrs. Wilson suggested the temporary use of cold patch on the brick streets.

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Moliterno, to postpone action on this  
matter at this time. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

**Vandergrift Improvement Program, Inc.**

P.O. Box 77, Vandergrift, PA 15690

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Website: <http://www.officialvandergrift.com>

A 501(c)3 non-profit organization

**Mission Statement**

The Vandergrift Improvement Program's (VIP) mission is to protect, preserve and restore the historic commercial district and improve the quality of life in Vandergrift.

August 4, 2014

TO: Vandergrift Council

FROM: Julia Martin

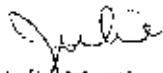
RE: Vandergrift Arts & Crafts Festival

Plans are well underway for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Arts Festival. As you know it was decided to have a two day event, Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The V.I.P. along with the Vandergrift Public Library is requesting permission to use Kennedy Park to host the event. We are also requesting permission to close the alley along the back of the park from the stage area to Walnut Street on Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>. This area will be used for the High School Chalk Walk competition.

Use of the stage and electric will be needed too. Vendors will be charged for electric and that fee will be in turn given to the Borough.

If you have any questions or are available to help at the festival please give me a call. I can be reached at 724-567-6762 work, or cell 724-640-6402.

Thank you for your consideration.



Julia Martin

And the Festival Committee

**BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY**  
**AMBRUST PROFESSIONAL BUILDING**  
**8201 ROUTE 819**  
**GREENSBURG, PA 15601**  
**PHONE: (724) 925-9269**  
**FAX: (724) 925-1216**

July 31, 2014

Vandergrift Borough Council  
109 Grant Avenue  
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

Attention: Steve Delle Donne, Secretary

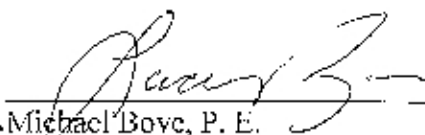
Reference: Change Orders needed to Provide  
Better Integrity for Brick Alleys Restoration  
Phase 2 - Combined Sewer Separation Project

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached please find change orders for which I am requesting Council approval regarding the brick restoration on streets and alleys in the above referenced project. From conditions observed during the excavations in the majority of the brick alleys and streets, we are strongly recommending the placement of concrete base under the bricks as per the original base bid item. If you recall we had options to save money which included minimizing the amount of 2A stone backfill and utilizing suitable excavated material, as well as eliminating the base course under the brick trench restoration work. We are still hoping to save enough money on other items to cover the cost of this increase, however, if it becomes absolutely necessary to utilize contingency funds, we still recommend that these change orders be approved.

With the subsurface conditions observed in the streets and alleys and the use of suitable excavated material, we believe the lack of a base under the bricks will result in unfavorable conditions and will not withstand the test of time; especially due to the garbage trucks. Evidence can be seen on most of the brick streets where the bricks are settled and heaved due to the heavy trucks. I am asking for these change orders to be approved by Council at the August 4, 2014 Council Meeting. We will be glad to answer any further questions at that time. Otherwise, please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding these change orders.

Sincerely,  
BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY

  
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for Michael Bove, P. E.

MB/ss

Attachments

VANDERGRIFF BOROUGH  
SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT - PHASE 2

Phase 2B - Change Order No. 2  
(PennVest Change No. 2)

*Contractor: Glenn Johnston, Inc.*

In order for the project to meet the funds available, we included Option A which reduces the amount of 2A modified stone backfill for the trenches to 18-inches. This option also eliminated the bituminous concrete base course for the trench restoration under brick streets and alleys. The 2A modified stone reduces from 100% to 18-inches. The savings obtained from the 2A modified stone reduction is very substantial. The brick restoration removal of the bituminous concrete base is not as considerable. For this reason it will be better to leave the brick trench restoration as it was originally proposed using the concrete base. Note that some savings may materialize with the reduction of some of the items of work in this project. However, I strongly recommend to keep the brick restoration to the original intent and install a base over the trench before the brick pavers are put in place.

This item which will include approximately 4,000 linear feet of restoration of trench on the brick streets or approximately 2370 square yards is estimated at \$82,950.00. The contingencies on this project will cover this cost. Taking the chance of not providing the base may jeopardize the integrity of the brick streets. From my experience and from analyzing the subsurface conditions on these streets and considering only 18 inches of 2A modified stone compacted over the trench may cause surface problems due to settlement over the dirt in the trench in the coming years. Checking the restoration of the trench done previously in the brick streets without a concrete base, the surface is very uneven and unsafe.

Item No.	Description	Quantity Change	Unit Price	Cost Change
QA-2	Brick surface restoration without concrete base	- 2,370 SY	\$ 75.00	- \$177,750.00
27	Brick surface restoration with concrete base	+ 2,370 SY	\$ 110.00	+ \$260,700.00
Net Change:				- \$ 82,950.00

*Recommended by:*

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Bove Engineering Company  
Michael Bove, P.E.

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Date

*Accepted by:*

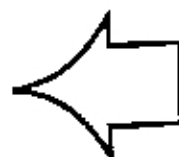
\_\_\_\_\_  
Glenn Johnston, Inc.  
General Contractor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Approved by:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vandergriфт Borough Council

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Date



VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH  
SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT - PHASE 2

Phase 2A - Change Order No. 1  
(PennVest Change No. 3)

*Contractor: R. A. Monzo Construction Co., Inc.*

In order for the project to meet the funds available, we included Option A which reduces the amount of 2A modified stone backfill for the trenches to 18-inches. This option also eliminated the bituminous concrete base course for the trench restoration under brick streets and alleys. The 2A modified stone reduces from 100% to 18-inches. The savings obtained from the 2A modified stone reduction is very substantial. The brick restoration removal of the bituminous concrete base is not as considerable. For this reason it will be better to leave the brick trench restoration as it was originally proposed using the concrete base. Note that some savings may materialize with the reduction of some of the items of work in this project. However, I strongly recommend to keep the brick restoration to the original intent and install a base over the trench before the brick pavers are put in place.

This item which will include approximately 4,000 linear feet of restoration of trench on the brick streets or approximately 2370 square yards is estimated at \$47,400.00. The contingencies on this project will cover this cost. Taking the chance of not providing the base may jeopardize the integrity of the brick streets. From my experience and from analyzing the subsurface conditions on these streets and considering only 18 inches of 2A modified stone compacted over the trench may cause surface problems due to settlement over the dirt in the trench in the coming years. Checking the restoration of the trench done previously in the brick streets without a concrete base, the surface is very uneven and unsafe.

Item No.	Description	Quantity Change	Unit Price	Cost Change
OA-2	Brick surface restoration without concrete base	- 2,370 SY	\$ 130.00	- \$308,100.00
29	Brick surface restoration with concrete base	- 2,370 SY	\$ 150.00	+ \$355,500.00
Net Change:				+ \$ 47,400.00

*Recommended by:*

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Bove Engineering Company  
Michael Bove, P.E.

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Date

*Accepted by:*

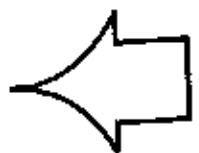
\_\_\_\_\_  
R. A. Monzo Construction Co., Inc.  
Ronald Monzo, Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

*Approved by:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Vandergrift Borough Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



Mrs. Wilson stated that Claudia & James Troiano, Harrison Ave., are concerned about the company supplying concrete for the sidewalk replacement work on their street. She stated that they are concerned that the concrete will not hold up and would deteriorate within a short time.

Engineer Bove stated that the concrete must meet PennDot specifications.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that the contractor will provide a two year maintenance bond, which should resolve these concerns.

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

#### BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

The Secretary stated that he has provided a budget request forms for the 2015 Budget to each committee chairperson. He requested that the budget request forms be completed and returned as soon as possible.

#### POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Moliterno stated that Sandra Shotts, 408 Hancock Avenue, has submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application. He stated that Ms. Shotts meets the criteria set forth in the Borough ordinance, and therefore, it is recommended that her application be approved.

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

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

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS:

No Report

#### TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported that the trimming and removal of various trees is progressing well. She also stated that she will be obtaining a price to remove the trees in the drainage ditch along boundary of East Vandergrift Borough.

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



#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Carricato reported that the grievance filed by one of the Borough's employee has been denied. He stated that details of this grievance cannot be discussed due to it being a personnel matter unless an executive session is held.

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

#### RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Collini informed Council that a "Movie in the Park" will be held this Friday and will be featuring the movie "Fast & Furious 6" He stated that the Vandergrift Library will handling the concession stand.

Mr. Collini also informed Council of the following events at Kennedy Park during the month of August:

1. August 10<sup>th</sup>- Concert in the Park.
2. August 17<sup>th</sup>- Festa Italiana-Vandergrift

In regards to the Vandergrift Pool, Mr. Collini stated the Committee is still obtaining estimates on performing certain repair work, such as resurfacing the pool.

President Carricato stated that the public believes there may be a chance that the pool will not open next year. He stated that the pool will definitely open next year.

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

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfido turned over a sub-division application from Jeffrey Horneman, PLS to Engineer Lucien Bove. (See page 5-A)

Solicitor Loperfido presented for adoption Resolution No. 3-2014, which repeals Resolution No. 2-2014. (See page 5-B & 5-C)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Moliterno, to adopt Resolution No. 3-2014. Motion carried.

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

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File Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meeting Date \_\_\_\_\_

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF - PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**151 LINCOLN AVENUE**  
**VANDERGRIFF, PA 15690**  
**(724) 567-7818**  
**(724) 568-3018 (Fax)**

**SUBDIVISION APPLICATION**

NOTICE TO APPLICANT: This is a preliminary document designed to assist the Vandergriff Borough Planning Commission in determining whether the action that you propose may, or is likely to have, effect on the environment. Please complete the entire form. Completion of this form does not relieve you of responsibility for providing any additional information that the Planning Commission may require.

Applicant Information

NAME Jeffrey A. Horneman, PLS  
 ADDRESS 1110 Dallas Avenue  
 CITY Notrons Heights STATE PA ZIP 15066  
 PHONE (412) 592-4125 FAX ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 CELLULAR ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ PAGER ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Property Owner Information

Donna P. Cappone, James F. Williams II, Richard G. Stefanik, Nicholas L. Stefanik,  
 NAME Richard E. Fraser, and Tara L. Chivvis Stefanik  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ 141 California Ave  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Fraser  
 PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ FAX ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ 127 California Ave  
 CELLULAR ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ PAGER ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Williams  
 126 Oregon Ave

All addresses  
 located in  
 Vandergriff, PA

Applicant's Interest in Subject Property Land Surveyor and Geodesist

Exact Location of Property Between California Avenue and Oregon Avenue (paper allow)

Present Use of Subject Property Forestland, residential (awn)

Present Zoning of Subject Property R1 (Residential, One Family Dwellings)

Size of Subject Property 16,800 sq. ft. (0.381 acres) - Vacated paper allow

Acres to be Developed 0.381 acres to be subdivided for addition to existing lots

REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA OF \_\_\_\_\_

## RESOLUTION 3 OF 2014

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA REPEALING RESOLUTION 2 OF 2014 AND AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES ASSOCIATED WITH ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2004 RELATING TO HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACE IN THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF PURSUANT TO SECTION 3354 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA MOTOR VEHICLE CODE

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergriff ordained and enacted Ordinance No. 4 of 2004 on July 12, 2004 establishing a method and fees for the implementation of handicapped parking spaces in the Borough of Vandergriff; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergriff amended fees pursuant to Resolution 2 of 2014 associated with Ordinance 5 of 2001, a predecessor to Ordinance 4 of 2004 and incorrectly applied a repealed Ordinance for the basis for the amended fees;

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergriff does hereby repeal Resolution 2 of 2014 and ordain and enact the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the fees pursuant to Section II, Subsection 1(B) of Ordinance No. 4 of 2004 are hereby amended as follows:

- B. The completed application shall be returned to the Chief of Police, with all necessary portions of the application complete with a check in the appropriate amount subject to the following schedule:
  - 1. Initial application for non-metered parking spaces - \$150.00;
  - 2. Initial application for metered parking spaces - \$150.00;

RESOLVED, the fees pursuant to Section II, Article 2, Renewal Provisions (D) Renewal Costs is hereby amended as follows:

2(D). Renewal Costs:

- i. For non-metered parking spaces - \$100.00; For metered parking spaces - \$120.00
- ii. For second sign on two-way parking street, additional cost added for both metered and non-metered parking space - \$100.00.

- iii. Borough Council may, from time to time, amend the above fees by resolution.

I, Stephen J. DellaDonne, duly qualified Secretary of the Borough of Vandergrift, Westmoreland County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by majority vote of the Borough of Vandergrift at a regular meeting held on August 4, 2014

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Vandergrift this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF**

By:

BRIAN J. CARRICATO, Council President

ATTEST:

STEPHEN J. DELLADONNE. (SEAL)  
Borough Secretary

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

RECESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. Wilson, to recess the meeting until Monday, August 18, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving and opening bids for the street reconstruction at various streets using CDBG funds. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 8:12 p.m.