

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT  
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL  
JULY 5, 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	

At this time, President Carricato ask for a moment of silence in behalf of the recent death of Brenton Miller, a member of the Vandergrift Street & Sanitation Department.

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the June 5, 2017 meeting were approved, as corrected, by motion of Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciallo. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Della Burke, 1248 Kepple Avenue, Vandergrift, representing the Residents Against Illicit Drugs (R.A.I.D.), invited members of Council to attend a meeting at the Apollo Assembly of God

on July 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. She explained that the purpose of said meeting to bring about a pro-active solution to the drug dependency problems in our communities.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, stated that his sister is trying to have her house painted but the neighbor is not allowing her permission to have anyone on the neighbor's property. He questioned what can be done.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that the adjourning property owner has the right to restrict anyone to use a right-a-way on his/her property.

Debbie Raschiatore, 241 McKinley Ave., East Vandergrift, stated that she is interested in moving into the Borough, but questioned if the Borough has an ordinance prohibiting one from having a pot-belly pig pet.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that Council does not have the ability to modify the current ordinance prohibiting one from having pigs.

Ashley Hannigan, 216 Holmes Street, requested Council to look into the situation at the corner of Wallace and 29<sup>th</sup> Street whereby a tree needs trimmed to allow a better visibility for vehicles.

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

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No Report

#### CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

No Report

#### COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented and read a letter from Kyle Harris, president of the Kiski Valley Lancers requesting use of Kennedy Park for their football cheerleading and football practices. (See page 2-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to approve the aforementioned request and that the KVL is to work with the Recreation Committee. Motion carried.



Kiski Valley Lancers  
126 Lafayette Street  
Vandergrift, PA 15690



Exhibit 1-17

June 28, 2017

To the Council of Vandergrift Borough,

On behalf of the officers of the Kiski Valley Lancers Youth Football Organization (KVL), I would like to request permission for the use of Kennedy Park for football and cheerleading practices this football season. Practices begin July 24, 2017 and run through early November.

Practices are held Monday through Friday from approximately 5:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. As KVL has done in years prior, we will make the necessary changes in order to accommodate special events that are held at the park.

Your support of KVL is very much appreciated. Should you have any questions or need any additional information please contact me at (724) 980-7124.

Thank you,

Kyle Harris,  
President, KVL

#### REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

#### SPECIAL BILLS:

None

#### STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciallo stated that he will need an employee to replace the loss of Brent Miller. He therefore requested Council to advertise for the employment of a "General Laborer" with a valid CDL driver's license.

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

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

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucien Bove provide the Borough with a copy of the 2017 DCED Multimodal Transportation Fund Program Grant Application for street improvement project in the Borough.

Mr. Bove also submitted copies of his reports on unsafe properties within the Borough.

Mr. Bove reported that the sewer repair project on Michigan Avenue has begun.

Mr. Bove stated that he has spoken to Tim Joyce of Senator Brewster's office regarding the submission of a waiver to MS4 requirement be DEP. Mr. Joyce stated that he had spoken to a representative of the DEP, of whom indicated that the regional office will make the final call. Mr. Bove stated that the outcome does not appear very promising.

Solicitor Loperfido recommended that procedures with the adoption of the appropriate ordinances regarding the aforementioned matter commence as soon as possible.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the steps at 124 East Madison are cracked and need repaired. She stated that this followed the work during the sewer separation project. She recommended that the Engineer contact Glenn Johnston, the contractor at this site.

President Carricato recommended that the Engineer proceed with this request before the contractor's maintenance bond expires.

Mr. Bove reported that the flow monitoring project by the K.V.W.P.C.A has been completed. He stated that the results may come within a month.

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

#### BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

#### POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

President Carricato presented the following for Council's approval:

Justin Reed has resigned as a part-time police officer due to obtaining a full-time police position.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciullo, to accept Mr. Reed's resignation from the Vandergrift Police Department. Motion carried.

Lorraine Poleski, 914 Howell Street, submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application. With Ms. Poleski meeting the requirements of the ordinance, it is being recommended that her application be approved.

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

Alma Pearson, 424 Emerson Street, submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application. With Ms. Pearson meeting the requirements of the ordinance, it is being recommended that her application be approve. Motion carried.

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

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

No Report

#### TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Carricato stated that an executive session is need to discuss a personnel and litigation matter.

RECREATION REPORT:

No Report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfido stated that the Vandergrift Planning Commission has approved the Borough's application for a DCED Multimodal Transportation Grant Application.

Solicitor Loperfido requested an executive session of Council for the purpose of discussing a personnel and a litigation matter. He request that the Chief of Police be present.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

At 7:28 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to hold an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel and a litigation matter. Motion carried.

At 8:00 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Wilson, to return to the regular order of business, and to state that no action was taken during the execution session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.