

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF  
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFF COUNCIL

May 5, 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	Vernon Sciuillo
Brian Carricato	Christine Wilson
James Rametta	Kathleen Chvala
Frank Moliterno	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Louis Purificato, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfido, Solicitor	Jackie Vigna, Ass't. Secretary
Michael Bove & Lucia Bove, Engineers	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 3, 2014 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Chvala. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Vince Marcilli, Walnut Street, addressed Council in regards to his building at the corner of Walnut & Poplar Streets. He requested more time to make repairs due to a delay in obtaining an architect and the forecast of bad weather this summer.

President Carricato stated that Mr. Marcilli has been given ample time to make the necessary repairs, and to date, has not done anything.

Solicitor Loperfido advised Mr. Marcilli that he must act now on making the necessary repairs. He stated that the structure has been deemed unsafe and a safety hazard and action must be taken to correct this situation or Council will move forward to take legal action that may be deemed necessary.

Paul Maynered, 305 Poplar Street, addressed Council in regards to the pot holes on his street.

Mr. Sciuillo stated that the Borough crew is patching areas in town everyday.

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

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented a request from the Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Department to exonerate taxes regarding the property purchase by the Department from USX.

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

The Secretary presented a letter from Bert Getto, assistant deputy director of the Westmoreland County Planning Department, in regards to whether the Borough wishes to participate the County's Community Development Block Grant Program for the fiscal years 2015-2017. (See page 2-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mr. Collini, to continue to participate with the aforementioned County program for the fiscal years 2015-2017. Motion carried.

Julie Martine, V.I.P., informed Council that the PA. Hero Walk will be held at the end of June. She also stated that Arts & Grafts will be held the last weekend of September.

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

#### ORDINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

No Report

R. Tyler Courtney  
Commissioner

Charles W. Anderson  
Chairman

2-A  
Ted Kopas  
Commissioner

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April 29, 2014

RE: Urban County Qualifications and Requirements-  
Community Development Block Grant Program;  
Fiscal Years 2015 - 2017

Dear Municipal Officials:

In order for Westmoreland County to continue to qualify as an Urban County and in accordance with HUD regulations, we are notifying each unit of government of its options regarding funding through the Community Development Block Grant program for Fiscal Years 2015 – 2017. Those communities that opted-out of the County's Community Development Program three years ago did so for Fiscal Years 2012 – 2014. All municipalities must now make a new decision for the upcoming three (3) year period.

You have the option of either withdrawing or not withdrawing from the County's Community Development Block Grant Program. In considering your options, please keep in mind that if your municipality elects to withdraw from the County's program, the municipality cannot be the beneficiary of any County CDBG funds for a three (3) year period (Fiscal Years 2015, 2016 and 2017).

Conversely, if you choose to be included in the County's program, you cannot apply for Community Development funds under the State CDBG Program for the same three (3) year period. In order to determine if your community would benefit from being included in the State CDBG Program, you need to contact the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). If you desire to contact the DCED for information on the State program, we can provide the appropriate information.

In addition, if your municipality chooses to be included in the County's program, you will be a participant in the HOME Investment Partnership program, a separate federal program which focuses on housing. Your municipality may not participate in a consortium under the HOME program except through Westmoreland County. This does not mean that your municipality will automatically receive HOME program funds, but that you would be eligible for HOME funded projects to be located in your community.

If you want to continue to be a participant in the County's program, you don't need to take any action or respond to this letter. If you choose to not participate in the County's program, you must inform both the County and the HUD Pittsburgh Area Office (William S. Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4004) no later than May 23, 2014. This notice must be in writing and be signed by the Chief Executive Officer.

If there are any questions, please contact this office at 724-830-3650 if the municipality has any questions concerning these requirements.

Sincerely,

Bert Getto  
Assistant Deputy Director

#### COMMUNICATION & CORRESPONDENCE:

Exhibit 1-A: John DiCola, president Festa Italiana di Vandergrift.

Subject: Request use of Kennedy Park from August 12th thru August 19<sup>th</sup>,  
And to make Jackson & Kennedy Park one-way.

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

#### REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

#### SPECIAL BILLS:

The Secretary presented a request from Bove Engineering Company to approve the submission of a PennVest Request Payment No. 3 in the amount of \$373,536.49. He stated that this amount reflects 2A Construction Estimate No. 2 (Monzo) of \$138,979.12; 2B Construction Estimate No. 2 (Johnston) of \$191,656.54; Engineering Estimate No. 4 of \$42,650.00 and interim interest Estimate No. 1 of \$250.83.00.

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

#### STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

No Report

#### ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Michael Bove reported that the Sewer Separation 2-A Project is going well.

Mr. Bove reported on the deterioration of the retaining wall along 9<sup>th</sup> Street, located between the No. 1 Fire Department and Dunmire-Kerr. He stated that area is being undermined. He stated that the Borough Crew has sealed the area and appears to be holding up to date. He also stated that a weight limit should be placed on this street.

Mrs. Wilson stated that "No Dumping" signs should be erected. She stated that people are continuing to dumping grass cuttings over the hill.

Solicitor Loperfito recommended that the Borough Engineer perform a study on this situation.



# ***Festa Italiana di Vandergrift***



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May 5, 2014

To Borough of Vandergrift Council,

The Festa Italiana di Vandergrift is requesting the use of Kennedy Park for our Festival on Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. We request the use of the field from Tuesday August 12<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> for setup and cleanup.

We are also requesting turning Jackson Avenue into a one-way street from 24<sup>th</sup> Street to Walnut Street and Kennedy Drive one way from Walnut Street to 24<sup>th</sup> Street. This is similar to what we have requested for past Festivals.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me at the information below.

Thanks!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John DiCola".

John DiCola  
President  
(724) 681-4786

In regards to the on-going sewer separation, Engineer Bove stated that there are a couple of homes where the existing sewer line runs under the houses. He stated that he has ask the contractor to install a sectional lining, rather than install a new sewer line. He explained that this may require a changer order in the project.

President Carricato cautioned the Engineer in regards to exhausting the contingency funds of this project.

Engineer Bove reported that he will be looking into the problem of water getting to the basement of a home located on the 400 block of Longfellow Street.

Engineer Bove reported that Glenn Johnston, contractor for Phase 2-B, will have everything cleaned up around Davis Field in order for the Kiski to have a graduation ceremony at the field.

Mr. Moliterno questioned whether Monzo Construction will be replacing the bricks in areas of work being done.

Mrs. Wilson stated that all restoration work on brick streets will be done by replacing the bricks that were removed.

Mr. Collini questioned if anything is going to be done regarding the sidewalks sinking along Franklin Avenue, from 508-512 Franklin Avenue.

Mr. Sciullo stated that it appears that Fouse Construction had not properly tied the downspouts from residents in this area.

Engineer Bove stated that a storm drain will need to be installed to capture the water from downspouts.

Solicitor Loperfito recommended that pictures are taken to illustrate the shabby work done be Fouse Construction.

Mr. Collini questioned what the markings on the other side of the 500 block of Franklin are for.

Engineer Bove stated that marked for inspection stacks.

Engineer Lucien Bove informed Council that remediation work will be done at the property located on the corner of Hancock & Longfellow, presently owned by Edward Solomon. He stated that the company doing this work is questioning the cost of a sewer tap in order to discharge drainage from said property.

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:

Chairperson Moliterno informed Council that John Hanson, a part-time officer for Vandergrift Police Department, has given the Chief of Police a verbal resignation effective May 5, 2014. He stated that Mr. Hanson has found full-time employment elsewhere.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to accept Mr. Hanson's resignation. Motion carried.

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

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Chairperson Rameta reported that he had order three (3) emergency lights and batteries for the Police Station. He stated that the old lights failed to work during the recent power outage to the building.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Sciallo, to accept the Building & Grounds Report. Motion carried.

#### TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

#### RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Collini stated that his Committee is recommending the hiring of Haley Klaric as the manager of Vandergrift Pool, and Mark Newingham as the assistant manager.

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

Mr. Collini stated that preparation work to get the pool open this season is going slow to the inclement weather. He stated that there was a work party last weekend at the pool.

Mr. Collini stated that the backflow valve at the pool will need replaced. He also stated that the Committee is working on hiring lifeguards for this season.

Mr. Collini thank Mr. Sciallo and the Borough Crew for work done on the playgrounds.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to accept the Recreation Report. Motion carried.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfido presented Ordinance No. 2-2014 for adoption, which amends Ordinance No. 3-2004 establishing updated fees regarding to licensing and inspections of rental units.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciallo, to adopt Ordinance No. 2-2014. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfido presented Ordinance No. 4-2014 for adoption, which amends Ordinance No. 4-2012 regarding conduct and activity of occupant/tenents rental units.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to adopt Ordinance No. 4-2014. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfido presented Ordinance No. 5-2014 for adoption, which establishes a community development fee and regulates collection and disbursement of fees.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciallo, to adopt Ordinance No. 5-2014. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfido presented Ordinance No. 6-2014 for adoption, which establishes sewer service rates and fees.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to adopt Ordinance No. 6-2014. Motion carried.

(Copies of all aforementioned ordinances are available at the Secretary's Office.)

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he will require an executive session of Council for the purpose discussing personnel matters.

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

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:



Mrs. Wilson recommended that Council appoint Sherry Garzulis to the Vandergrift Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciullo, to approve the aforementioned appointment. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Wilson stated that she has received complaints regarding the condition of Delaware Street.

Mr. Rametta stated that there other streets in town that are in worse condition.

At 7:59 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to hold an executive session of Council for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion carried.

At 8:10 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Sciullo, to return to the regular order of business, and to state that no action of Council was taken during the executive session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Sciullo, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.