

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFF COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 6, 2017

The Council of the Borough of Vandergriff 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	James Rametta
Brian Carricato	Christine Wilson
Lenny Collini	Frank Moliterno
Vernon Sciallo	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Rametta. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Jim Williams, 121-126 Oregon Avenue, informed Council that the water company has paved the area that was worked on. He also questioned when Oregon Avenue will be paved.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the Council has applied for a Community Development Block Grant from the County for a street reconstruction project for 2018, of which, includes Oregon Avenue.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, stated that he would like to have the street sweeper used on Lowell Street due to the work being done by the water company.

Mr. Sciullo stated that the water company is make all necessary repairs and cleanup of the street when the new water line project is completed.

Julie Martin, V.I.P., informed Council that Mayor Louis Purificato will be the Grand Marshall at the "Light-up Vandergrift Christmas Parade in recognition of his years of service as a police officer and mayor.

Pete Basile, 159 Jefferson Avenue, questioned why the street sweeper has not been used lately.

Mr. Sciullo stated that the sweeper has not been used due a lack of man power.

Frank Soucheck, 191 Washington Avenue, stated that the garage at 113 West Adams is in bad shape and should be torn down.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that the owner has walked away from the property and is presently sitting on the tax sale list. However, he stated that he make contact with the owner about this matter.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, 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 the following correspondence received:

Exhibit 1-A: Nadine Artman, Secretary Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Department.

Subject: Request use of Kennedy Park and Stage for Sunday, September 9, 2018, for the 3rd Annual Paws & Claws Festival.

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

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

President Carricato stated that Larry Laurinatis, 127 Sumner Avenue, has submitted a Persons with Disability Parking Place application. He stated that Mr. Laurinatis does meet the criteria set forth in the ordinance and the Committee is recommending that this application be granted.

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

President Carricato stated that Peter Basile has submitted a letter of resignation for his position as a part-time police officer with the Vandergrift Police Department.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to accept Mr. Basile's letter of resignation effective November 6, 2017. Motion carried.

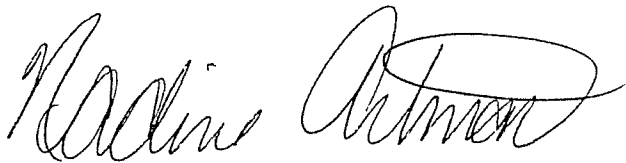
A motion was made to accept Kim Shirey's resignation from her position as a full-time school crossing guard, effective November 6, 2017. Motion carried.

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Dear Council,

TinyCause and Vandergrift Fire Department # 2 would like to request use of the field and stage at Kennedy park on Sunday September 9th 2018 for our 3rd annual Paws and Claws Festival. We have all of the proper insurance coverage. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with this annual event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nadine Artman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Nadine Artman

Secretary

Vandergrift Fire Dept. No. 2

October 11, 2017

Chief Joseph Caporali

Vandergrift Police Department

109 Grant Avenue

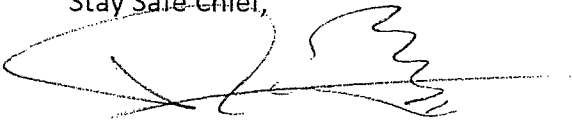
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Chief Caporali,

It is with great regret that I must inform you of my resignation from the Vandergrift Police Department, effective immediately. It has truly been a very enjoyable tenure serving the people of Vandergrift for thirty plus years as a part-time officer. Unfortunately, the new direction my life is taking no longer permits me to stay on the schedule within the department.

Thank you for the many years of guidance and for giving me the opportunity to work in one of the greatest towns in America.

Stay Safe Chief,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pete Basile', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Pete Basile

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported that all the tree removal and trimming for this year has been completed. She stated that one existing stump still needs to be removed.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Collini reported that the pool is closed and winterized for the season. He also stated that fence work at the tennis courts is completed that will allow the use of deck hockey.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfido presented a new Application for Certification of Occupancy for the Borough's inspector. He also stated that he will provide an informational packet to those requesting a Municipal Lien Letter.

Solicitor Loperfido presented Ordinance No. 2-2017, which amends Ordinance No. 1-2016 for the purpose of amending the tap fee to include the enhanced tap fee by the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority, from \$625.00 per tap to \$740.00 per tap, effective January 1, 2018.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to direct the Solicitor to advertise said ordinance for adoption at the December 4th meeting. Motion carried.

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

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF
ORDINANCE 2 of 2017**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2016 TO PROVIDE FOR AN ENHANCED TAP FEE AS A RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN THE TAPPING FEE-CAPACITY PORTION AS ASSESSED BY THE KISKI VALLEY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift adopted Ordinance No. 2 of 2007 on the 2nd day of April, 2007 which established a tap connection fee of \$4,840.00 for each building or structure to be connected to the public sanitary sewer system of the Borough of Vandergrift; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2 of 2007 provided that the Borough reserves the right, from time to time hereafter, to amend any and all taps fees and/or inspection fees as it deems necessary to permit the tap into the Borough or its designated authorities sanitary sewer system; and,

WHEREAS, the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority, under and through their power as a Municipal Authority and Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted a Tapping Fee – Capacity Portion Fee to be added to sewer tap fees of the 13 Member Communities of which the Borough of Vandergrift acknowledges membership; and,

WHEREAS, the Tapping Fee – Capacity Portion Fee established by the Board of Directors of Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority on the 19th day of August, 2015 as established at \$510.00 per tap;

WHEREAS, the Tapping Fee – Capacity Portion Fee has been amended by the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority by Resolution dated October 18, 2017 and established at \$740.00 per tap;

WHEREAS, the Borough enacts this Ordinance pursuant to the powers granted by the Borough Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 8 Pa.C.S. §101, et seq.

NOW THEREFORE, intending to be legally bound, the Borough Council of the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby ORDAIN AND ENACT the following:

SECTION I(B) – PERMIT FOR CONNECTION

The provisions of Section I(B) of Ordinance 1 of 2016, Permit for Connection, is hereby repealed and replaced with the following section:

SECTION I – PERMIT FOR CONNECTION

B. At the time of application, the applicant shall pay the Borough of Vandergrift, or its designated agent or authority, the required tap connection fee of \$5,580.00 for each building or structure to be connected, per tap, to the aforementioned public sanitary sewer system within

the Borough of Vandergrift. This tapping fee shall include therewith a tapping fee – capacity portion as levied by the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority by Resolution dated October 18, 2017 in the amount of \$740.00, effective as of January 1, 2018 and until amended thereafter by further Resolution of the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority. The Borough shall remit, concurrently with issuance of the tap permit, the sum of \$740.00 per tap to the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority, effective January 1, 2018.

SECTION II – REPEALER

This Ordinance repeals, in part, Section 1 of Ordinance 1 of 2016 and replaces the same with the language as set forth in this Ordinance. All remaining parts and portions of Ordinance 1 of 2016 not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III – SEVERABILITY

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid part or portion shall be removed and shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared that it is the intent of the Borough of Vandergrift that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herewith.

SECTION IV – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT THIS 4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

BY: _____
BRIAN J. CARRICATO
Council President

ATTEST:

STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE
Borough Secretary

APPROVED:

LOUIS E. PURIFICATO
Mayor

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Wilson stated that the water company has caused damage to some of the new curbing on Lowell Street. She stated that the water company should make the necessary repairs when the project is completed.

President Carricato stated that he has already discussed this matter with Tom Ceraso of the Municipal Authority of Westmoreland.

Mrs. Wilson stated that since the water company is including the 100 block of Lowell Street for the water line replacement project, she suggested the placement of a fire hydrant at the intersection of Lowell & 28th Streets.

At this time, Mrs. Chvala handed out to members of Council copies of the proposed 2018 budget of the Vandergrift Borough. She requested that Council recess this meeting until Monday, November 13, 2017, beginning at 7:00 pm., so that members have an opportunity to review the proposed 2018 budget.

RECESS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mrs. Wilson, to recess the meeting until Monday, November 13, 2017, beginning at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of presenting and approving the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2018. Motion carried.

The meeting was recessed at 7:20 p.m.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFF

RECESSED MEETING OF NOVEMBER 6, 2017

NOVEMBER 13, 2017

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vernon Sciuillo	Kathleen Chvala
Lenny Collini	James Rametta
Christine Wilson	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Stephen DelleDone, Borough Secretary

PURPOSE OF RECESSED MEETING:

Vice President Sciuillo stated that the purpose of the recessed meeting is to present the proposed budget of the Borough of Vandergriff for the fiscal year, 2018. He therefore, turned the meeting over to Mrs. Chvala, Budget & Finance Chairperson.

Mrs. Chvala and the Borough Secretary presented and reviewed the contents of the proposed General Fund Budget, the Special State Aid Budget, and the Park & Pool Budget for the fiscal year, 2018:

1. General Fund Budget	-	\$2,361,905.00
2. Park & Pool Budget	-	103,274.00
3. State Aid Budget	-	<u>259,910.00</u>
4. Total	-	\$2,725,089.00

Mrs. Chvala stated that the tax rate for 2018 will remain at 28 mills. She also stated that an increase of \$2.00 per month will be assessed for the collection and disposal of municipal waste and recyclables.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to increase the refuse collection fee \$2.00 per month, therefore setting the quarterly bill from \$72.00 to \$78.00. Motion carried.

With no objections or comments on the proposed budgets, a motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Collini, to advertise the proposed 2018 Budgets of the Vandergrift Borough for public inspection until 3:30 pm, December 4, 2017. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to eliminate the tagging of meter streets, from November 24th thru January 1, 2018, for the holiday season. 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 7:28 p.m

