

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 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:

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| Kathleen Chvala | Vernon Sciuillo |
| Brian Carricato | Christine Wilson |
| Lenny Collini | |

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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| Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary | |
| Larry Loperfido, Solicitor | Theresa Geltz- Asst. Secretary |
| Lucian Bove, Engineer | |

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the August 7, 2017 meeting were approved, as corrected, by motion of Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Jenny Hoculock, 110 East Madison Avenue; Sheila Sciuillo, 325 Hancock Avenue; and Chris Tutchstone, 327 Hancock Avenue, addressed Council in regards to the deplorable condition of the house located at 110 East Madison Avenue. Their complaints were as follows: trash on porch along with indoor furniture, dog feces in and outside the house, concern of the vicious dogs at the residence, and the strong odor emanating from the house.

President Carricato instructed Officer Rigatti to begin the process of issuing citations for each offense.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that the Borough will be proactive regarding this matter.

Ashley Hannigan, No. 1 Fire Department, requested permission to use the Franklin Avenue Park on Friday, October 13th, from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm for a fund-raising event. (See page 2-A)

Jim Williams, 121-127 Oregon Avenue, requested that Council do something about the huge hold in front of his driveway.

Mrs. Wilson stated that she would have the Borough crew repair this problem with cold patch.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, requested Council to cut the vegetation along 600 Block of Wallace Street. He suggested that the Borough spray this area.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, 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 reviewed the following correspondence:

Exhibit 1-A: Darrin J. Zacklene, RECO.

Subject: Request to have a boot drive on Friday, September 15th, from 4:00 pm to dusk.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Wilson, to delay action on this request due to requirement of PennDot which requires that solicitations on state roads obtain a First responder Solicitation Permit; and that this matter be turned over to the General

2-A

Vandergrift Fire Dept. No. 1
278 Franklin Ave., P.O. Box 6
Vandergrift, PA 15690
724-567-7171



Randy Dunmire, Chief

September 5th, 2017

Dear Vandergrift Council Members:

As the chairperson for our fundraising committee our department is seeking permission to use the Franklin Ave park on Friday, October 13th from 6pm-11pm. We are still in the planning phase, but would like consent to close Franklin Ave for safety reasons between East Adams Ave to Washington Ave from 4:30pm until midnight for said event. This will not interrupt the school bus traffic. We will be having a band, food trucks, and a beer trailer. Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to reach out to me at 724-681-0228 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Ashleigh Hannigan
Assistant Treasurer
Fundraising Chairperson

**RAINBOW EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS
& OPERATIONS, INC.**

Exh. b.1 1-A

**1013 Howell Street
Vandergrift, PA 15690**

Phone: 724-448-6896

August 24, 2017

Dear Members of Vandergrift Borough Council:

Rainbow Emergency Communications & Operations, Inc., otherwise known as RECO, which is a volunteer organization, does the traffic control for the Memorial Day and Christmas parades in Vandergrift, and assists the police and fire departments when requested for traffic control.

We are requesting permission to do a Boot Drive on Friday, September 15th, from 4:00 PM to dusk. In case of inclement weather, it will be held on Saturday, September 16th, 2017. This is a fundraising event to help with our yearly expenses. If permitted, please contact Darrin Zacklene, Chief of RECO, at (724) 448-6896. Our mailing address is 1013 Howell Street, Vandergrift, PA 15690.

Thank You for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Darrin J. Zacklene
Chief, RECO

Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Sciallo, to approve the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department's request to use Franklin Playground area for a fundraiser, as presented. Motion carried.

REGULAR AND 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:

Chairperson Sciallo reported that the Committee met and interviewed individuals who applied for the labor position to the Street & Sanitation Department. He stated that the Committee is recommending the hiring of Robert J. Dynka, 508 ½ Lowell Street, with a start date of October 2, 2017. He stated that Mr. Dynka is a certified diesel mechanic and holds a Class A driver's license.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to approve the aforementioned hiring of Robert J. Dynka as labor on the Street & Sanitation Department, with a start date of October 2, 2017. Motion carried.

Mr. Sciallo requested the Borough Engineer to contact the gas company to resurface 3rd Street due to the gas company opening the street for the purpose of installing gas line.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucien Bove stated that the Kiski Youth Center, located on Spruce Street, is requested permission to provide a handicap ramp to their building in order to make it ADA accessible. He presented a blueprint showing the ramp extending out on to the sidewalk.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that this appears to be obstruction from the building, and therefore, recommended that the organization apply for a zoning variance from the Zoning Board.

Engineer Bove stated that Mr. Sciullo has requested him to look into alternative roof applications to the Borough Maintenance Building. He stated the existing rubber roof is over 20 years old and the seams of the rubber roof are leaking.

Mr. Sciullo stated that he is looking into a pitched metal roof.

Engineer Bove informed Council that he has submitted the MS4 and MS4 Waiver applications to the Department of Environment Protection. (Copy is available at the Secretary's Office)

Engineer Bove stated that he is recommending obtaining the service of the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority to clean and vacuum various catch basins at a cost \$230.00 per hour, with a minimum 2 hour guaranty.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

Chairperson Chvala requested all committee chairpersons to submit their 2017 budget forms to the Secretary as soon as possible.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Collini, to accept the Budget & Finance Report. Motion carried.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

A motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to accept the resignations of Janet Snyder and Stacey Dayen as full-time school crossing guards. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciullo, to hire Kimberly Shirey to the position of a full-time school crossing guard. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to hire Deborah Sterosky to the position of a full-time school crossing guard. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, 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 the 2017 tree removal and trimming has come to an end. She stated that she will carry those trees not completed this year into next year. She stated that she had to spend \$800.00 on Hancock Avenue due to a tree falling on to the electric wires.

Mrs. Wilson stated that money remaining in her budget will be used for any emergency arising from now to the end of the year.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

President Carricato informed Council that a meeting was held in the Solicitor's office regarding the Milhalko properties: Anchor Building, J.T.Petrosky Building on Washington and the apartments located on Linden & Beech Streets. He stated that the Borough is looking to acquire these properties, with the assistance of the County Land Bank.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Collini reported that the pool is closed for the season. He stated that work will begin to closing and winterizing the pool.

Mr. Collini stated that the Committee met for the purpose of reviewing plans regarding the tennis court area.

President Carricato stated that the Committee plans to repair the outside fencing of the tennis courts. He stated that a new fence will be installed between court 3 & 4, for the purpose of dividing the area for deck hockey and tennis. He stated that this will cost approximately \$4,000, of which will be funded from the Special Revenue Fund.

Mr. Carricato stated that once these improvements are completed, the Committee plans to approach the Pittsburgh Penguin's Organization for additional funding.

Mr. Carricato stated that through donations from Anthony Guerrera and Tim Toy, plans are to provide volleyball court area.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the funding of the aforementioned plans to the tennis courts to be paid from the Special Revenue Fund at an estimated cost of \$4,000. Motion carried.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfido reported that he has prepared lease agreements between the Borough and Vandergrift No. 1 & No. 2 Fire Departments. He stated that this was a recommendation of the Borough's insurance company. He requested that the Borough Secretary give said agreements to Mr. Rametta for his review and approval.

Solicitor Loperfido requested Council to call an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

At 8:30 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, second by Mrs. Chvala, to call an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Motion carried.

At 9:02 pm, a motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to return to the regular order of business, and that no action of Council was taken during the executive session. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.