

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

DATE: November 1, 2021

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm, with President Chvala presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

ROLL CALL:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Lenny Collini	Thomas Holmes
Christine Wilson	Karen McClarnon
Kathleen Chvala	John Uskuraitis
Casimer Maszgay	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Barbara Turiak, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfito, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF VALOR AWARDS TO POLICE & FIREMEN

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. October 5, 2021.

VISITORS: (3 minute limitation per commenter)

OPENING OF BIDS:

- 1.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

1. Execute agreement for limited waiver of Lease Terms: Borough & Casino Theater.
2. Adopt Resolution No. 5-2021.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. 4-Hearings at Magistrate's office.
2. Requesting \$300.00 to cut grass & weeds at 121 Lowell St.
3. Issued 21 violation notices.

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

1. John Peck, District Attorney-Resolution request for \$24,992.14 funds for the Vandergrif Police Department.
2. Robert Buchanan, Illusion Brewing Co.-Matters regarding expanding their business;

APPROVE REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

1. Zack Buttera has completed his 90 day probation.
2. Cut up and removed 2 trees on Cluster Ave. damaged and split from a storm. There is one other tree on Custer Avenue that is damaged and split from the storm that needs to be removed.
3. M.A.W.C. has completed concrete work on Linden Street and is scheduled to reopen on Monday, November 2, 2021.
4. Remember to residents: No garbage cans will be picked up if the weight is over 50 lbs.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

1. See attached.

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

1. Monthly budget report.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

1. Resignation of Full-time school crossing guard.
2. Hiring of Full-time school crossing guard.
3. Hiring of substitute school crossing guard.
4. Hiring of Part-time Police officer.
5. Handicap parking request-116 Linden St.
6. Discuss truck traffic in the Park Plan.

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

- 1.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

1. Removal of dangerous tree, planting for next year, and performed some trimming.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

1. No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

1. Explanation of pending pool grant-Greenways, Trails & Recreation Grant.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1. No Report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Uskuaritis- questions on tree expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMENTS –QUESTIONS FROM VISITORS:

ADJOURNMENT:

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
RESOLUTION NO. 5-2021

WHEREAS, investigations by the Westmoreland County Office of District Attorney (District Attorney) and various Westmoreland County Municipal Police Departments have resulted in the seizure of United States currency from drug traffickers; and

WHEREAS, certain sums of money seized from drug traffickers have been forfeited to the District Attorney's Investigative Fund No. 2; and

WHEREAS, proceeds of property forfeited may be distributed for the enforcement of the provisions of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, & Cosmetic Act; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift has requested funding for computers and computer related equipment for the Borough of Vandergrift Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the District Attorney intends to distribute **TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS AND FOURTEEN CENTS (\$24,992.14)** to the Borough of Vandergrift for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Controlled Substance, Drug, Device, and Cosmetic Act by funding the purchase of computers and related computer equipment for the Borough of Vandergrift Police Department if the Borough of Vandergrift agrees to the following conditions;

- (1) The Borough of Vandergrift hereby agrees to deposit into a Borough account the above said sum;

- (2) The Borough of Vandergrift hereby agrees to maintain an accurate record of all sums expended so that an annual audit may be conducted;
- (3) The Borough of Vandergrift hereby agrees to expend such sums only for the purchase of computers and related computer equipment as set forth in the attachments from Tough Rugged Laptops, Bill's Computer Repair & More, L-Tron Corporation and Informant Technologies.
- (4) The Borough of Vandergrift hereby agrees to provide an audit of the disbursements of the account on a yearly basis, if requested.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, it is hereby resolved by the Borough of Vandergrift that the Borough of Vandergrift hereby agrees to accept the sum of **TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED NINETY TWO DOLLARS AND FOURTEEN CENTS (\$24,992.14)** from the District Attorney and agrees to accept said sum upon the above stated conditions.

Resolved this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Borough of Vandergrift

KATHLEEN CHVALA, Council President

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Secretary

Michael Bove, PE, PLS, SEO, STPO
President Emeritus & Founder

Emil Bove, PLS, SEO, EIT
President

Lucien Bove, PE, CBSI
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October 27, 2021

Vandergrift Borough Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

Attention: Stephan DelleDonne, Borough Secretary
Reference: Engineer's Report for November 1, 2021 Council Meeting

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This report summarizes activities, projects, and work performed during the past month in addition to the preparation for and attendance of regular and scheduled meetings:

2021 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project – Sherman Ave., LaFayette Ave. & 7th Street

The preconstruction conference was held on Friday October 22nd at the Borough Office. Work is tentatively scheduled for the week of November 8th. Copies of the minutes of the meeting have been distributed.

2021 Casino Theater and Library Building Improvement Project

The preconstruction conference for the masonry work was held on Wednesday October 13th at the Borough Office. Work is tentatively scheduled to start October 27th. Copies of the minutes of the meeting have been distributed. We will need a one day electric power "shut-down" sometime during the week of November 8th through the 12th in order to safely work behind and under high voltage power lines on the back of building. If done on a week-day during regular business hours, we've been told there is no charge from the power company. We are coordinating this with the Contractor, the Library and the Casino Theater. Please note that the 1st State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) Project and Expenditure Report originally due October 30, 2021 is now due April 30, 2022.

Timber Harvest

The Forester Consultant, Dave O'Barto is in the process of completing the tree inventory on the main area. We plan to meet with him on-site to go over the inventory status and to preview the area south of Allegheny Road which will be included in the harvested. I will keep Council posted as to the meeting time and date.

Street Excavation and Driveway Permits

We issued several Street Excavation Permits.

407A Jackson Avenue Sewer Connection Violation

A Court hearing has been scheduled for Monday November 1st at 2:15 PM at the Magistrates. As far as we know, the required work has not yet been done by the owner.

2022 CDBG Application

As you know we completed and submitted the application to the County along with all required documentation and attachments. Please see the attached revised list of streets. Note that 1st Street and 4th Street were removed from the list as requested by the County. Due to indications that the income surveys would not qualify Center Street and Florida Avenue, these streets were also removed. Therefore, 28th Street from 28th to Lowell St., 29th Street from Howell St. to Irving St. and Bryant Street from Wallace St. to Cooper St. were added to the list.

109 and 111 Washington Avenue - County Demolition Applications

We've completed two Demo-Fund applications for these commercial structures which were delivered to the County on Thursday October 28th. The Borough's copies will be distributed at the November 1st Council meeting. As soon as we receive the signed Release and Right-of-Entry Agreements, we will forward them to the County as well.

"V" for Vandergrift Monuments

As approved at a previous meeting the large (8' tall) letter "V" monument will be located within the Olmsted Commons Park along the sidewalk where it can be easily seen from Washington Avenue. A request is being made by Marilee Kessler of the VIP to locate the small (4' tall) "V" monument in front of the Borough Building under the Borough sign which is attached to the Building (see attached location map and photo.). Power is available at this location to light the monument at night. A shrubbery that presently exists at this location will need to be relocated to another location. We will need the approval of Council for this location and the relocation of the shrubbery.

Truck Access to Dongai Lumber & Poplar Avenue

Regarding the issue of trucks (specifically tractor trailer trucks) accessing Dongai Lumber by way of Poplar and Linden Streets, please note that the truck routes in the Borough are established per ordinance (see attached) and that truck traffic is restricted on all other streets except for local deliveries. Walnut, Oak, Linden and Poplar Streets are not listed as truck routes. Since deliveries to Dongai might be considered local deliveries, special signs may be warranted indicating "NO TRACTOR TRAILERS" or "NO TRAILER TRUCK ACCESS TO DONGAI LUMBER". Please note that existing "No Trucks" signs are posted on both sides of Linden Street at Custer Avenue (SR 56). These signs are old and fading and may need to be replaced soon. Poplar is not a truck route; therefore, it can also be posted for "No Trucks". Since the Kiski School maintenance dept. gets truck deliveries to their building, one "No Trucks" sign can be placed immediately after their driveway and two "No Trucks" signs can be installed (one on each side of Poplar) near Custer just as they are on Linden, however, these signs would need "100 FEET AHEAD" Placards below each sign. Before ordering special signs, we suggest installing the no trucks signs as indicated above to see if that will help to eliminate the problem or at least reduce the occurrence. If this issue continues to be a problem, perhaps we should discuss this with Dongai Lumber to see if they have any suggestions to help improve the situation.

REQUESTED AGENDA ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION OR DISCUSSION

Small Letter "V" Monument Location

Consideration to allow the Smaller (4' tall) Letter "V" Monument to be installed at the front of the Borough Building at 109 Grant Avenue under the VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH wall sign at the location of the existing shrubbery facing Grant Street if possible considering the sign foundation and existing building conditions and utility locations (see attached photo. and location map).

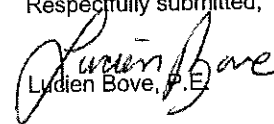
Demo-Fund Release and Right-of-Entry Agreements

Consideration to authorize the signing of the required Right-of-Entry Agreements with Westmoreland County for County Demolition Program funding for the Demolitions of the following structures:

- 337 ½ Longfellow Street
- 326 Longfellow Street
- 111 Washington Avenue

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me at any time. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,


Lucien Bove, P.E.

2022 - CDBG STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Street Name - From Street to Street

Pennsylvania Ave – LaBell Vue to Delaware Ave.

Pennsylvania Ave - Delaware to North end of Indiana Ave.

Pennsylvania Ave - Near Virginia Ave. to Sharp Bend

13th Street - 13th St. to Washington Ave. & 13th St. to 13th St.

13th Street - Custer Ave. to 13th St. & 13th to Wash. Ave.

11th Street - Sumner Ave. to 3rd St.

11th Street - Columbia Ave. to 5th St.

5th Street - Sherman Ave. to 11th St.

28th Street - 28th St. to Lowell St.

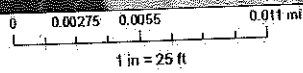
29th Street - Howell St. to Irving St.

Bryant Street - Wallace to Cooper

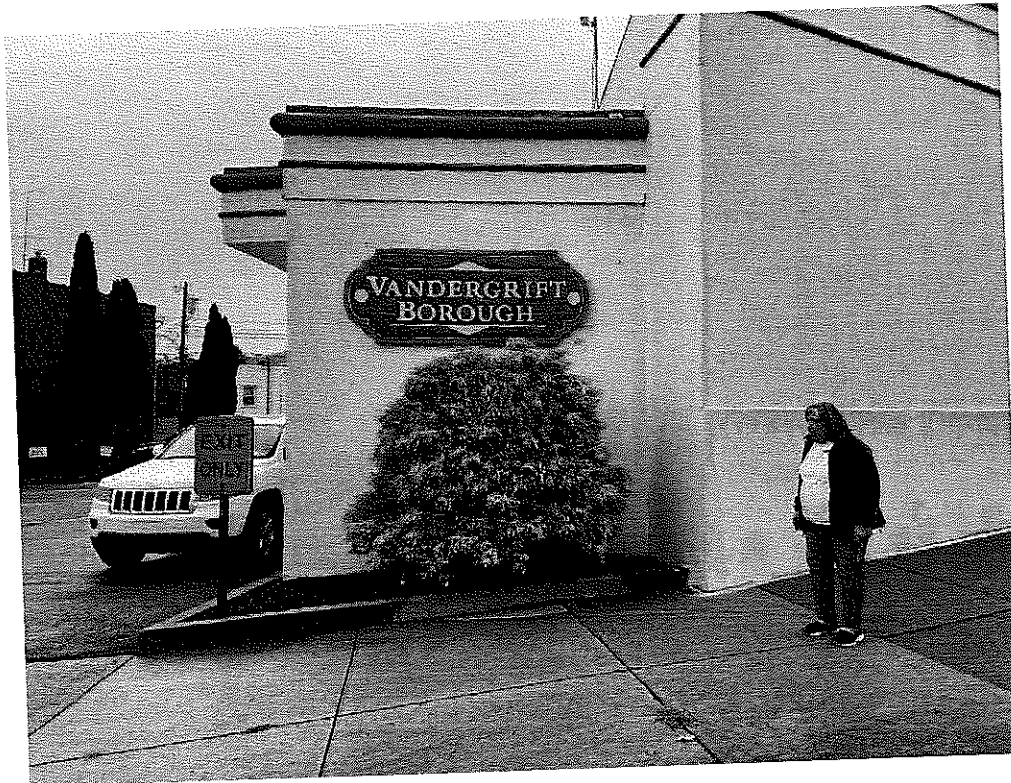
Small Letter "V" Monument Location



Not to be substituted as a survey.
To be used for taxing purpose only.



Date: 10/27/2024



§ 470-14. Truck routes established; truck traffic restricted on all other streets.

A. The following streets and portions of streets are established as truck routes:

Street	Between
Custer Avenue	Longfellow Street and Washington Avenue
Eighth Street	Sherman Avenue and First Street
Hamilton Avenue	Sherman Avenue and Franklin Avenue
Hancock Avenue	South Borough line and Custer Avenue
Holland Street	South Borough line and Longfellow Street
Longfellow Street	Holland Street and Hancock Avenue
Sherman Avenue	Washington Avenue and Eighth Street
Washington Avenue	Custer Avenue and Sherman Avenue

B. All other streets and portions of streets are set aside for the use of passenger vehicles only. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a truck on any street or portion of street not listed above as a truck route, except that nothing shall prohibit the operation of any commercial vehicle or truck on any street not designated as a truck route where that operation is necessary in order to pick up or deliver any goods, wares, merchandise or material from or to any premises located on that street not designated as a truck route.

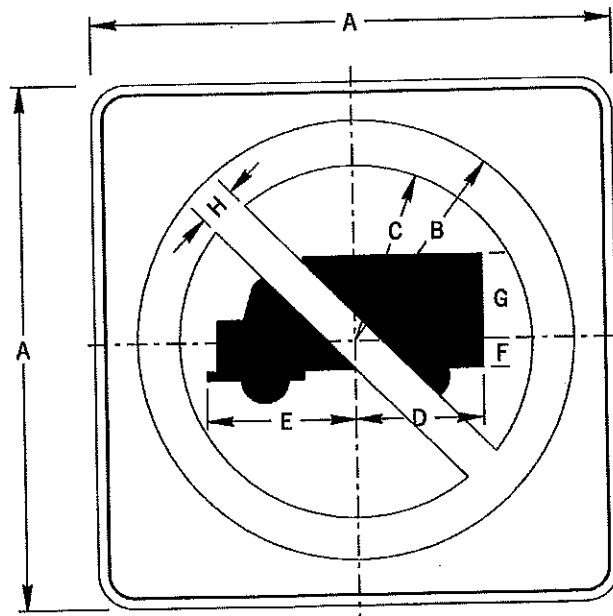
C. Any person who violates any provision of this section shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs.

R5-2

NO TRUCK SIGN

(a) Justification. The No Truck Sign (R5-2) shall be authorized for use to prohibit trucks, except that such vehicles may be operated thereon for the purpose of delivering or picking up materials or merchandise. When local truck deliveries are permitted, the Except Local Deliveries Sign (R5-2-3) shall be mounted beneath the R5-2 sign.

(b) Size. The standard size of the R5-2 sign shall be 24" x 24".



DIMENSIONS - IN										
SIGN SIZE A x A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	MAR- GIN	BOR- DER	BLANK STD.
24" x 24"	10.5	8.5	6.5	7.5	1.8	4.3	2	0.4	0.6	B3-24
30" x 30"	13.2	10.6	8.1	9.4	4.7	5.3	2.6	0.4	0.8	B3-30
36" x 36"	15.8	12.8	9.8	11.3	5.6	6.4	3	0.6	1	B3-36
48" x 48"	21	17	13	15	7.5	8.5	4	0.8	1.2	B3-48

COLOR:

SYMBOL AND BORDER:
BLACK (NON-REFLECTORIZED)

CIRCLE AND SLASH:
RED (REFLECTORIZED)

BACKGROUND:
WHITE (REFLECTORIZED)

APPROVED FOR THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

By : *John C. Rowe* Date : 02-29-12
Chief, Traffic Engineering and Permits Section
Bureau of Maintenance and Operations

W16-103P

DISTANCE AHEAD PLAQUE

The Distance Ahead Plaque (W16-103P) may be used below any standard warning sign or regulatory sign to indicate the distance to the condition cited by the warning sign or regulatory sign. Normally distances used should be in an increment of 500'. When used with a warning sign, the W16-103P sign shall have the same background color as the warning sign with which it is displayed. When used with a regulatory sign, the W16-103P sign shall have a yellow background.

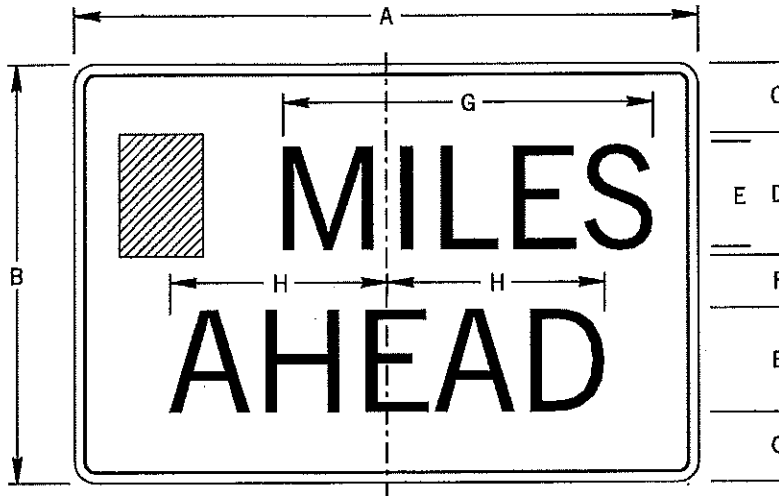
The 36" x 24" size should be used with 48" x 48" and larger warning signs and regulatory signs wider than 36".

The W16-103P sign may be used below the Weight Limit Sign (R12-1) when the sign is used as an advance warning of a weight limitation. As an advance warning of a bridge limitation, it shall be used in conjunction with the Bridge Sign (R12-1-2). When the distance to the restriction is 1 mile or less, the distance shall be rounded to 1 MILE, 3/4 MILE or 1/2 MILE, except as follows:

- a. When the distance to the restriction is less than 1/2 MILE, the distance shall be rounded to the nearest multiple of 500 FT.
- b. When the distance to the restriction is less than 500 FT, the distance shall be rounded to the closest 100 FT.

When the distance to the restriction is greater than 1 MILE, the distance may be rounded to the nearest whole integer or nearest 1/4 MILE.

When used, the W16-103P sign shall be placed at the intersection nearest each end of the restricted bridge or section of highway which would allow drivers an opportunity to avoid the restriction.



DIMENSIONS - IN									
SIGN SIZE A x B	C	D	E	F	G	H	MAR- GIN	BOR- DER	BLANK STD.
24" x 18"	3	5*	4D	3	14.7	8.7	0.4	0.6	B5-2418
36" x 24"	4	7*	6D	3	22.1	13	0.6	0.8	B5-3624

* CHOOSE STANDARD ALPHABETS SERIES FOR BEST FIT

COLOR:

LEGEND AND BORDER:
BLACK (NON-REFLECTORIZED)

BACKGROUND:
YELLOW OR FLUORESCENT
YELLOW-GREEN (REFLECTORIZED)

APPROVED FOR THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION

By : *Sen. C. Rowe* Date : 02-29-12
Chief, Traffic Engineering and Permits Section
Bureau of Maintenance and Operations