

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift 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:

Kathleen Chvala	Vernon Sciallo
Brian Carricato	Lenny Collini
James Rametta	Christine Wilson

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Louis Purificato, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfido, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Michael & Lucien, Engineers	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The minutes of the January 5, 2015 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Chvala. Motion carried

VISITORS:

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

James Mahathey, Pittsburgh, addressed Council on behalf of HBO Cinemax, of whom, is interested in filming the television series "Banshee" in the Borough of Vandergrift. He stated if everything goes well, the shooting should begin sometime mid-April and last until the end of August. He also stated that scenes will be done Monday thru Friday.

Solicitor Loperfido requested Mr. Mahathey to contact him for the purpose of setting a meeting to discuss matter furth.

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

OPENING OF BIDS:

At this time the Secretary opened and read aloud bids received for the Kennedy Park Playground Improvement Project. The bid openings were as followed:

<u>BIDDER:</u>	<u>BID AMOUNT:</u>
1. Pete Jeffrey & Associates	\$ 96,476.00
2. Sports and Recreation	88,947.50
3. Bitting Recreation	95,947.00
4. Play & Park Structures	95,849.66
5. Snider & Associates	112,290.00

Following the opening of bids, Solicitor Loperfito recommended that the Recreation Committee meet with the Borough Engineer for the purpose of reviewing all bids and bringing a recommendation to the March 2, 2015 meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Purificato informed Council that Congressman Rothfus would like to meet with members of Council on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 1:30 p.m., at a location to be later named.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented and reviewed a recap of the recycling program for the year, 2014. (See page 2-A)

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

ORDINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:

No Report

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS:

None

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BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
RECYCLING RECAP REPORT

	<u>Aluminum#</u>	<u>Bimetal#</u>	<u>Glass#</u>	<u>Paper (Tons)</u>
January	560	1,600	6,080	8.69
February	240	840	9,280	--
March	140	860	12,380	8.56
April	380	1,320	8,860	6.96
May	200	780	11,640	6.52
June	300	760	8,140	3.78
July	640	1,420	10,380	9.42
August	340	1,080	13,180	4.28
September	340	1,120	10,080	5.00
October	160	540	6,320	--
November	280	1,260	9,400	--
December	<u>320</u>	<u>1,620</u>	<u>10,620</u>	--
TOTAL #	3,560#	13,200#	107,900#	53.21 Tons
TOTAL TONS	1.78	6.60	53.95	53.21
TOTAL TONS				115.54 X \$36.76/TON = \$4,247.25 savings

REGULAR AND STATED BILLS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Rametta, 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. 12 in the amount of \$471,884.60. He stated that this amount reflects Interest Reimbursement No. 9 (Apollo Trust Loan) in the amount of \$531.29; 2A Construction Estimate No. 11 (Monzo) in the amount of \$406,566.51; 2B Construction Estimate No. 12 (Johnston) in the amount of \$16,286.80; and Engineer Estimate No. 13 in the amount of \$48,500.00.

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

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Mrs. Wilson stated that the Borough Crew is doing a good job keeping the streets cleaned due to the winter storms.

In regards to the proposed street reconstruction project with the Community Development Block Grant funds, Mrs. Wilson stated the County Planning Department will not fund a street which has or will be affected with the sewer separation work. She stated that the upper part of Grant Avenue and the lower portion of Washington Avenue will not be funded. She stated that Columbia Avenue, at first would not qualify, but plans to install the new sewer lines along the sidewalk instead in the middle of the street, should make Columbia Avenue eligible for funding.

President Carricato stated that all efforts should be made to pave all of Washington Avenue, either with CD Funds or other means. He stated that there would be out cry from the residents if this section was not done.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the Street & Sanitation Department will provide the Engineer a revised list of streets to be reconstructed for submission to the County Planning Department for approval.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Michael Bove reviewed the numerous problems incurred on Chestnut Street during the sewer separation work. He stated that there were numerous water line breaks in this area.

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

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

President Carricato stated that the Committee is recommending the approval of handicap parking space for Kathy Blake, 181 Grant Avenue. He stated that Ms. Blake does have a garage at the rear of her property, but the interior parking area is not wide enough to allow her to get in or out of her vehicle while using her walker or crutches.

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

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Chairperson Rametta informed Council that the V.I.P has working towards obtaining new lights at the Columbia Parking Lot.

Julia Martin stated that she and Cindy Conti have submitted a grant application to the West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund for funding the purchase of LED lights for the Columbia Parking Lot. She stated that these lights be good for the environment by conserving energy and saving tax payer money.

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

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Carricato stated that the Committee met with representatives of the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department in regards to offering assistance in their grant application for the

purchase of a new aerial fire apparatus. He stated that Solicitor Loperfito has a letter of support regarding this matter to the U.S. Senator Pat Toomey.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Collini informed Council that he is in the process of compiling a schedule of events and activities to be held at the Kennedy Park this year.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfito requested that Council consider increase the zoning variance fees from \$500.00 to \$750.00. He explained that the current cost of advertising the zoning hearings has reached an average of \$480. He stated that this increase will be done by either a resolution or ordinance.

Solicitor Loperfito informed Council that the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission met on January 27, 2015 for the purpose of reorganizing and to approve the new Civil Service Rules and Regulations. (See pages 5-A)

Solicitor Loperfito stated that the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission has approved the new Civil Service Rules and Regulations. (See 5-B)

Solicitor Loperfito presented Resolution No. 2-2015 whereby the Borough Council approves the new Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to adopt Resolution No.2-2015. Motion carried.

In regards to interest loan proposal from the First Commonwealth Bank for the purchase of the playground equipment, Solicitor Loperfito stated that he will need to contact the bank for a new proposal rate, since the initial rate proposal was for a 30 day period.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that he would like Council to call an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel and litigation matter.

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

Borough of Vandergrift Civil Service Commission

109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

January 27, 2015

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Attn: Office of the Secretary
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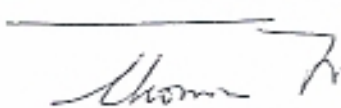
Re: 2014 Report to Borough Council


Dear Steve,

Would you please let the Borough Council know that in the year 2014 there was no activity or expenditures by the Civil Service Commission?

This report was approved at our January 27, 2015 Meeting.

Respectfully,


Thomas M. Holmes
Secretary



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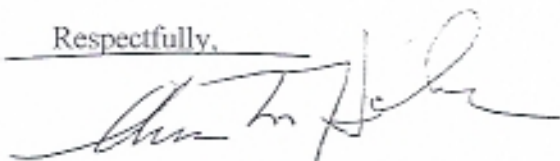
Re: Vandergrift Borough Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations

Dear Steve,

Please advise the Borough Council that on January 27, 2015 the Civil Service Commission met and adopted the new Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

The Civil Service Commission recommends the Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations to the Council for approval and adoption.

Respectfully,



Thomas M. Holmes
Secretary

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Collini stated that he would like to initiate the process of having a referendum on the ballot to annex Project 70 and the Vandergrift Park & Pool into the Borough of Vandergrift.

President Carricato stated if this cannot happen this Spring, all efforts should be made by place the referendum on the November election.

Solicitor Loperfido stated that he will check on this matter.

Mrs. Wilson stated that some citizens on Holland Street are complaining about the dumping of clean fill on the fire department's property at the upper end of Longfellow Street Extension. She stated that they have indicated that will be calling DEP.

Mrs. Wilson stated that the contractor is cleaning up this area every day.

Engineer Michael Bove stated that he will look into this situation and will make every effort to have this area cleaned properly.

At 8:08 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to call an executive session for the purpose of discussing an on-going personnel and litigation matter. Motion carried.

At 8:28 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Chvala, 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 Mrs. Chvala, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.