

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT  
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

APRIL 1, 2013

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:

Vernon Sciuillo	Lenny Collini
Christine Wilson	James Rametta
Brian Carricato	Kathleen Chvala
Frank Moliterno	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Louis Purificato, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Larry Loperfito, Solicitor	Melissa Holmes, Assistant Secretary
Michael & Lucien Bove, Engineers	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second by Mrs. Chvala. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

John Pomfret, owner of Pomfret's Paints at 149 Farragut Avenue, requested Council to consider changing the flow of traffic on Farragut, one-way, from Sherman to Grant.

Mayor Purificato stated that an engineering study was performed and indicated the changing the direction of traffic flow on Farragut Avenue was not favorable nor would this promote or assist business development on Grant Avenue. He also stated that this action would eliminate a number of parking spaces on Grant Avenue due to sight distance requirements.

Mr. Moliterno stated that this matter was resolved years ago and was determined to be left as is.

Mr. Pomfret questioned who is responsible for the sidewalks being raised by tree roots.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that the maintenance of the sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner.

Mr. Pomfret stated that something needs to be done to correct the sinkage problem regarding the area where the underground street light wiring was laid on Farragut Avenue.

President Carricato requested the Borough Engineer to look into this matter to see what can be done to remedy this situation.

Sam Slicker & Laureen Slicker, 225 Whittier Street, requested Council to take action on the parking dog problem in their neighborhood.

Chief Caporali stated that this is an on-going problem. He stated that the matter was turned over to the Code Officer, of whom, will file the appropriate citation.

President Carricato questioned whether a citation was filed.

Ms. Holmes stated that one has not been filed to date.

President Carricato requested that a citation be filed tomorrow.

Dave Fitzgerald, 514 Franklin Avenue, addressed Council on the on-going sidewalk problem in front of his house.

Solicitor Loperfito questioned the Engineer as to the cost of replacing the section of sidewalk.

Engineer Michael Bove stated that this would cost between \$300-\$500.

Mr. Sciullo stated that he would contact S-N-D Construction to repair or replace this section of sidewalk.

Julie Martin, Vandergrift Improvement Program, requested permission to use the Council Chamber area of the Municipal Building for the purpose of allowing a place for the individuals participating in the Youth Day of Caring work project on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Meighan, Kiski Area School District, along with Mr. Johnson of Canzian & Johnson Architect, presented and discussed the proposed renovation plans to the

Vandergrift Elementary School facility. (See Site Plans-Page 3-A)

Dr. Meighan stated that the interior and exterior renovations will make this facility a viable asset of the school district far in the future.. He stated that the planned renovations will address the safety of the children and the parking issues, referring to the site of a parking lot along Monroe Avenue.

In the event funding is not available for the proposed parking lot, Dr. Meighan requested Council to consider making Monroe Avenue one-way from Franklin to Hancock in order to allow parents a safer area to drop their children off at school.

President Carricato stated that he will turned this request over to the Police & Public Safety Committee for review and recommendation

A motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, second by Mrs. Wilson, to return to the regular order of business. Motion carried.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary informed Council that Representative Petrarca call regarding the Borough's letter to PennDot on the condition of Hancock Avenue. He stated that Representative Petrarca indicated that PennDot will perform base work & resurfacing of a portion of Hancock Avenue, from the Walnut Street to Custer Avenue.

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

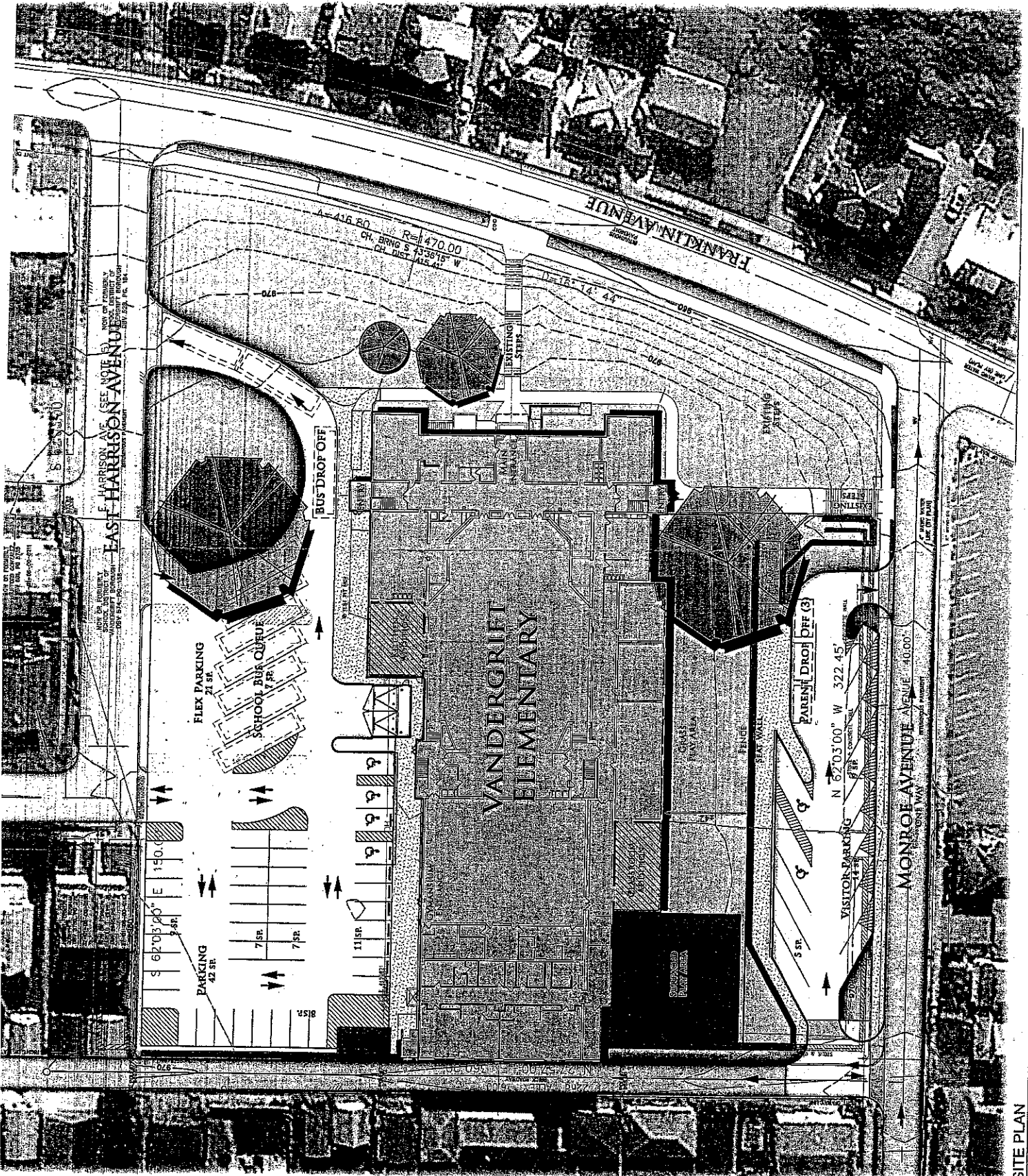
#### CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Ms. Holmes informed Council that one of the landlord's in the Borough has filed an eviction process of one of his tenant's following a third violation at the residence.

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

#### COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None



SITE PLAN  
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

### REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Collini, 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 \$185,237.31. He stated that this amount reflects engineering fees to Bove Engineering in the amount of \$20,705.00 and construction costs to MONZO CONSTRUCTION in the amount of \$164,169.77.

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

### STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciullo informed Council that he has only one (1) recycling container left at the garage. He requested permission to order between 50 to 100 additional recycling containers.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Collini, to approve the aforementioned purchase of recycling containers. Motion carried.

Mr. Collini requested Mr. Sciullo to see if he could obtain better trash receptacles for the parks.

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

### ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Michael Bove reported that there have been a number of problems regarding the Phase I Project, but have been able to work them out satisfactorily with the contractor.

Engineer Bove presented Change Order No. 3 -Phase I Sewer Separation Project. He stated that this is in regards to the sanitary sewer line to the pump station. He also review a meeting with ATI Allegheny Ludlum regarding their requests for certain changes that would enhance future plans to install railroad tracks. He also stated that ATI is willing to pay the approximate cost of \$8,000 should this not be funded by the PennVest Grant. (See page 4-A)

Mr. Sciullo stated that granting this request from ATI Allegheny will help the Borough's application to PennVest for funding of Phase 2A & 2B Project.

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**CHANGE ORDER NO. 3  
FOR  
PHASE 1 – SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT  
FOR  
VANDERGRIFF BOROUGH**

**Contractor: R. A. Monzo Construction**

March 28, 2013

The sanitary sewer line to the pump station obtained permits from ATI Allegheny Ludlum through the office of Lauren McAndrews and Norfolk Southern Railway through the office of Jim McKay (see attached right-of-way permits). Norfolk Southern requires that the 15 inch sanitary sewer pipe crossing the abandoned spur-line right-of-way be encased in a 24-inch steel casing. At a field meeting of March 27, 2013 with Russ Connor, Vandergriff Plant Manager, Barry DeLissio, Senior Environmental Specialist and other representatives of ATI Allegheny Ludlum, they requested that manhole #2 be deleted and the 24-inch casing be extended to manhole #1 to meet their future plans.

The additional casing was not originally requested for this project and therefore we are making this change order. We would like to include the additional casing to this project as requested and the cost to be approximately \$8,000.00. This cost can be taken from the contingency fund when approved by D.E.P. and PennVest.

The reason for this change is that the plans for ATI Allegheny Ludlum includes a proposed siding from Norfolk Southern Railway main line to the ATI Allegheny Ludlum Plant and this additional casing will give the flexibility to install the siding at the desired location.

*Recommended by:*

Michael Bove  
Bove Engineering Company  
Michael Bove, P.E.

4-1-13  
Date

*Accepted by:*

R. A. Monzo Construction.

                      
Date

*Approved by:*

Vandergriff Borough Council

                      
Date

A motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, second by Mr. Rametta, to approve Change Order No. 3, with the understanding the ATI Allegheny Ludlum will assume this additional cost should funding not be available from the PennVest Grant Funds. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

Engineer Bove stated that he would like to divert \$24,000 set for brick work in the Phase I Project to paving expenses.

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

Engineer Bove stated that the Peoples Natural Gas Company needs to be contacted by letter regarding unfinished restoration by the gas company on a portion of Longfellow Street. He stated that this is the work we stopped the gas company from doing when they replaced their gas lines. He stated that in lieu of doing this work the gas company will pay \$11,300 towards the restoration of the portion of Longfellow street.

Engineer Lucien Bove stated that he will be presenting a Supplement No. 1 to the Engineering Agreement for the Phase I Project due to the need to design a Traffic Control Plan and obtain approval from PennDot. He stated that also includes the additional inspection time anticipated with the three (3) month extension of this project. (See pages 5-A & 5-B)

Mr. Moliterno questioned when the sewer separation project will be completed. He stated that the heavy equipment is causing a lot of damage to the Borough streets.

Engineer Lucien Bove stated that the project should be completed by the end of July, at which time the planned restoration work will begin.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mrs. Wilson, to accept the Engineer's Report. Motion carried.

#### BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

#### POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Ron Rowe, Emergency Management Coordinator, stated that the 15<sup>th</sup> of March is the deadline for submitting a request for emergency generators.

Mrs. Chvala stated that Mr. Rowe is aware of why the Borough cannot submit this request at this time.

Mr. Rowe informed Council that the Westmoreland County Public Safety Department

**SUPPLEMENT No.1  
TO THE  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN OWNER AND ENGINEER  
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
FOR THE  
VANDERGRIFF BOROUGH PHASE 1 COMBINED SEWER SEPARATION PROJECT**

This Supplement to the above Agreement made as of the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 between the Borough of Vandergrift, a municipal government organized and existing under the law of Pennsylvania, with office located at 109 Grant Avenue, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690 (hereinafter called the "Owner") and Bove Engineering Company, Michael Bove, P.E., located at Armbrust Professional Center, 8201 Route 819, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601 (hereinafter called the "Engineer").

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the Owner and the Engineer have entered into an agreement dated January 3, 2011 for the engineering services for Phase 1 of Vandergrift Borough's Combined Sanitary Sewer Separation Program, including the contributing sewer-drainage area of the streets in the Phase 1 Watershed area (hereinafter called the "Project").

WHEREAS, the Engineer, under Section 3 of the above referenced Agreement, is to provide full-time inspection services of the Project, which is very essential to obtain the best results and quality of work for the Project. The cost for Full-time inspection services was based on an estimated construction time of 260 days and inspection time of 4,160 hours at a rate of \$45.00 per hour or One Hundred Eighty Seven Thousand Two Hundred (\$187,200) Dollars.

WHEREAS, the Owner has awarded an extension of time to the construction contract for a period of three (3) months or approximately 65 working days.

WHEREAS, the additional construction time requires an estimated additional 1,040 inspection hours at the rate of \$45.00 per hour for an additional full-time inspection cost of Forty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty (\$46,800) Dollars.

Due to unforeseen conditions, Change Order No.1 has been approved by the Owner. This change required minor redesign work, with an estimated cost of \$3,000, which will not be charged to the Owner.

Also due to unforeseen conditions, Change Order No.2 has been approved by the Owner. This change, due to poor subsurface soil conditions, required Holland Street (SR 4054) a state road, to be detoured during the work which required the preparation of a Traffic Control Plan meeting the requirements of PennDOT. The Traffic Control Plan was not anticipated in the original agreement; therefore, Change Order No. 2 approved the additional cost of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) Dollars for the preparation of the Traffic Control Plan.

THEREFORE, the total additional cost for this Supplement No. 1 to the agreement between the Owner and the Engineer is Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred (\$49,300) Dollars.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the day and year first above written.

**ATTEST:** (Seal)

**VANDERGRIFF BOROUGH**

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Stephen J. DelleDonne, Secretary

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brian Carricato, Council President

**ATTEST:** (Seal)

**BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY**

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Lucien M. Bove, P.E., Secretary

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Emil Bove, President  
Bove Engineering Company

will be hosting an Elected Officials Seminar on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the WCCC-Commissioners Hall.

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

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

Chairperson Rametta stated that he is obtaining bids on certain repair work at the upper floor of the Senior Citizen Center on Spruce Street.

Mr. Sciullo stated that there is no money in the budget for any repair work at this building.

Mr. Rametta stated that if the repairs are too costly, and or no monies available, he will recommend that the building put sold at auction.

Mr. Rametta reported that the Vandergrift Meals on Wheels is not interested in using the Senior Citizen facilities.

A motion was made by Mrs. Chvala, second by Mr. Sciullo, to approve the V.I.P's request to use the Council Room of the Municipal Building for their Youth Day of Caring on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

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

#### TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

#### RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Collini informed Council that on May 4<sup>th</sup> he is scheduling a clean-up of both park areas of the Borough. He stated that he is hoping for citizen help and involvement.

Mr. Collini stated that he will need certain types of signage at Kennedy Park for the purpose of curbing the vandalism.

Mr. Collini stated that he will need help from the Borough Crew to permanently set

the bleachers at the baseball field.

Mr. Collini questioned whether the baseball organization will be using the upper ball field along Walnut Street. If not, he stated that he would like to remove the dugouts. He also stated that he will be removing the electric pole in this area and run the wiring underground. He explained that this will open up the area for the Kiski Valley Lancer Football practices.

Mr. Collini stated that he is planning to have a "movie-in the-park" on July 5<sup>th</sup> at Kennedy Park. He stated that he is hoping to get other organizations involved.

Mr. Collini informed Council he will begin this month to ready the pool for the this year. He also stated that the Committee is accepting applications for Pool Manager, Assistant Manager and Lifeguard positions.

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

#### SOLICITOR'R REPORT:

No Report

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Rametta informed Council that he had met with two other municipalities regarding his proposed landlord ordinance and opened his eyes on a number of issues. He stated that he is willing to give up the yearly inspections and retain the practice of inspections prior to be occupied. He stated that he would like set a \$10.00 yearly registration fee and keep the mileage radius of 15 miles.

Mr. Ramette stated that all property managers must be a real estate broker.

Solicitor Loperfito requested that Mr. Rametta meet with him on this issue.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Engineer Bove presented two sets of plans regarding the Phase II Sewer Separation Project.

Mr. Collini stated that the merchants of the town are trying to reorganize. He recommended that someone on Council be a liaison with them.

Mr. Rametta referred members of Council to the article in the Pennsylvania News Magazine regarding Tarentum Borough illuminating their streets with LED roadway lighting through a partnership with GE. He stated that Tarentum will save approximately

60% in energy bills. He recommended that the Council look into this matter for the Borough.

Mrs. Wilson questioned whether the Borough or PennDot owns the property located at the corner of Longfellow and Oak Streets. She stated that the adjourning resident wishes to have the large pine tree removed.

President Carricato requested the Engineer to look into this matter.

Mr. Sciullo requested that Council reschedule the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting due to some members of Council will be attending the Annual PSAB Conference in Harrisburg. He recommended that the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting be rescheduled to Monday, May 13, 2013.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.