

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

MARCH 4, 2019

The Council of the Borough of Vandergrift met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 p.m., with President Chvala presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathleen Chvala	Casimer Maszgay
Peter Basile	Vernon Sciuлло
Christine Wilson	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Basile. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, stated that garbage is still being thrown on the sidewalk by the Borough Crew, and that there was still garbage left in his can.

Mr. Sciuлло stated that he would talk to the Borough Crew about this complaint.

Mr. Detar stated that nothing is being done about the illegal parking at the Grease Lighting Building on Hamilton & Sherman.

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

OPENING OF BIDS:

At this time the Secretary opened and read aloud bids received regarding the 2018 Street Reconstruction Project using 2018 CDBG Funds: (See page 2-A Bid Tabulation Sheet)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, second by Mr. Basile, to award the aforementioned bid to A. Liberoni, the low bidder at \$181,625.18, contingent upon review and approval of the Borough Engineer and the approval of the Westmoreland County Department of Planning & Development. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented a letter from the Vandergrift Public Library requesting use of the Gazebo at Kennedy Park for "storytime in the park". (See page 2-B)

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

The Secretary presented a letter from the Vandergrift Public Library requesting use of Kennedy Park for their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. (See page 2-C)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, second by Mrs. Wilson, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

The Secretary presented a letter from Thomas Holmes, Secretary of the Borough of Vandergrift Civil Service Commission recommending two changes in the Borough Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations. (See page 2-D)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt the changes to the Vandergrift Borough's Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciullo, second by Mrs. Wilson, to direct the Secretary to request the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission to provide the Vandergrift Borough Council with a list of eligible for the position of "Lieutenant" on the Vandergrift Police Department. Motion carried with Mr. Maszgay opposing.

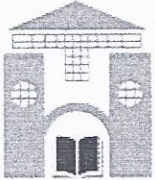
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BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT  
2018  
STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
USING  
2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS  
BID TABULATION  
(Bids Opened March 4, 2019)

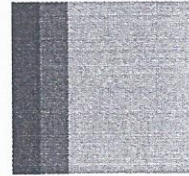
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				Unit Price	Cost	Unit Price	Cost	Unit Price	Cost	Unit Price	Cost	Unit Price	Cost
1	Rotomill	13,560	SY	\$1.38	\$18,712.80	\$1.59	\$21,560.40	\$2.25	\$30,510.00	\$2.00	\$27,120.00	\$2.58	\$34,984.80
2	Soft Area Repair	680	SY	\$9.76	\$6,636.80	\$10.34	\$7,031.20	\$15.00	\$10,200.00	\$12.00	\$8,160.00	\$15.85	\$10,778.00
3a	Lamphole Adjustment Riser Rings	19	EA	\$120.00	\$2,280.00	\$145.15	\$2,757.85	\$200.00	\$3,800.00	\$200.00	\$3,800.00	\$50.00	\$950.00
3b	Manhole Adjustment Riser Rings	10	EA	\$200.00	\$2,000.00	\$255.46	\$2,554.60	\$250.00	\$2,500.00	\$200.00	\$2,000.00	\$195.00	\$1,950.00
4	6" Ø PVC Underdrain	400	LF	\$16.00	\$6,400.00	\$8.95	\$3,580.00	\$20.00	\$8,000.00	\$10.00	\$4,000.00	\$39.45	\$15,780.00
5	1/2" Levelling Course	654	TN	\$87.95	\$57,424.30	\$85.88	\$56,187.52	\$86.70	\$56,801.80	\$94.00	\$61,596.00	\$89.80	\$58,749.20
6	1 1/2" Wearing Course	1,166	TN	\$83.08	\$96,871.28	\$83.46	\$97,314.36	\$86.70	\$101,092.20	\$94.00	\$109,604.00	\$85.90	\$100,159.40
<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:</b>					<b>\$181,625.18</b>		<b>\$182,335.93</b>		<b>\$204,134.00</b>		<b>\$206,760.00</b>		<b>\$214,351.40</b>

Item	Description	Qty.	Units	6th		7th		8th		9th	
				Unit Price	Cost	Unit Price	Cost	Unit Price	Cost	Unit Price	Cost
1	Rotomill	13,560	SY	\$2.50	\$33,900.00	\$2.72	\$36,883.20	\$2.40	\$32,544.00	\$5.00	\$67,800.00
2	Soft Area Repair	680	SY	\$14.00	\$9,520.00	\$36.72	\$24,969.60	\$25.00	\$17,000.00	\$30.00	\$20,400.00
3a	Lamphole Adjustment Riser Rings	19	EA	\$145.00	\$2,755.00	\$30.00	\$570.00	\$200.00	\$3,800.00	\$500.00	\$9,500.00
3b	Manhole Adjustment Riser Rings	10	EA	\$195.00	\$1,950.00	\$300.00	\$3,000.00	\$200.00	\$2,000.00	\$525.00	\$5,250.00
4	6" Ø PVC Underdrain	400	LF	\$69.00	\$27,600.00	\$12.75	\$5,100.00	\$48.00	\$19,200.00	\$49.00	\$19,600.00
5	1/2" Levelling Course	654	TN	\$82.00	\$54,428.00	\$88.72	\$57,990.88	\$93.60	\$61,854.40	\$112.00	\$73,008.00
6	1 1/2" Wearing Course	1,166	TN	\$80.00	\$93,280.00	\$83.05	\$96,836.30	\$93.60	\$109,137.60	\$121.00	\$141,086.00
<b>TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:</b>					<b>\$214,433.00</b>		<b>\$222,049.98</b>		<b>\$225,536.00</b>		<b>\$325,684.00</b>

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**Vandergrift Public Library**  
128C Washington Ave. Vandergrift, PA 15690  
724-568-2212 [Vanessa.Groholski@wlnonline.org](mailto:Vanessa.Groholski@wlnonline.org)  
[www.vandergriftpubliclibrary.org](http://www.vandergriftpubliclibrary.org)



March 1, 2019

Vandergrift Municipal Building  
109 Grant Avenue  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear Vandergrift Park and Recreation Committee,

The Vandergrift Public Library would like to request the use of the Gazebo at Kennedy Park on Wednesdays at 11:00am from June 5 -July 31. We would like to provide a "storytime in the park" series this summer. Children of all ages are invited to participate in storytime and craft/activity. These storytimes in the park have been very well attended in the past summers.

Please let me know if we are allowed to use the gazebo space for this event.

Thank you in advance.

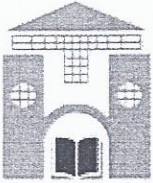
Sincerely,

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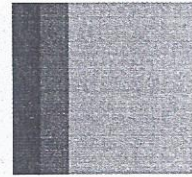
Vanessa Groholski

Director





Vandergrift Public Library  
128C Washington Ave. Vandergrift, PA 15690  
724-568-2212 [vandergriftpubliclibrary@comcast.net](mailto:vandergriftpubliclibrary@comcast.net)  
[www.vandergriftpubliclibrary.org](http://www.vandergriftpubliclibrary.org)



February 26, 2019

Vandergrift Municipal Building  
109 Grant Avenue  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear Vandergrift Park and Recreation Committee,

It's time to coordinate our Annual Vandergrift Easter Egg Hunt which is planned for Saturday, April 13 at 1pm. We would like to request the space at Kennedy Park for this event. Children ages 2-8 are invited to participate. This event is very well attended.

Please let me know if we are allowed to use the space for this event. This really is a very worthwhile community event-one that creates wonderful memories.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Groholski  
Director

Sara McGuire  
Children's Program Coordinator



2-D

Borough of Vandergrift Civil Service Commission  
109 Grant Avenue  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

February 5, 2019

Vandergrift Borough  
Attn: Office of the Secretary  
109 Grant Avenue  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Re: Recommended Changes to the Vandergrift Borough  
Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations

Dear Steve,

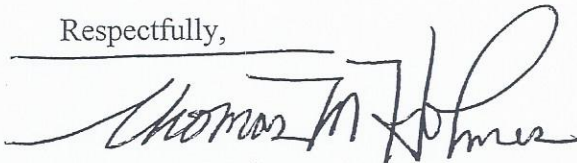
As a result of the meeting between the Civil Service Committee and the Police and Safety Committee from Borough Council on January 31, 2019, the following changes are recommended for the Vandergrift Borough Police Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

a. Chapter 3, paragraph 3.5 c) shall read under experience, either 1 year experience or 600 hours of active service within a year as a certified police officer.

b. The application fee shall be \$50.00 for all future applicants. (not listed in the rules and regulations)

If there is any questions or additional changes needed please feel free to contact me at 724-882-6957.

Respectfully,



Thomas M. Holmes  
Secretary

The Secretary presented a letter from the Westmoreland County Planning Department, whereas the 2018 CDBG Street Reconstruction Project has been amended to provide an additional \$87,200.00. (See page 3-A)

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

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Secretary reported that Mr. Young issued 24 violation notices, attended 5 hearings, issued 5 citations and had removed 3 cars.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented and reviewed the following communications:

Exhibit 1-A: Anthony Ferrante, President of VVM & HS.

Subject: Request to hold their annual car cruise on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Exhibit 2-A: Aleesha Kelly, Arts Festival Chairwoman.

Subject: Permission to have the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Vandergrift Arts Festival.

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

Exhibit 3-A: John Peterman, Director of Athletics, Kiski Area School District.

Subject: Request use of Project 70 ball field for the Kiski Area Boys MS Baseball Season.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Basile, to approve the aforementioned request. Motion carried.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

A motion was made by Mr. Basile, second by Mr. Maszgay, to pay all stated and approved bills. Motion carried.

3-A

AMENDMENT 01

TO

SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT 18-25F

VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH

STREET RECONSTRUCTION

THIS AMENDMENT, made this 21<sup>ST</sup> day of February, 2019 to the Agreement made and entered into by Vandergrift Borough (hereinafter "Subrecipient"), and

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the County of Westmoreland (hereinafter "County")

WHEREAS, the above parties did enter into the above referred Agreement on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the parties mutually agree that the amendment hereinafter contained shall be deemed a part of the entire Agreement between the parties. All terms and conditions of the original Agreement remain in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth, it is agreed by the Subrecipient and the County as follows:

I. PROJECT BUDGET – Amend budget to increase funds allocated by the County as follows:

Current Budget	Amendment 01	Amended Budget
\$197,500.00	+\$87,200.00	\$284,700.00





## **Victorian Vandergrift Museum & Historical Society, Inc.**

PO Box 86, Vandergrift, PA 15690

Telephone: 724-568-1990 FAX 724-568-8164

Website: vvmhs.org E-Mail: vvmhs@comcast.net

February 7, 2019  
Vandergrift Borough Council  
109 Grant Avenue  
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

Dear Council Members:

The Vandergrift Museum and Historical Society is asking for permission to hold a car cruise (as we did for the last two years) on Friday, June 7 on Grant Avenue. Last year's cruise was a huge success. It helped show off our town and allowed us to make a few dollars to help to continue operating the Museum.

We would like to close Grant Avenue to traffic from Washington to Columbia Avenues starting at 4 pm on that day and run to approximately 10 pm. This is what we did last year and it seemed to go well. We are also requesting the use of Farragut Avenue and Sumner Avenue from Grant to 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. These areas will be used if we run out of space on Grant Avenue for parking the cruise cars. We will make sure the police have access to their building.

We are requesting that street parking not be allowed after 4 p.m. on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to accommodate the cars being displayed at the cruise. As was done last year, we will place no parking notices on cars throughout the week indicating that parking would not be allowed on Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> after 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. on that day if approved by the Council.

Food will be sold as was done last year. A live band will also be set up on the corner of Grant and Farragut as was done last year. Port-a-johns will be available. We will also be contacting the local business owners and advising of this event if they wish to remain open.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our request.

Sincerely yours,

*Anthony Ferrante*

Anthony Ferrante  
President

*Vandergrift Improvement Program, Inc.*

P.O. Box 77, Vandergrift, PA 15690

Phone: 724-567-5286 Email: [vip15690@comcast.net](mailto:vip15690@comcast.net)

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A 501©3 non-profit organization

**Mission Statement**

The Vandergrift Improvement Program's (VIP) mission is to protect, preserve and restore the historic commercial district and improve the quality of life in Vandergrift.

18 January 2019

TO: Vandergrift Council

FROM: Aleesha Kelly

RE: Arts Festival

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Vandergrift Arts Festival is being planned for Saturday, July, 27th 2019 from 11 am until 7 pm. We are planning for art related activities and projects for kids, live art shows, and performances from local dancers and musicians to take place on Grant and Columbia Avenues. For the safety of everyone involved, we respectfully request that Grant Ave. be blocked off immediately after the intersection of Sumner to up past the intersection of Columbia. In addition, we ask that Columbia Ave be blocked off from the parking lot alley to where Columbia and Washington intersect. We ask that these sections be blocked off between the hours 7:00am and 7:30pm due to the added time vendors will need to set up and tear down their booths. If there are barrels, cones, or horses available to block the roads, it would be greatly appreciated if enough to block these streets could be available to us this year. (If possible)

Also, with your permission, we would like to allow the kids to draw chalk pictures on the sidewalks and/or street as a free activity.

We would like to thank the borough for having allowed us the opportunity to expand the festival over the past 2 years. If you have any questions or would like to help with the festival, please give me a call at 724.994.7055 or email [aleeshadkelly@gmail.com](mailto:aleeshadkelly@gmail.com).

Thank you in advance!

Aleesha Kelly  
Arts Festival Chairwoman



February 14, 2019

Board of Directors  
Borough of Vandergrift  
109 Grant Avenue  
Vandergrift PA 15690

Dear Board of Directors:

On behalf of the Kiski Area Board of Education, Administration, and Athletic Department, I am requesting permission for the use of Project 70 located at 234 Tower Drive Vandergrift PA 15690 for the 2018-19 Kiski Area Boys MS Baseball season.

I have enclosed the tentative schedule.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 724-842-0437.

Looking forward to working with you in the 2018-19 school year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Peterman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "P".

John Peterman  
Director of Athletics

JP/jlb

**Team Schedule**  
**Boys Middle School Baseball**  
 3/4/2019 to 6/8/2019

**Kiski Area High School**  
 200 Poplar Street  
 Vandergrift, PA 15690

**John Peterman**  
 School Phone: 724-845-6683  
 Home Phone:  
 Fax: 724-845-5011  
 john.peterman@kiskiarea.com

**Baseball**

*Boys Middle School*

			Place	Time
<b>Monday</b>	<b>03/18/19</b>	<b>1st Practice Date Practice</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>TBA</b>
Monday	04/08/19	Latrobe	Away	4:00 PM
Tuesday	04/09/19	Greensburg C C	Away	4:00 PM
Wednesday	04/10/19	Gateway	Away	4:00 PM
<b>Friday</b>	<b>04/12/19</b>	<b>Greensburg C C</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>04/15/19</b>	<b>Hempfield</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/17/19</b>	<b>Latrobe</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>04/18/19</b>	<b>Armstrong</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>04/22/19</b>	<b>McKeesport</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>04/23/19</b>	<b>Connellsville</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>04/24/19</b>	<b>Gateway</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
Thursday	04/25/19	Greensburg Salem M S	Away	4:00 PM
Friday	04/26/19	Hempfield	Away	4:00 PM
Monday	04/29/19	Latrobe	Away	4:00 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>05/02/19</b>	<b>Greensburg Salem M S</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
Friday	05/03/19	Connellsville	Away	4:00 PM
Monday	05/06/19	Hempfield	Away	3:30 PM
Tuesday	05/07/19	McKeesport	Away	4:00 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>05/08/19</b>	<b>Gateway</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>
Friday	05/10/19	Armstrong	Away	3:45 PM

Superintendent  
 Dr. Timothy Scott

Principal  
 Mr. Chad Roland

Athletic Director  
 Mr. John Peterman

Athletic Director  
 John Peterman

SPECIAL BILLS:

The Secretary presented Invoice No. 4 & 5 in the amount of \$24,867.77 from Eveready Contracting for Sewer Repair & I & I Elimination Project. (See page 4-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Maszgay, to approve payment of the aforementioned invoice. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

The Secretary presented an invoice in the amount of \$3,306.60 from Eveready Contracting for work done on Michigan Avenue. (See 4-B)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Maszgay, to approve payment of the aforementioned invoice. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciallo reported that the bricks on the side of the Borough Maintenance Building are falling off. He stated that he is looking into having someone remove the remaining bricks, mortar the existing block wall and then have it painted.

Mr. Sciallo stated that the work done by the Borough Crew to shore up the wide crack on 9<sup>th</sup> Street behind the area of 262 Franklin Avenue seems to be holding up and there is no more movement.

Mr. Sciallo stated that he has notified the East Vandergrift Borough, the fire department and the emergency coordinator.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

In regards to the 9<sup>th</sup> Street problem, Engineer Bove stated that he recommended submitting an application for emergency funding from the County should any funds be available. (See page 4-C regarding Engineer's report on this matter.)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Maszgay, that an application be made to the County Planning Department for the repairs to the 9<sup>th</sup> Street, should funds become available. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

Mr. Bove requested that Council reapprove the Lot Consolidation Plan for the Dollar General Store on Franklin Avenue.

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**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT**  
**2018**  
**SEWER REPAIR & I&I ELIMINATION PROJECT**  
**USING BOROUGH SEWER FUNDS**

EXCAVATION CONTRACTING by EREMIC, INC.  
 (dba)  
**EVEREADY CONTRACTING**  
 March 1, 2019


PAYMENT ESTIMATE NO. 4 Invoice #s 4 & 5  
 PERIOD ENDING: 2/13/19

**COST SUMMARY**

CONTRACT "A" (Using Reduced Quantities)	\$117,713.00
NET CHANGE ORDERS	\$2,060.00
PRESENT VALUE OF CONTRACT	\$119,773.00
TOTAL WORK THIS ESTIMATE	\$26,176.60
PLUS TOTAL PREVIOUS ESTIMATES	\$76,488.00
EQUAL TOTAL WORK TO DATE	\$102,664.60
(LESS 5% RETAINAGE)	(\$5,133.23)
SUBTOTAL	\$97,531.37
(LESS PREVIOUS PAYMENTS)	(\$72,663.60)
<b>AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT</b>	<b>\$24,867.77</b>

**CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY**

	Date	Addition	Deduction
Change Order No. 1:	1/7/2019	\$300.00	
Change Order No. 2:	2/28/2019	\$1,760.00	
Final Adjusted Change Order:			
Net Change:			\$2,060.00

Recommended:  \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lucien Bove, P.E. 3/1/19  
Date

Accepted: (See Attached Invoices 4 & 5) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Eveready Contracting 2/13/19  
Date

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vandergrift Borough Date

NOTE: Contractor must provide a two-year Maintenance Bond in the amount  
 of 20% of the Present Value of Contract prior to final payment

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VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH  
2018  
MICHIGAN AVENUE STORM SEWER EXTENSION  
USING BOROUGH SEWER FUNDS

Contractor: Excavation Contracting by Eremic, Inc.

March 4, 2019

PAYMENT ESTIMATE NO. 1 (Final except for Retainage)  
PERIOD ENDING: 3/4/2019

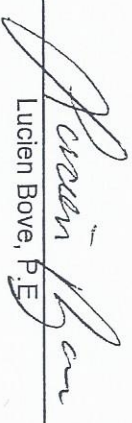
COST SUMMARY

ORIGINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	\$3,674.00
FINAL ADJUSTED CHANGE ORDER*	\$0.00
PRESENT VALUE OF CONTRACT	\$3,674.00
TOTAL WORK THIS ESTIMATE	\$3,674.00
PLUS TOTAL PREVIOUS ESTIMATES	\$0.00
EQUAL TOTAL WORK TO DATE	\$3,674.00
(LESS 10% RETAINAGE)	(\$367.40)
SUBTOTAL	\$3,306.60
(LESS PREVIOUS PAYMENTS)	\$0.00
AMOUNT DUE THIS PAYMENT	<u>\$3,306.60</u>

CHANGE ORDER SUMMARY

Final Adjusted Change Order:*	Date	Addition	Deduction
Net Change:			

\* Copy attached

Recommended:  3/4/19  
Lucien Bove, P.E. Date

Accepted: (see attached invoice) 3/4/19  
Excavation Contracting by Eremic, Inc. Date

Approved:  3/4/19  
Stephen D. DelleDonne, Secretary Date

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# BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY

ARMBRUST PROFESSIONAL CENTER

8201 ROUTE 819

GREENSBURG, PA 15601

724-925-9269

FAX: 724-925-1216

Vandergrift Borough  
109 Grant Avenue  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

February 12, 2019

Attn: Stephen J. DelleDonne, Secretary

Reference: 9<sup>th</sup> Street Movement

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please note that due to all the wet weather and recent heavy rain, some vertical and lateral displacement was observed at approximately 3:00 p.m. today on 9<sup>th</sup> Street in the area of the railroad tie retaining wall. A wide crack has formed in the pavement measuring up to 2" in one location. Vertical displacement (settlement) was also observed along the edge in some areas and the guide rail is leaning in this area. The asphalt wedge curb has settled in several locations and a portion of the road edge has fallen. These conditions allow water to go over the edge and also saturate the road bed and the soil behind the retaining wall. The road needs to be closed to through traffic. Signs should be posted at both ends and the road should be physically barricaded in the area behind the church at 262 Franklin Avenue and the two residences at 266 and 268 Franklin Avenue. The area behind 270 Franklin Avenue may remain open to local traffic for now, however this area needs be further evaluated.

The railroad tie retaining wall has failed in several areas and must be replaced as soon as possible in order to keep this road open and protect the slope from further erosion. Until the retaining wall can be rebuilt, temporary paving is needed to restore the curb, seal the wide cracks and to keep the water flowing along the street to the catch basin. The guide rail will need to be straightened or otherwise adjusted to the required height above the road edge.

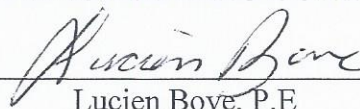
The utility companies which have facilities in this street (which include water and possibly gas) should be notified. The Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator and Chief of Police are aware of the situation. East Vandergrift Borough should be notified that the road has moved as their Municipal boundary abuts the right-of-way of 9<sup>th</sup> Street. There are three residences below the area in East Vandergrift Borough that should be alerted. These are 318 and 320 Vandergrift Lane and 408 High Street. Residents should be alerted to the conditions and instructed to be wary of any sudden changes. They should be directed to notify emergency management officials if any sudden changes occur.

The conditions observed at the time of our inspection this afternoon do not warrant evacuations of the dwellings below. However this may change should mass movement occur. Tomorrow morning we plan to check the area and re-measure the cracks to see if conditions have changed or worsened and to see if other actions are necessary. The street and surrounding area needs to be monitored for any changes at least once per day and more frequently if heavy rains persist.

Please contact our office if you have any questions and notify us immediately if any changes occur.

Sincerely,

**BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY**



Lucien Bove, P.E

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copy: Geary & Loperfido LLC, Attn: Larry Loperfido, Esq.  
2019-503:Vandergrift 2019/9th Street Movement (Railroad Tie Retaining Wall)



Solicitor Loperfito presented for adoption Resolution No. 1-2019, reaffirming and reapproving Resolution No. 3-2018 regarding the reverse subdivision request by the Dollar General Store. (See page 5-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt Resolution No. 1-2019. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mr. Basile, to approve the Development Agreement between the Borough of Vandergrift and the Dollar General Store for the purpose of maintenance and upkeep of the storm water plan. Motion carried.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

The Secretary stated that Richard Waugaman, 258 Franklin Avenue, has submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application. He stated that he does meet the requirements and the Committee is recommending that this application be approved.

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

The Secretary stated that Joseph Blongeaux, 268 Franklin Avenue, has submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application. He stated that he does meet the requirements and the Committee is recommending that this application be approved.

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

The Secretary stated that these two handicap spaces in the 200 block of Franklin Avenue does not exceed the 15% of available lawful parking spaces.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

RESOLUTION 1 OF 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REAFFIRMING AND REAPPROVING RESOLUTION 3 OF 2018, REGARDING THE REVERSE SUBDIVISION REQUEST OF VANDERGRIFT DOLLAR GENERAL STORE.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift approved Resolution 3 of 2018 on June 4, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, due to recording requirements of Westmoreland County, the Resolution must be approved effective within ninety (90) days of the date of recording;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby resolve as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby approve and reauthorize Resolution 3 of 2018, in full, for the purpose of approval of the reverse subdivision under and subject to the conditions as originally established in Resolution 3 of 2018, attached.

HAVING RESOLVED, this resolution this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

BY: Kathleen Chvala  
KATHLEEN CHVALA,  
Council President

ATTEST:

Stephen J. DelleDonne (SEAL)  
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE,  
Borough Secretary

APPROVED:

Barbara Turiak  
BARBARA TURIK, Mayor

Mr. Basile reported that he has entered and inspected the interior of the former Anchor Building. He stated that the upper floor has water damage. He also stated that the County would like a report of the existing problems with the building.

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

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Chvala reported that the Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Department has executed and returned a Lease Agreement between the Borough of Vandergrift and the Vandergrift No. 2 Fire Department. She stated that the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department has yet executed this agreement with the Borough.

Mr. Basile stated that he will contact Mike Reilly, president of the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department, about this matter.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Basile made a motion to approve the Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department's plan to have their annual carnival, scheduled for Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, second by Mr. Sciuillo. Motion carried. (See page 6-A)

Mr. Basile requested that Council reconsider the need to install a pool liner at the Vandergrift Pool before the 2019 summer season because of safety issues. He requested that a loan in the amount of \$80,000 be obtained for the purchase and installation of the liner. He also stated that Representative Petrarca has indicated that he may be able to provide the funding, and if so, the loan could be paid off at that time.

President Chvala stated that Council had never opposed the installation of pool liner, but felt that the previous discussion of this matter concluded that the liner would be installed at the end of the 2019 summer season.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that Council should proceed with installing a pool liner.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuillo, second by Mr. Basile, to proceed with an application for a loan of up to \$80,000 for the funding of pool liner. Motion carried.

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

# Station 51

6-4  
Randall J. Dunmire, Chief  
Michael J. Reilly, President  
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www.vfr51.com

March 4, 2019

Vandergrift Council,

The Vandergrift #1 Fire Department is once again planning our annual carnival fund raising event. As part of our efforts at increased co-operation between the two departments, we are currently working with the #2 fire department in an attempt to hold the event at their property off the Longfellow St Extension. We are still waiting to see if the property is acceptable to our carnival operator. And we are also in the process of securing suitable power & water sources.

In the event that we are unable to have everything in place in time for the carnival we are requesting provisional approval to once again stage the activities at Kennedy Park as we have in the past.

This year's carnival is scheduled from Tuesday, May 14th through Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Carnival hours are tentatively set from 5:00PM to 10:00PM Tuesday through Thursday; and 5:00PM through 12AM on Friday & Saturday.

As we found during and after last year's event, the local carnival owner we are now contracting with is considerably more conscientious regarding field damage. Particularly in wet conditions.

Finally, as in past years, the department will be responsible for assuring that all the proper permits, licenses and insurance coverages are in place prior to the event. We will also co-ordinate with the Vandergrift Police Department for appropriate police coverage throughout the week. If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Michael Reilly  
President, Vandergrift #1 Fire Dept  
(412) 558-5673

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Basile, to direct the Engineer to proceed with the specifications and advertisement of the aforementioned pool liner. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Sciuillo, to accept the Recreation Report. Motion carried.

#### SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfito presented for adoption Ordinance No. 3-2019, establishing a quality of life violation ticket process for violations of specific identified code provisions.

A motion was made by Mr. Basile, second by Mr. Maszgay, to adopt Ordinance No. 3-2019. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfito stated that he had received a letter from the Westmoreland County Conservation District regarding the spread of the West Nile virus. He stated that they would like to collaborate with municipalities to prevent the spread of this virus. He stated that the County Conservation District is suggesting that the Borough maintain or adopt the Pennsylvania code 25 Pa. Code {} 243.12 Stagnant water, which enforces the standing water to be maintained to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. (See pages 7-A thru 7-C)

Solicitor Loperfito stated that he has not had time to see whether the Borough Code has this type of code provision. He suggested that Council think about adopting this provision, if it does not already exist in the Borough's Code, and can be acted upon at the next Council meeting.

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

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. Basile questioned if he could get additional help to open the pool this year.

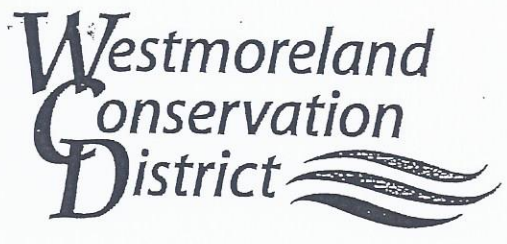
President Chvala asked Mr. Maszgay if he would be willing to help Mr. Basile.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

None

#### ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Sciuillo, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



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## West Nile Virus Control Program

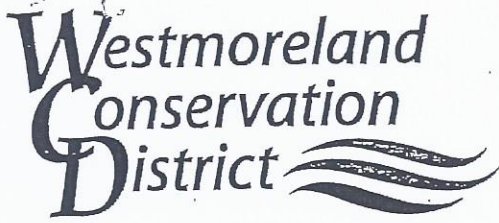
February 22, 2019

We are sorry you were unable to attend our municipal roundtable held on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Information about our West Nile Virus Program was distributed to the attendees. We believe it is important to distribute this information to all the municipalities in Westmoreland County.

The 2018 mosquito season concluded with the highest number of mosquito positive samples for West Nile virus (WNV) in the state, at 4,729 positives. The increase in rainfall and humidity allowed the virus to replicate quickly in the avian and mosquito populations. Avian samples suspected of West Nile virus were more common this year across the state, with a total 107 avian samples testing positive for West Nile virus. A high risk of West Nile virus transmission to humans in PA proved to be true with, 8 human fatalities out of a total of 115 human cases of West Nile virus reported by the PA Department of Health.

In Westmoreland County 67 mosquito samples were positive for WNV, while in 2017 there were only 16 positive mosquito samples. In addition to mosquito samples, the county had 10 bird samples submitted from a collaboration with Wildlife Works INC. in Youngwood, PA. Out of the 10 samples tested, 3 tested positive for WNV in Westmoreland County. Wildlife Works accepts birds from neighboring counties as well, and in total they submitted 22 bird samples with 12 samples testing positive for WNV. In mid-October the PA Department of Health reported a human fatality caused by WNV in Westmoreland County, in 2017 there was also one human case of WNV. Mosquito complaints continued to come in with the rain that we received this year. The District had 29 complaints with about half coming in towards the end of August through mid-October. The District worked with numerous code enforcement officers to resolve complaint concerns and encouraged municipalities to adopt standing water/mosquito codes.

With the high risk of West Nile virus transmission this season, two Ultra Low Volume (ULV) truck mounted sprays completed by PA DEP were found necessary in the county using a vector index calculation. Surveillance results are used to calculate vector indexes (VI) and when a VI threshold is achieved in a location adult control is triggered. One spray occurred in Mount Pleasant, covering parts of the township and the majority of the borough. The second spray was in Ligonier, with a small portion in the



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township and the majority of the spray in the borough. DEP did additional adult control in other areas of the county in the forms of barrier treatments on vegetation and thermal fogging, as found necessary using surveillance results.

The program would like to collaborate with county municipalities to prevent the spread of West Nile virus in our communities. It is suggested, municipalities maintain or adopt the Pennsylvania code 25 Pa. Code § 243.12. Stagnant water. This code enforces standing water to be maintained to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes. Having a code in action would allow the West Nile Virus Program to collaborate with code enforcement officers in addressing mosquito complaints. Municipalities can help reduce the public health risks associated with West Nile virus and your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Beginning in November 2018 the PA DEP vector management department began tick surveys in Pennsylvania. Our West Nile virus program has accepted the responsibilities to complete the tick surveys for Westmoreland County. The tick surveys will be completed in fall 2018 and summer 2019. Blacklegged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*) will be collected from recreational areas in the county and sent to the PA DEP lab where they will be tested for three common diseases: Lyme disease, human babesiosis, and human granulocytic anaplasmosis. The tick surveys will help determine temporal and geographical patterns of ticks and the risk of exposure to the diseases they can transmit. Utilizing the survey results, the District will begin determining recommendations for municipalities to reduce tick habitat and tick exposure to the public.

West Nile virus surveillance for 2019 will begin in April and continue through September. If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me at 724-837-5271 or [chelseag@wcdpa.com](mailto:chelseag@wcdpa.com).

Sincerely,  
Chelsea Gross  
West Nile Virus Program Technician

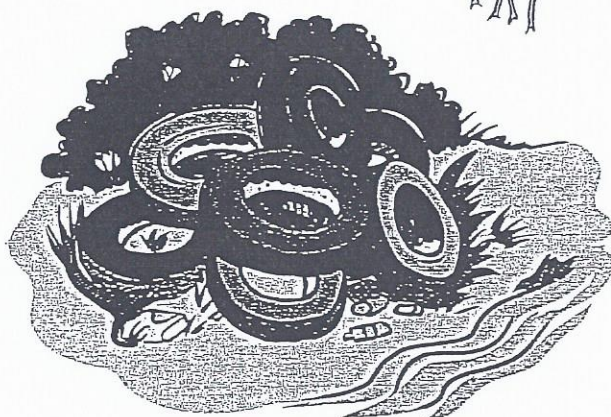
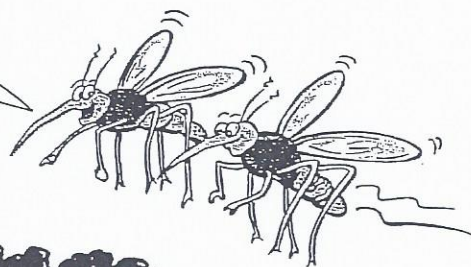
# RECYCLE TIRES TO REDUCE MOSQUITOES

**Discounted  
Tire Recycling Fees  
Saturday, April 13, 2019**

**Bring your old tires to the  
Westmoreland Cleanways  
Recycling Center**

113 Innovative Lane, (Building F)  
Latrobe, PA 15650-5462  
from 8:30 a.m. until noon

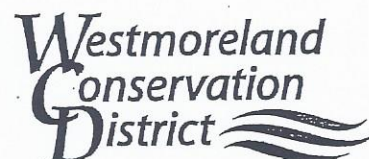
Its always  
nice to buzz  
past the old  
neighborhood.



Clean up the earth, one tire, hundreds of mosquitoes at a time! The tire recycling event is a collaboration between Westmoreland Cleanways and Recycling and the Westmoreland Conservation District's West Nile Virus Program.

From 8:30 a.m. until noon, every waste tire you bring to the Westmoreland Cleanways Recycling Center will be accepted for \$1 off the regular fee (e.g., passenger/lite truck tires off rim will be only \$2 instead of \$3.)

**Please note:** Groups cleaning up tires from illegal dump sites **MUST** register with the 2019 Great American Cleanup of PA to receive free tire recycling on April 13. Businesses are not eligible for the recycling discount.



**Cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted!**