

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

AUGUST 5, 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	Vernon Sciallo
Lenny Collini	Kathleen Chvala
Christine Wilson	Thomas Holmes

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Collini, second By Mr. Sciallo. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Jody Sarno, 227 Whitter Street, representing the Owls Park Program, stated that the meeting with Officer Gray went very well. He stated that a table was set up at the Arts Festival for the purpose of raising funds, of which was spent for T-Shirts. He stated that teams of two watch the kids at the park. He also stated that the kids seem drawn to the stage at Kennedy Park.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, stated that something needs to be done about a certain of the Anchor Building to insure the safety kids in the area. He also stated that the grass at the corner of Lowell & Wallace needs cut.

Mr. Sciullo stated that this item is on this week's work list.

Bethany Jones, Rock Church Kiski Valley, Spring Church, requested permission to use Kennedy Park for Fun, Food, and Games for all ages on August 25th, September 15th, and October 13th. (See page 2-A)

Dave Spillers, owner of Tommy's Catering, question why the owner of corn wagon is permitted to park in the lower lot along Washington and Lincoln when he was permitted to park his vehicle in this lot.

President Chvala stated that she would look into this matter.

Julie Martine, V.I.P., stated that the Arts Festival went very well. She also thanked the Borough Crew for the cleanup work prior and after this event.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Turiak stated that she attended the Arts Festival and the Car Show, of which, were great events. She also thanked those individuals responsible for putting these events on.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

No Report

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Secretary stated that the Code Officer issued 36 violation notices, hung 5 door hanger violations, and issued 5 citations during the month of July.

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

Sundays in the Park!

Kennedy Park

Vandergrift

Aug 25th, 3-5pm
Sept 15th, 3-5pm
Oct 13th, 3-5pm



FREE Fun & Food for all ages--

- *Rock Climbing Wall**
- *Bounce Houses**
- *Obstacle Course**
- *Bungee Run**
- *Sno Cones**
- *Hot dogs & nachos**



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COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented the following communications and distributed to members of Council:

Exhibit 1: Westmoreland County Planning Department.

Subject: Notice that the 2010 CDBG Funding Program applications must be submitted by September 30, 2019.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

No Report

ENGINEER'R REPORT:

Engineer Bove reported that he is looking into a curb cut for off-street parking at 508 Bryant Street. He stated that this request will not be an easy to approve.

Engineer Bove presented a cost quotation to repair the issue of a sagging sewer line at 231 Whittier Street. He stated that the total cost will amount to \$8,003.00. (See page 3-A & 30B).

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

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Holmes, to authorize the Engineer to submit an application for the 2020 CDBG Funding by September 30, 2019. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Ted Kopas
Commissioner

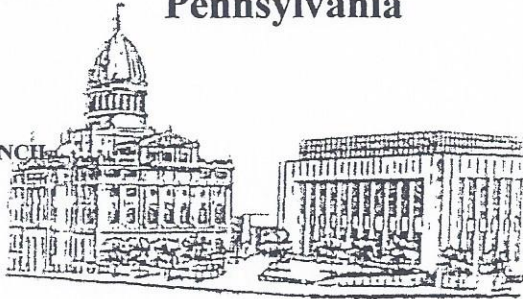
Gina Cerilli
Chairman

Exhibit 1-A
Charles W. Anderson
Commissioner

Westmoreland County

Pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
A DIVISION OF THE
WESTMORELAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
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TO: Westmoreland County Municipalities and Agencies

FROM: Westmoreland County Department of Planning & Development
Community Development Division

SUBJECT: 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Applications

DATE: July 12, 2019

Westmoreland County is now accepting applications for the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Any municipality that plans to submit a project for 2020 CDBG funding consideration must submit an application to this office by September 30, 2019. The 2020 program year begins May 1, 2020, however all projects must first be evaluated and inspected by CD staff, approved by the Westmoreland County Commissioners and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for final approval. **Therefore it is essential that the application is submitted to us no later than September 30, 2019.**

Prior to submittal, please review the application carefully to ensure that all requested information is included. Incomplete applications will not be considered. If a project was previously submitted and not chosen for funding, a new application must be submitted that contains updated cost estimates, maps, etc. to be considered for 2020 funding. Furthermore, please be aware that HUD has released new low and moderate income survey data based on the American Community Survey 2011-2015 (ACS). A map of all census tracts/block groups is available at <https://arcg.is/19aiLX>. Please review your census tract data carefully, as it may have changed from the last 5-year ACS estimate.

2020 Applications may be found at <http://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/689/Community-Development> under "Forms".

Should you have questions concerning this notice, please contact any Community Development staff member:

Janet Thomas	(724) 830-3650	jthomas@co.westmoreland.pa.us
Terry Antonacci	(724) 830-3651	tantonac@co.westmoreland.pa.us
Jennifer Woodling	(724) 830-3615	jwoodlin@co.westmoreland.pa.us

Thank you.

BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY
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August 1, 2019

Vandergrift Borough Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

Attention: Stephen Delle Donne, Secretary

Reference: Whittier Street Sanitary Sewer Sag Issue
Vandergrift Borough

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Upon excavation of this line we found that the line has a low slope and to eliminate the sag much more than 20 feet (as was assumed) would have to be replaced. Unfortunately, the contractor had to remove plus or minus 50 feet of sidewalk, excavate and uncover the pipe in order to determine the extent of the sag. The line will work with the sag but will require routine cleaning once or twice a year or so as debris may settle there. The problem is that the lateral to the house at 231 Whittier Avenue is low and the tap is connected on the side of the main rather than a top. The line will function but since the lateral comes in low it becomes blocked by the water. To replace this line would require two additional manholes and about 75 feet of pipe diagonally through the intersection with Wallace Street. This estimated cost is \$35,000.00. As I looked at the design plans for this area, the plan shows the proposed sewer crossing the intersection diagonally. Apparently there is a cluster of water and gas lines at this intersection which may be why Monzo installed the line straight across to the line on Wallace Street rather than at an angle as was designed. The alternative would be to investigate the one and only lateral that is experiencing back up to see if it can be raised to come into the main line higher on the pipe. The estimated cost to locate the depth is \$250.00. The lateral can be replaced at a minimal cost of plus or minus \$1,500.00. The sidewalk will need to be replaced where it was removed at an estimated cost of \$2,200.00.

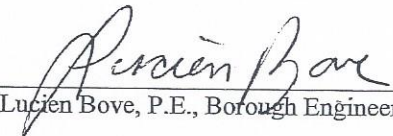
Therefore, at this time we are requesting approval of the following costs at the August 5, 2019 Council Meeting.

- Investigate the lateral line at 231 Whittier Street at a cost of \$250.00;
- Replace the lateral (if feasible) at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,500.00;
- Replace the sidewalk at a cost not to exceed \$2,200.00 once the issue has been resolved;
- Pay 90% of the invoice from Eveready for the work done (a day and a half for time and equipment, excavation, backfilling and surfacing the sidewalk area with 2B stone) in the amount of \$3,648.00 (90% of \$4,053.00) and hold 10% (\$ 405.00) until the above listed work is complete.

Please let us know if you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

BOVE ENGINEERING COMPANY


Lucien Bove, P.E., Borough Engineer

Attachment

LB/ss

copy: File#2019-511:Vandergrift Boro:WhittierStSanitarySewerSagRepair

Chairperson Collini stated that Ben Michaels has resigned his position as a Vandergrift Police Officer to accept a position with another department.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mrs. Wilson, to accept Mr. Michael's aforementioned resignation. Motion carried.

Mr. Collini stated that Jose' Pantoja has resigned his position as a Vandergrift Police Officer to accept a position with another department.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Maszgay, to accept Mr. Pantoja's aforementioned resignation. Motion carried.

Chief Caporali reported that during the month of July the department had 250 calls, issued 12 citations, made 15 criminal arrests, and issued 38 parking violations.

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

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

Mr. Collini reminded Council that the annual Italian Festival will held this Sunday, August 11, 2019.

Mr. Collini stated that the vegetation over the fencing behind the basketball courts needs to be cut down. He stated that the Kiski School should be contacted about this matter.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Generelli distributed copies of a lease agreement between the Borough of Vandergrift and the Casino Theater of which extends said lease until 2039. She requested that members of Council review the lease to be acted upon at the September 3rd meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Sciallo, to advertise Ordinance No. 6-2019, which authorizes the Borough to participate in an intergovernmental police mutual aid agreement with other municipalities. Motion carried.

Solicitor Generelli addressed a letter received from the Westmoreland County Housing Authority regarding a transfer of Vandergrift Townhouses (Emerson & Poplar Streets) from the WCHA to the Westmoreland Non-Profit Housing Corporation (WNPHC). She recommended that Council take no action on this matter at this time.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.