

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 3, 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:

Casimer Maszgay	Vernon Sciuлло
Lenny Collini	Kathleen Chvala
Christine Wilson	Thomas Holmes
James Rametta	

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 July 1, 2019 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Sciuлло, second By Mr. Rametta. Motion carried.

CORRECTION OF AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup> MINUTES:

Page 1: Corrected double entry of Kathleen Chvala, added Casimer Maszgay.  
Page 3: Correspondence- Both CDBG dates should be 2020.

VISITORS:

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

Jody Sarno, 227 Whittier Street, informed Council that a fight broke out at the basketball courts. He stated that a call was made to 911 and that the fight stopped when the police arrived. He stated that a video of the incident was turned over to the police. Mr. Sarno thanked Council and the police department for their support.

Shannon Gourley, 309 Spruce Street, stated that the "Vandergrift Parent Project" is requesting permission to use Franklin Park area for their second annual "Great Pumpkin Patch" which will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. (See page 2A). She also questioned if corn stalks could decorate both parks and be expended to the business district.

Jim Williams, 126 Oregon Avenue, thanked Council for the drainage and street reconstruction work on Oregon Avenue. He also stated that a pot hole needs patch at West Adams and Hancock Avenue.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, stated the weeds around the fire hydrants at Donghia Lumber Company needs weeded.

A motion was made by Mr. Rametta, second by Mr. Holmes, to return to the regular order of business. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented and reviewed the Financial Requirement and Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the 2020 Municipal Budget of the Vandergrift Borough. He explained that a line of \$53,639.00 will show in the 2020 Budget. (See page 2-B)

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

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Secretary reported that Mr. Youn sent 36 violation notices, issued 5 violation fines, and issued 3 citations during the month of August.

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

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**MORE TREATS THAN TRICKS!**

# **2ND ANNUAL GREAT PUMPKIN PATCH**

Hosted by the Vandergrift Parent Project

**OCTOBER 26, 2019**

**FRANKLIN PARK**

**1PM-3PM**

**FREE REAL PUMPKINS, FREE CARNIVAL STYLE GAMES, FREE**

**FACE PAINTING, FREE RAFFLE TICKETS**

**FOOD FOR PURCHASE**



Please follow Vandergrift Parent Project on Facebook.  
RSVP on event to help give us an idea of pumpkins needed.

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**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT POLICE RETIREMENT PLAN  
FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT AND MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION  
FOR 2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

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**A. Normal Cost**

1. Normal Cost as a Percent of Payroll	18.268%
2. Estimated 2019 Payroll for Active Participants	\$ <u>389,272</u>
3. Normal Cost (A1 x A2)	\$ <u><u>71,112</u></u>

**B. Financial Requirement**

1. Normal Cost (A3)	\$ 71,112
2. Anticipated Insurance Premiums	0
3. Anticipated Administrative Expense	16,739
4. Amortization Payment, if any	<u>0</u>
5. Financial Requirement (B1 + B2 + B3 + B4)	\$ <u><u>87,851</u></u>

**C. Minimum Municipal Obligation**

1. Financial Requirement (B5)	\$ 87,851
2. Anticipated Employee Contributions (6.23% of Estimated Payroll)	24,252
3. Funding Adjustment, if any	<u>9,960</u>
4. Minimum Municipal Obligation (C1 - C2 - C3)	\$ <u><u>53,639</u></u>


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**NOTES:**

1. 2020 General Municipal Pension System State Aid may be used to fund part or all of the municipal obligation and must be deposited within 30 days of receipt. Any remaining balance must be paid from municipal funds.
  2. Deposit into the Plan's assets must be made by December 31, 2020 to avoid an interest penalty.
  3. Any delinquent Minimum Municipal Obligation from prior years must be included in the 2020 budget along with an interest penalty.
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I hereby certify that the above calculations, to the best of my knowledge, are true, accurate, and conform with the provisions of Chapter 3 of Act 205 of 1984.

Certified By:

  
Chief Administrative Officer

Sept. 3, 2019  
Date

Prepared using the January 1, 2017 Valuation.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Exhibit 1-A: Julia Martin, chairwoman, V.I.P.

Subject: Annual "Light-up Vandergrift Christmass Parade & Party to be held on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciuлло stated that he has given up the day to day operations of the Street & Sanitation Department. He stated that he has turned the daily operations over to Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Maszgay.

The Secretary questioned whether Mr. Sciuлло will remain the chairman of this committee.

Mr. Sciuлло stated that he will remain chairman.

Mrs. Wilson stated that following numerous complaints regarding the Anchor Building, action was taken by the Borough to fill the hole with road millings and to secure the area.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove reported that CDG Street & Drainage work on Oregon Avenue is near completion, except for the restoration work.

Mr. Bove stated that Insight Pipe will begin the camera, cleaning & root cutting of the sewer lines on Thursday, starting near Keddie Chevrolet on Lincoln Avenue.

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August 29, 2019

Vandergrift Borough  
109 Grant Ave.  
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Re: Light-Up Vandergrift Christmas Parade & Party Event

Dear Council,

The Vandergrift Improvement Program is beginning the preparations for the annual Christmas celebration and parade. The 'Light-up Vandergrift Christmas Parade & Party' festivities will be on Friday, November 29rd. We would like your permission to use the regular parade route (Walnut, Longfellow, Franklin and Grant) and to close the Walnut and Longfellow streets staging area before the parade starts to form at 5:00pm. Parade participants will gather on Walnut and the area near Ferrante Motors. Participating emergency vehicles will line up along Longfellow.

Vendors will begin to set up on the sidewalks on Grant Avenue at 3:00pm, at which time we will need to close Grant to through traffic. Entertainment will start on Grant Avenue at 5:00pm, and the parade will begin at 6:00pm from Walnut Street and end at the Casino Theater.

We would like to put the community Christmas tree up on the corner of Farragut near Ianni's the same as in the past and also would like to have the Vandergrift Police lead the parade and assist with crowd control on Grant Ave.

Any council members wishing to participate in the parade please let me know by Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, so that I can put you on the list for the MC. A reminder to those who participate in the parade: For the safety of spectators along the parade route (especially Grant Ave.) throwing of candy/treats from moving vehicles is not permitted. Please have 'elves' (helpers) walk alongside of vehicle/float to distribute treats. Your cooperation and help in keeping this a safe event is greatly appreciated!

Also, if possible, could the Boro Crew plan to collect the garbage from Grant Ave early the day after the parade so that the business district looks good for Small Business Saturday.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 724-567-6762 (work) or by email [julie@byerstaxiandbusing.com](mailto:julie@byerstaxiandbusing.com)

Thank you,  
Julia Martin, Chairwoman



Mr. Bove stated that he will reach out to Jedco, Inc. regarding the repairs to a pillar at the No. 1 Fire Department Building. He also recommended that a quote be obtained regarding to the repairs to the boiler at the No. 1 Fire Department. He also stated that he will contact Eveready Contracting in regards to completing the sewer repair project on Whittier Street.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson requested all committee chairmen submit the 2020 budget requests to Secretary by the end of September.

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

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Collin stated that the Vandergrift Civil Service Commission has administered an examination for the purpose of providing the Vandergrift Council with a list of eligible for the position of patrol within the Vandergrift Police Department. He therefore presented the following list of 3 qualified candidates for the position of patrolman.

1. Christian Discisco
2. Jerrod Thompson
3. Brian Jenks

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Sciallo, to offer a conditional employment to Christian Discisco, as a full-time police officer, upon successfully undergoing a Physical & psychological , and drug test examination.

Mr. Maszgay call for a Roll Call vote on the motion.

The Secretary called the following roll call:

Mrs. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Maszgay	No
Mr. Holmes	Yes
Mr. Sciallo	Yes
Mr. Rametta	Yes
Mr. Collini	Yes
Mrs. Chvala	Yes

The Secretary announced that the motion on the floor carried, with 6 members voting in favor, and 1 member opposing.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Sciuillo, to offer a conditional employment to Jerrod Thompson, as a full-time police, upon successfully undergoing a physical, psychological, and drug test examination.

Mr. Maszgay called for a Roll Call vote on the motion on the floor.

The Secretary called the following roll call vote:

Mr. Sciuillo	Yes
Mr. Rametta	Yes
Mr. Collini	Yes
Mrs. Chvala	Yes
Mrs. Wilson	Yes
Mr. Maszgay	No
Mr. Holmes	Yes

The Secretary announced that the motion on the floor carried, with 6 members voting in favor, and 1 member opposing.

Mr. Collini stated that in Section 3.19 of the Vandergrift Civil Service Rules & Regulations, Council is required to appoint a qualified physician and psychiatrist or psychologist to render to render an opinion as to whether the conditional appointees have any physical or mental condition which call into question their ability to perform the essential functions of a police officer.

A motion was made by Mr. Collin, second by Mr. Holmes, to appoint the office of Dr. Mohan Patel to conduct the physical portion of the examination. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Holmes, to appoint Oldenburg Psychological Services to conduct the psychological examination. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Colli, second by Mr. Maszgay, to appoint Dr. Lloyd Richless to administer the drug test screening. Motion carried.

Chief Caporali reported that during the month of August, the Department made 264 calls, issued 7 traffic and 10 non-traffic tickets, made 9 criminal arrests, issued 43 parking tickets.

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



BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

No Report

GENEAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Chvala stated that the Borough has received a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the VAL Caravan. She stated that money is to be spent on the purchase of park bench and plaque to honor the members of the VAL. She stated that bench and plaque will be placed at the soon to be Olmstead Commons on Washington Avenue.

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

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson Maszgay stated that he is awaiting for an invoice from the company performing the tree trimming & removal work.

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

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Homes reported that the Rock Church Kiski Valley had no problems during their approved event on August 25<sup>th</sup>. He stated that their next events will be held on September 15<sup>th</sup> and on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Holmes stated that the pool will be officially closed following today's "Dog Day" at the pool. He stated that he is in the process of obtaining bids for repair of the filter system, and to empty and refill the filter tanks with new sand.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Maszgay, to approve the request of the Vandergrift Parent Project to use Franklin Park for the Great Pumpkin Patch event on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

Mr. Collini stated that the RV Track at Project 70 is now in operation. He stated that the cars must be electric, not gas driven. He stated that there is no set schedule.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfido presented for adoption Ordinance No. 6-2019, of which repeals Ordinance No. 5-2019.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Collini, to adopt Ordinance No. 6-2019. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfido questioned what action Council wishes to take on the request of the Casino Theater Restoration & Management to extend their lease to December 31, 2039.

Mr. Sciallo recommended that Council moves forward on this matter.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS: