

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

NOVEMBER 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:

Casimer Maszgay	Vernon Sciuillo
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 October, 2019 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second Mr. Collini. Motion carried

VISITORS:

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

Marylee Kesler, 426 Hancock Avenue, informed Council that the Crime Watch Meeting will be held November 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at which time a discussion will be held on the Bad Side of Holidays, such as abuse and neglect. She also stated that a representative from the Hope Center will be at the meeting.

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, informed Council that he took it upon himself to have the spewed Styrofoam debris on the 100 block of Longfellow Street cleaned up.

Lisa Shrader, 231 Whittier Street, questioned when the Borough will complete sewer line repairs that is causing her basement to back up. She also stated that she is concerned about her sidewalk being dug up, of which, she feels is a liability.

Engineer Bove stated that the sewer line in question was videoed and revealed a two and half dip.

Jody Sarno 227 Whittier Street, stated that he is getting water up through his basement drain.

Mrs. Wilson stated that this has nothing to do with the sewer problem at 231 Whittier Street.

Mr. Sarno thanked the people who attended the meet the candidates for a question and answer discussions. He also commented on the absence of Kathy Chvala due a previous commitment at a Borough budget meeting, of which he thanked her for putting the Borough's need over her personal gain.

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

#### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Turiak thanked the police, the fire department and the volunteers regarding the Pumpkin Patch, the Halloween Parade and Trick or Treat events.

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:

Mr. Young reported that 28 violation notices were sent out during the month of October. He also stated that he will meet with fire department to discuss the purpose of placing the Red "X" markings on vacant structures.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented the following correspondence:

Exhibit 1-A: Ruth Martin-Pisarck.

Subject: Request to place a "No Right Turn" at the end of 26<sup>th</sup> Street & Oak St.

Mr. Holmes recommended the painting of lines along the curb area. He also stated that there is a "One Way" sign that indicates traffic from 26<sup>th</sup> Street can't turn left on Oak St.

REGULAR & STATED BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciallo informed Council that one of DEP stickers has fallen off one of refuse trucks and will need to be replaced. He explained that the sticker indicates that the Borough is licensed to transport municipal waste.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove presented three (3) proposals from Eveready Contracting regarding to the repairs to sagging sewer line at 231 Whittier Street that total \$10,380.00. See pages 3-A thru 3-C). He recommended that this work be done as soon as possible, and suggested a time frame for completion of up to 45 days.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciallo, second by Mr. Rametta, to approve the following work with a completion date of 30 days from the start of the project. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

Mr. Bove presented a report regarding a request for driveway pull-off at 502 Bryant Street. (See page 3-D & 3-E).

Mrs. Wilson stated that this report should indicated Howell Street, not Holmes St.