

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL

DECEMBER 2, 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 November 4, 2019 meeting were approved by motion of Mr. Rametta, second Mr. Maszgay. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

Don Detar, 213 Lowell Street, questioned whether any action was taken to enforce the illegal parking in town that was discussed at the November 4th meeting.

Chief Caporali stated that there was no discussion of illegal parking at the November 4th meeting, just a discussion of the one-way matter at 26th and Oak Streets.

Marilee Kessler, 426 Hancock Avenue, requested Officer Gray provide a report of efforts of the Vandergrift Police Department to distribute food to needed homes for this Thanksgiving Day.

Officer Gray stated that the Department distributed food to 40 families in town and adopted two families. He also stated that \$1,600.00 has been raised towards this Christmas.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

At this time, Mr. Collini presented Mr. Rametta with a plaque in recognition of eight (8) years as a member of Council. He expressed his appreciation to work with him over the years, and wished him the best.

Mr. Rametta stated that he has enjoyed being a member of Council. He also stated that he completed the following goals during his term: LED lights in police station, LED lights in the Columbia Parking Lot and on Washington Avenue, plus the new light standards at the lower parking lot along Washington Avenue.

Mrs. Chvala also thanked Mr. Rametta for this service as a member of Council.

At this time, Mrs. Chvala presented a plaque to Vernon Sciuлло in recognition of his thirty-two (32) years of service as a member of the Vandergrift Borough Council. She wished to commend Mr. Sciuлло for his 32 years sacrificing so much time, so many nights in servicing the Borough. She stated that she is going to miss him greatly.

Mr. Sciuлло stated that he greatly appreciate being honored and wished this good luck.

Mayor Turiak stated that she appreciated the work and dedication of Mr. Sciuлло and Mr. Rametta in serving the Borough.

Mr. Turiak thanked the members of police department, the fire departments, merchants and volunteers who helped provide the 40 families with food for Thanksgiving Day.

Mrs. Chvala welcomed all at attendance to stay after the meeting to take part in having a piece of cake in honor of Mr. Sciuлло.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented for adoption Ordinance No. 7-2019, which sets the millage rate for the fiscal year 2020 at 28 mills. (See page 3-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuolo, second by Mr. Rametta, to adopt Ordinance No. 7-2019. Motion carried.

The Secretary informed Council that the 2020 Budget of the Borough of Vandergrift has been duly advertised for adoption at this meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuolo, second by Mr. Rametta, to adopt the 2020 Budget of the Borough of Vandergrift. Motion carried.

The Secretary stated that the Reorganizational Meeting of Council will be held on Monday January 6, 2020, beginning at 7:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Rametta, to advertise the aforementioned meeting. Motion carried.

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

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

On behalf of Mr. Young, the Secretary reported that Mr. Young mailed 21 violations, issued 2 citations, and attending 4 violation hearings at the magistrate's office. He also stated that Mr. Young met with both fire departments regarding the RED X Program, and sent letters of thanks to New Kensington and Tarentum for their help in this program.

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

CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS:

Exhibit 1-A: Mary Ann Contino & Members of Feral & Stray Cat Care.

Subject: Request for funding towards a program to having stray cats sprayed/
Neutered thereby decreasing the number of free roaming cats.

President Chvala stated that this request be turned over to the Budget & Finance Committed for review and recommendation.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift will meet during a regularly scheduled meeting on December 2, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. at 109 Grant Avenue, Vandergrift, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of general business of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift and for the purpose of considering the adoption of Ordinance 7 of 2019, which said Ordinance is the Tax Ordinance of the Borough of Vandergrift setting and fixing the tax rate for fiscal year 2020.

TAX ORDINANCE 7 OF 2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND, AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and is hereby ordained and enacted by the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift, County of Westmoreland and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Section 1. That a tax be, and the same is, hereby levied on all property and occupations within the said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the year 2020 as follows:

Tax rate for general Borough purposes, the sum of twenty-eight (28) mills on each dollar assessed valuation.

Making a total tax rate for all Borough purposes of twenty-eight (28) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.

Section 2. That any ordinance, or any part of any ordinance, conflicting with this ordinance shall be hereby repealed insofar as the same affects this ordinance.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of December, 2019.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

BY: Kathleen Chvala
KATHLEEN CHVALA
 Council President

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED:

Barbara Turiak
BARBARA TURIAK, Mayor

November 21, 2019

558 Second St.

Leechburg, PA 15656

Mayor Turiak and
Vandergrift Council Members
151 A Lincoln Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear Mayor Turiak and Council,

We are a local group of men and women whose goal is the spaying/neutering and immunizing of area cats and kittens, thereby decreasing the number of free-roaming felines. These are usually strays and ferals. We use the TNR method (TRAP, NEUTER, RETURN) This insures that cats will be unable to reproduce. In addition, they will be immunized against rabies and feline specific diseases. Healthy cats help communities by decreasing rodent population.

2.

In order to continue helping
our local communities,
funding through your donations
is necessary. Please help us
help you.

Sincerely,
Mary Ann Cortino
and members
of Feral & Stray
Cat Care

If you wish to donate,
please send to:

Ardel Milko
130 Ellwood Rd.
Apollo, PA 15613

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

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Sciuolo stated that the 2009 Mack Refuse Truck is on its last leg. With approximately \$6,600 spend on repairs and the possibility \$10,000 in the near future, he recommended Council move forward with the purchase of new refuse truck.

Mr. Sciuolo stated that he has contacted Tri-County Truck Center to obtain a quote for the purchase of 2021 Mack with a 20 yard leech rear load packer at total price of \$234,258.49. He stated that payments would be financed over five years at an annual payment of \$50,241.60. (See page 4-A)

Mrs. Wilson stated that purchase is part of the 2020 budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Sciuolo, second by Mr. Maszgay, to move forward with the aforementioned purchase of a 2021 Mack Refuse Truck, subject to complying with the Department of Community & Economic Development requirements. Motion carried.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Bove reported that the demo application to raze the structure located at 127 Grant Avenue has been submitted to the County.

Mr. Bove stated that the construction bond regarding the Dollar General Store can be released, usually be letter.

Mr. Holmes questioned whether the driveway request at 508 Bryant Street can be approved.

Mr. Bove recommended that this matter be approved providing all specifications, permits and all requirements are met. He also stated that the owner should locate the property corners.



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Tri-County Truck Center

November 26, 2019

FORMAL PROPOSAL

OBLIGOR: BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, PA

- ✓ This is a finance/ownership contract. No residual value.
- ✓ Fixed interest rate for the five (5) year term.

(MISSPRINT)
✓ 20 YARD

EQUIPMENT: ONE (1) 2021 MACK TE64F TERRAPRO WITH 25 YARD LEACH REAR LOAD REFUSE PACKER

OPTION 1

Acquisition Cost:	\$238,113.49	Term:	Five (5) years	First Payment Due:	At Closing
Document Fee:	\$ 395.00	Payment Mode:	Annual in Advance	Payment Amount:	\$50,241.60
Trade In:	\$ 4,250.00	Interest Rate:	3.620%		
Principal Balance:	\$234,258.49	Rate Factor:	0.214471		

- This is a proposal only and is not a commitment to finance. This proposal is subject to credit review and approval and proper execution of mutually acceptable documentation.
- Failure to consummate this transaction once credit approval is granted and the documents are drafted and delivered to Obligor will result in a documentation fee being assessed to the Obligor.
- This transaction must be credit approved, all documents properly executed and returned to Tri-County Truck Center and the transaction funded on ALL proposals on or before December 26, 2019. If funding does not occur within that time-frame, or there is a change of circumstance which adversely affects the expectations, rights, or security of Obligee or its assignees, then Obligee or its assignees reserve the right to adjust and determine a new interest rate factor and payment amount, or withdraw this proposal in its entirety.
- This transaction must be designated as tax-exempt under Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended.
- **OBLIGOR'S TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT TO BE ISSUED IN THIS CALENDAR YEAR WILL NOT EXCEED THE \$10,000,000 LIMIT, OR THE INTEREST RATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

TRI-COUNTY TRUCK CENTER

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, PA

Signature

Title

Signature

Title

Date

Date

[Handwritten Signature]
 Title: SALES MANAGER
 Date: 11/26/19

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

Mrs. Wilson questioned when In-Sight Pipe will perform the work at the Hill property, 215 Emerson Street.

Mr. Bove stated that he will contact said company.

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

BUDGET REPORT:

No Report

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

No Report

Chief Caporali reported that during the month of November, the department responded to 206 calls, issued 2 non-traffic citations, 19 traffic citations, and 11 criminal arrests.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

No Report

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

No Report

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Holmes reported that he is getting everything ready at the pool for the installation of the pool liner to be done sometime in the Spring of 2020.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Loperfito presented for adoption Ordinance No. 6-2019, whereby the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority has set an enhanced tap fee as a result of an increase in their tapping fee-capacity assessment. (See pages 6-A & B)

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

Solicitor Loperfito stated that plans are moving forward with the Washington Avenue project. He stated that the Borough is awaiting for funding approval from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. He also stated that Allegheny Ludlum is still on board with this project.

Solicitor Loperfito questioned if Council have an opportunity to review the Casino Lease Agreement.

Mr. Collini suggested that the Borough Engineer be more involved with all major renovations or improvements to this building.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Holmes, to approve the revised Casino Lease Agreement. Motion carried.

Solicitor Loperfito offered his appreciation for time and work that Mr. Sciallo and Mr. Rametta have given to the Borough as a member of Council.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
ORDINANCE 6 of 2019**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2 OF 2017 TO PROVIDE FOR AN ENHANCED TAP FEE AS A RESULT OF AN INCREASE IN THE TAPPING FEE-CAPACITY PORTION AS ASSESSED BY THE KISKI VALLEY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift adopted Ordinance No. 2 of 2007 on the 2nd day of April, 2007 which established a tap connection fee of \$4,840.00 for each building or structure to be connected to the public sanitary sewer system of the Borough of Vandergrift; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 2 of 2007 provided that the Borough reserves the right, from time to time hereafter, to amend any and all taps fees and/or inspection fees as it deems necessary to permit the tap into the Borough or its designated authorities sanitary sewer system; and,

WHEREAS, the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority, under and through their power as a Municipal Authority and Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted a Tapping Fee – Capacity Portion Fee to be added to sewer tap fees of the 13 Member Communities of which the Borough of Vandergrift acknowledges membership; and,

WHEREAS, the Tapping Fee – Capacity Portion Fee established by the Board of Directors of Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority on the 19th day of August, 2015 as established at \$510.00 per tap;

WHEREAS, the Tapping Fee – Capacity Portion Fee has been amended by the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority by Resolution dated October 16, 2019 and established at \$851.00 per tap;

WHEREAS, the Borough enacts this Ordinance pursuant to the powers granted by the Borough Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 8 Pa.C.S. §101, et seq.

NOW THEREFORE, intending to be legally bound, the Borough Council of the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby **ORDAIN AND ENACT** the following:

SECTION I(B) – PERMIT FOR CONNECTION

The provisions of Section I(B) of Ordinance 2 of 2017, Permit for Connection, is hereby repealed and replaced with the following section:

SECTION I – PERMIT FOR CONNECTION

B. At the time of application, the applicant shall pay the Borough of Vandergrift, or its designated agent or authority, the required tap connection fee of \$6,431.00 for each building or structure to be connected, per tap, to the aforementioned public sanitary sewer system within the Borough of Vandergrift. This tapping fee shall include therewith a tapping fee – capacity portion as levied by the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority by Resolution dated October 16, 2019

in the amount of \$851.00, effective as of January 1, 2020 and until amended thereafter by further Resolution of the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority. The Borough shall remit, concurrently with issuance of the tap permit, the sum of \$851.00 per tap to the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority, effective January 1, 2020.

SECTION II – REPEALER

This Ordinance repeals, in part, Section 1 of Ordinance 2 of 2017 and replaces the same with the language as set forth in this Ordinance. All remaining parts and portions of Ordinance 1 of 2016 not in conflict with this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION III – SEVERABILITY

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is, for any reason, found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid part or portion shall be removed and shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared that it is the intent of the Borough of Vandergrift that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herewith.

SECTION IV – EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption.

ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT THIS 2nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

BY: Kathleen Chvala
KATHLEEN CHVALA
Council President

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED:

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BARBARA TURIK
Mayor