

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 4, 2020

The Council of the Borough met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 7:00 pm, with President Chvala presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. Due to the Governor's directive to stay at home, the regular public meeting will take place in a virtual setting utilizing "Zoom" format for online meetings.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lenny Collini	Christine Wilson
Thomas Holmes	Karen McClarnon
John Uskuriatis	Casimer Masgay
Kathy Chvala	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

Barbara Turiak, Mayor	Stephen DelleDonne, Secretary
Alain Generelli, Solicitor	Theresa Geltz, Asst. Secretary
Lucian Bove, Engineer	Joseph Caporali, Police Chief

MINUTES:

The minutes of the March 2, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson. Motion carried

VISITORS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Holmes, to hear from visitors at this time.

President Chvala called for anyone wishing to address Council two consecutive time, with no one responding.

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

2-A

MEMORIAL DAY 2020
(TENTATIVE—SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

FLAG DISTRIBUTION

Saturday; May 9th---Meet 9AM @ American Legion**

Rain Date-- Saturday; May 16th**

Pending Receipt of flags

MEMORIAL DAY—MONDAY; MAY 25th

NO PARADE

MORNING SERVICES

8:45AM—Meet at the VFW for staging & departure.

9:00AM---First service at the Vandergrift Bridge, North Vandergrift Memorial, East Vand Memorial, Vandergrift cemetery, St. Gertrude cemetery, Century 21 Memorial, KAHS Memorial.

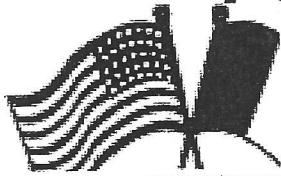
(Route change due to projected East Vandergrift Lane closure)

Breakfast at the VFW upon completion of morning services.

11AM—CASINO PROGRAM

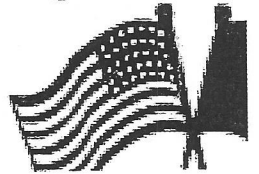
NO LUNCHESES AFTER CASINO PROGRAM

Festa Italiana di Vandergrift 2-B



Post Office Box 115—Vandergrift, PA 15690

www.Festaitaliana.us



April 28, 2020

Borough of Vandergrift Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear Council,

Re: 2020 Festa

The Festa Italiana di Vandergrift committee is hereby notifying you that due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 virus and related social distancing restrictions that might be in place in August the Committee has decided to cancel our Festa this year. We will not need access to the facilities requested in our December 18, 2019 letter to Council (See Attached)

We have tentatively scheduled our 2021 Festa for August 8, 2021.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks so much for your help!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Putignano", written over a horizontal line.

Jim Putignano
President, Festa Italiana di Vandergrift 2020
jim@putignano.us

cc: Kiski Valley Lancers Football
413 Linden Street
Vandergrift Pa 15690

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

Station 51

Exhibit 1-A
Randy Dunmire, Chief
Michael J. Reilly, President
724-567-7171
www.vfr51.com

February 28, 2020

Vandergrift Council,

The Vandergrift No.1 Fire Department is once again planning our annual carnival fund raising event to be held Tuesday; June 2nd thru Saturday; June 6th, 2020. We are, as a result, requesting the use of Kennedy Park from Walnut Street north to the middle sidewalk and from Jackson Avenue west to Kennedy Drive. Please accept this request to include the field, the gazebo and all associated utilities (i.e. water and electric).

The events will operate Tuesday, June 2nd thru Thursday, June 4th from 6:00PM To 10:00PM; and on Friday & Saturday June 5th and 6th from 6:00PM to 11:00PM. Activities being planned include carnival rides, associated games and food concessions. This year's rides and concessions will again be provided by Penn Premiere Shows/LAM Enterprises. This will be our third year with this local, family owned and operated business. Over the first two years we have experienced little or none of the field damage issues we had with our previous vendor.

We will also be continuing our joint operation and fund raising efforts with both the Vandergrift #2 Fire Dept and our frequent fund raising partners the Markle Fire Dept. As well as interested, local non-profit organizations. The department will, as in the past, ensure that all the proper permits, licenses and insurance coverages are in place.

This event annually provides one of our largest sources of local fund raising. We would like to thank you in advance for your ongoing support and co-operation.

Please feel free to contact any of the following individuals for any further information.

Michael Reilly
President
(412)558-5673

Mark Fairman
Committee
(724) 994-0909

Joann Reilly
Committee
(724) 596-0076

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



Randall J. Dunmire, Chief
Michael J. Reilly, President
724-567-7171
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April 29, 2020

Steve/Council,

As I mentioned when we talked earlier this week, I have spoken with our carnival operator, Lloyd Serfass, with Penn Premier Shows. He is currently canceling shows early in his schedule as it becomes impossible to make the necessary preparations. Our dates for the week of June 2nd through June 6th (which you have our letter requesting) are still feasible and on the schedule. In the event that the mandated closures affect our event I will inform you as soon as I know.

Lloyd also informed me that several of his bookings for later in the summer (July, August & into September) are considering canceling, even if some of the mandated closures and distancing requirements are lifted. At that point he could possibly offer us a date later in the summer. The only potential problem would be that there might not be enough time to have a request submitted and approved by Council through the normal procedure.

That being the case, I would like to ask Council to pre-approve our use of the field and utilities should an open date arise later in the year. Conditional on there being no other events scheduled for the dates requested. Needless to say all of our previous agreements regarding field condition and insurance coverages will remain in effect if a later date is acquired. If time permits we will also submit the request through normal channels.

Thank you for your assistance with our ongoing attempts to raise much needed revenue during these trying and stressful times.

Michael J. Reilly
President
George G. McMurtry
Vandergriff No. 1 Fire Dept.

Exhibit 2-A

120 East Adams Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690
February 23, 2020

Borough of Vandergrift Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

To Whom It May Concern:

I am requesting permission to pay for the cost of removing a Bradford Pear tree that I planted on the Harrison Avenue side of my property. Vandergrift Borough did not buy nor did they plant this tree. When I planted it, twenty some years ago, I did not know that since it was on borough property, I couldn't remove it without council's permission.

The tree has grown to be over 25 feet tall and is extremely messy. In the spring it drops old berries and flower pods and in the fall lots of new berries go all over my sidewalk and wall. The tree loses it's leaves after Thanksgiving each year and the borough crews have long since stopped cleaning up leaves.

I would be using Black Lab Tree services (they are insured) if you approve my request. If and when I decide to plant another tree, I will pick a tree from the borough's approved tree list for planting.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice Oberdorf". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Janice Oberdorf



Vandergrift Farmers' Market
PO Box 77
Vandergrift, PA 15690
724-422-3883



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April 8, 2020

Vandergrift Borough Council
c/o Steve Delledonne, Borough Secretary
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Council Members:

On behalf of the Vandergrift Farmers' Market, I ask your permission to use the lower portion of the Columbia parking lot and Teeple park for the market.

The market will be open from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday beginning June 4th and ending October 15th, 2020.

We will be following current COVID-19 protocols in place for farmers' markets at the time.

I look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Natalie Jaworskyj".

Natalie Jaworskyj
Market Manager
724-422-3883

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No Report

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented the scheduled events for Memorial Day. He stated that there will be no Memorial Day Parade. (See page 2-A)

The Secretary stated that Festa Italiana di Vandergrift has cancelled their annual event for 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus. (See page 2-B)

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

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

No Report

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

The Secretary presented the following correspondences:

Exhibit 1-A: Michael Reilly, present of Vandergrift No. 1 Fire Department

Subject: Request to use Kennedy Park for their Annual Carnival event to be held June 2nd thru June 4th

Solicitor Generelli stated that the approval of this request will be contradictory to the current declaration of emergency, which is extended to August 31th.

Exhibit 2-A: Janice Oberdorf, 120 East Adames.

Subject: Request to remove a tree in front of her house and plant a new one at her expense.

Mrs. McClarnon requested that no action be taken until such time as the tree commission has had time to review this matter.

Exhibit 3-A: Natalie Jaworsky, Market Manager, Farmers' Market.

Subject: Request use of the lower portion of the Columbia Parking Lot and the Teeple Park beginning June 4th and ending October 15th.

Solicitor Generelli again stated that the approval of this request will be contradictory to the current declaration of emergency.

Exhibit 4-A: A.J. Bione, Chairman, Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority.

Subject: K.V.W.P.C.A's engineer will contacting all municipalities for information regarding their EDU calculations.

Exhibit 5-A: Kyle Harris, president of the Kiski Valley Lancers Youth Football Organization.

Subject: Request use of Kennedy Park for their football practices from July 27th and running into November.

Solicitor Generelli again stated that the approval of this request will be contractor to the Current declaration of emergency.

Exhibit 6-A: Janet Thomas, deputy director, Westmoreland County Dept. of Planning.

Subject: Requesting a response from Council as to whether the Borough wishes To remain with the County's CDBG Program for fiscal years 2021 -2023, Or opt out to participate in the State CDBG Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to remain with the County's CDBG Program. Motion carried.

REGULAR AND STATE BILLS:

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

SPECIAL BILLS:

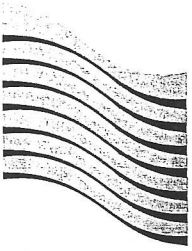
None

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

None

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucian Bove presented and reviewed the following list of items worked on over the months of March and April. (See pages 3-A & #-B)



Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority

1361 SCHOOL ROAD • LEECHBURG PA 15656

PHONE: (724) 568-3655

FAX: (724) 568-3554

WEBSITE: KVVWPCA.COM EMAIL: GENERAL@KVVWPCA.COM

March 5, 2020

Vandergrift Borough Council
109 Grant Avenue
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Dear Council Members:

The purpose of this memo is to advise you that the consulting engineer for the Kiski Valley Water Pollution Control Authority, HRG, Inc, will be working in and may be contacting you, as a member municipality, for information regarding your EDU calculations. We thank you and the personnel in your community for your cooperation in this process. We anticipate that this evaluation will be conducted within the next 6 months and we will be providing data to your municipality regarding the results of our evaluation and the new method of calculating commercial EDU's in your community.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact our manager, Dennis Duryea at 724-568-3655.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I thank you.

Very truly yours,

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A.J. Bione, Chairman

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Kyle Harris <kyles.harris@kiskiarea.com>

3/5/2020 8:45 AM

Kennedy Park Usage

To vgborosec@comcast.net

Good Morning Mr. Delledonne, My Name Is Kyle Harris & I Am The President Of The Kiski Valley Lancers Youth Football Organization. I Am Emailing You To Ask The Boro's Permission Of Letting Us Continue To Use Kennedy Park As Our Practice Headquarters Starting July 27th & Running Into November. We Would Also Ask Permission To Use Kennedy Park For Any Speed & Agility Clinics We May Decide To Have From April 1st-July 26th. We Thank The Boro For Their Hospitality Over The Years.

Thank You
Kyle Harris

Douglas W. Chew
Vice-Chairman

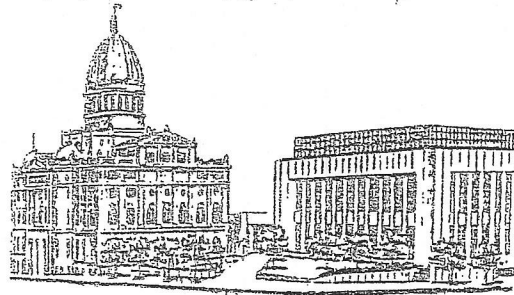
Sean Kertes
Chairman

Gina Cerilli, Esq.
Secretary
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Westmoreland County

Pennsylvania

DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
A DIVISION OF THE
WESTMORELAND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
FIFTH FLOOR, SUITE 520
40 NORTH PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE
GREENSBURG, PA 15601



Telephone:
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TDD: 724-830-3802

March 27, 2020

Vandergrift Borough
Municipal Building
109 Grant Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690

RE: Urban County Qualifications and Requirements-
Community Development Block Grant Program; Fiscal Years 2021-2023

Dear Municipal Officials:

In order for Westmoreland County to continue to qualify as an Urban County and in accordance with HUD regulations, we are notifying each unit of government of its options regarding funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for Fiscal Years 2021-2023. Those communities that opted-out of the County's Community Development Program three years ago did so for Fiscal Years 2018-2020. All municipalities must now make a new decision for the upcoming three (3) year period.

You have the option of either withdrawing or not withdrawing from the County's Community Development Block Grant Program. In considering your options, please keep in mind that if your municipality elects to withdraw from the County's program, the municipality cannot be the beneficiary of any County CDBG funds for a three (3) year period (Fiscal Years 2021, 2022, and 2023).

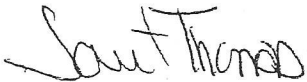
Conversely, if you choose to be included in the County's program, you cannot apply for Community Development funds under the State CDBG Program for the same three (3) year period. In order to determine if your community would benefit from being included in the State CDBG Program, you need to contact the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). If you desire to contact the DCED for information on the State program, we can provide the appropriate information.

If your municipality chooses to be included in the County's program, you will also be a participant in the HOME Investment Partnership program, a separate federal program which focuses on housing. Your municipality may not participate in a consortium under the HOME program except through Westmoreland County. This does not mean that your municipality will automatically receive HOME program funds, but that you would be eligible for HOME funded projects to be located in your community.

If you wish to continue participate in the County's program, you don't need to take any action or respond to this letter. If you choose to not participate in the County's program, you must inform both the County and the HUD Pittsburgh Area Office (Mr. Phillip McKeough, CPD Director, William S. Moorhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1000, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4004) no later than May 15, 2020. This notice must be in writing and be signed by a municipal official.

Please contact me at 724-830-3650 or Jennifer Woodling at 724-830-3615 if the municipality has any questions concerning these requirements

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janet Thomas". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janet Thomas
Deputy Director

Engineer Report

To stevedelledonne@vandergriftborough.com • vgborosec@comcast.net •
Kathy Chvala <kchvala222@comcast.net> Copy Larry Loperfita <ldl@gllawyers.com> •
dboveengineering@comcast.net

Hello Kathy, Stephen, Theresa and Council,

The following is a summary of the items worked on over the months of March and April. Please let me know how to join the meeting this evening.

215 Lowell Street Backflow Device

The restoration was done therefore this item is complete.

127 Grant Avenue

Met with Hallie from Westmoreland County and adjacent property owners at the site.

404 Whittier Street Sanitary Sewer Backup - Follow-up

We are working with the solicitor and code enforcement officer to file with the magistrate.

215 Bryant Street Proposed Driveway Concerns - Follow-up

Conducted field meeting at the site with the contractor, Christine Wilson, and Tom Holmes. Applicant will be revising the application as discussed. No revised information has been received to date.

Olmstead Commons DCNR Grant (Washington Avenue Redevelopment Project)

We have conducted more preliminary work on the plan and survey.

No. 1 Fire Dept. Pillar Trail Repair

Worked with the fire department regarding the generator installation.
Need to follow up with Jedco regarding the pillar.

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~~236~~ Longfellow Street Unsafe Structure

An inspection was conducted and a report is forthcoming. The primary concern at this location is the gutters on both sides of the structure which appear to be in eminent collapse condition.

206 1/2 Lowell Street

Appears that the property owner has excavated for a driveway. They will need a driveway permit and perhaps a grading permit. Due to the steep cut slope in close proximity to the adjacent property, a retaining wall may also be needed.

Vandergrift Pool

Conducted periodic field inspections and worked with Contractor and Borough to obtain required DCED documentation and Payment Request #1.

3-B

23rd Street Curb Replacement and Brick pavement restoration

Quotes were received from 4 contractors as of April 22 (see attached bid tabulation). If council wishes to move forward, we will need authorization to direct the low bidder, Winfall Energy, to perform the repairs.

319 Linden Street

Worked with Cristine Wilson regarding sewer reconnection.

Please let me know if anyone has any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lucien Bove, PE

Bove Engineering Company

8201 Route 819

Greensburg, PA 15601

(724) 925-9269

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- Quotation Tabulation.pdf (466 KB)
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In regards to a proposed driveway request a 215 Bryant Street, Mr. Holmes reported that the owner will pay engineering fees when an application is made.

In regards to 206 ½ Lowell Sreet, Solicitor Generelli stated that this may be a Zoning issue. She also stated that the Borough needs to adopt a driveway ordinance.

In regards to 23rd Street, Mr. Bove presented four (4) quotations to for curb repair and brick pavement replacement for Council. (See page 4-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to award the aforementioned work to Winfall Energy, the low quote at \$9,273.50. Motion carried with Mrs. Wilson abstaining.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Homes reported that he has received a letter of resignation from Miranda Tasker as her part-time position to the Vandergrift Police Department. He stated that she has a full-time position with the Leechburg Police Department. (See page 4-B)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to accept Miranda Tasker's letter of resignation. Motion carried.

Mr. Holmes stated that that East Vandergrift Lane will be closed due to work being done by PennDot. He stated all emergency agencies have be notified.

BUDGET & FINANCE REPORT:

No Report

BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Mrs. McClarnon questioned members of Council if they have read the Casino Lease.

All members responded that they have read said lease.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to accept the Building & Grounds Report. Motion carried.

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson McClarnon provided the following tree report: (See page 4-C & 4-D) She also state that two trees were cut down due to emergency conditions.

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by M. Uskuaritis, to accept the Tree & Light Report. Motion carried.

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VANDERGRIFT BOROUGH
 2020
 23rd STREET CURB REPAIR
 & BRICK PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT

QUOTATION TABULATION
 (Quotes Opened April 22, 2020 4:00pm)

Item	Description	Qty.	Units	Received: 4/21/2020 at 9:03 p.m.		4/22/2020 at 11:36 a.m.		4/15/2020 at 9:00 a.m.		4/22/2020 at 2:26 p.m.				
				1st	Cost	2nd	Cost	3rd	Cost	4th	Cost			
1	Reinforce Concrete Curb Replacement	37	LF	\$115.50	\$4,273.50	Pampena L & C, Inc.	\$185.00	\$6,845.00	Tim Fouse Excavating	\$200.00	\$7,400.00	Nagy Construction	\$195.00	\$7,215.00
2	Brick Pavement Replacement	100	SF	\$50.00	\$5,000.00		\$28.00	\$2,800.00		\$60.00	\$6,000.00		\$175.00	\$17,500.00
TOTAL COST OF QUOTE:					\$9,273.50		\$9,645.00		\$13,400.00		\$24,715.00			

Note: No Quote was received from Dave Campbell Plumbing.

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22 April 2020

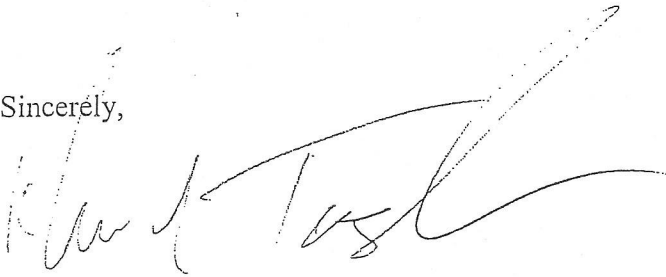
Attn: Chief Joseph Caporali

Sgt. Tony DePanicis

To whom it may concern,

Please accept this letter as a notice that I will be resigning my part time position at the Vandergrift Police Department, as I have secured full time employment. Thank you for the support and opportunities you have provided me over the past year. It has been a great learning experience that I will carry with me. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help with the transition.

Sincerely,

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Miranda Tasker

April 21, 2020

Tree Report

On March 11th- I was invited to a tree commission meeting held by Marilee Kessler. Mr. Loperfито was also present. Marilee's report is included in this packet. Marilee will keep everyone updated.

During the month of April- 3 trees were considered hazardous (2 fell and one was split in half). 2 of these trees were on Custer and the other on Monroe. Glenn was able to take care of 2 of these trees and the other had to have a tree service take down.

I spoke with Christine Wilson about the list of trees that need low cuttings. We agreed Glenn could do these when available. She would contact me before Glenn goes out for these cuttings.

Karen McClarnon
724-594-6644

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April 10, 2020

To: Karen McClarnan
Vandergrift Borough Council
Chair—trees and lights committee

The potential initial members of the Vandergrift Shade Tree Commission will have a virtual meeting sometime within the next 10 days to review suggested rules and the associated forms to be used for commission activities.

I am assembling a packet for each of them and will send these out virtually, as we will remain in a stay at home status at least through the end of April.

My understanding is that the ordinance to create this commission is currently in queue for being typed and ready for proofreading and review.

Because we, along with everyone else, have all been affected by the Covid19 virus, we understand that it is necessary to prioritize business related to the Pandemic and our timeline for adoption and “fleshing out” the commission paperwork will be delayed a minimum of one month. Research is somewhat limited due to the unavailability of some offices.

One thing that was discussed and suggested by the members of the group was that some trees that have low branches that impede walking on the sidewalks have this low trimming done by borough crew members, as their time permits, and if this is allowed to be done in this manner. This was done some years ago and resulted in a savings to the borough.

Thank you for bearing with us through this initial stage

Marilee Kessler, coordinator

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

President Chvala presented for approval Resolution No. 6-2020, whereby the discount period for the payment of the Borough's Property Tax will be extended to August 31, 2020, due to the COVID-19. (See page 5-A)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to adopt Resolution No. 6-2020. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Holmes, to extend the Declaration of Disaster Emergency to August 31st (See pages 5-B thru 5-D) Mr. Maszgay requested a Roll Call of the motion.

The Secretary called members for vote on the aforementioned motion:

Mr. Collini	-	Yes
Mr. Holmes	-	Yes
Mrs. Wilson	-	Yes
Mrs. Chvala	-	Yes
Mr. Maszgay	-	No
Mrs. McClarno	-	Yes
Mr. Uskuaritis	-	No

The Secretary that motion on the floor carried with 5 members voting and 2 members opposing.

Mrs. McClarnon questioned what happens to anyone who violates this Declaration.

Solicitor Generelli stated that violators could receive a citation.

President Chvala presented a letter from Officer Christian Disciscio, in which he is requesting Council to consider the administrating of the Police Traffic Services Grant previously held by the City of Lower Burrell. (See pages 5-E thru 5-G)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson to have the Solicitor review said matter and prepare Resolution No. 7-2020 for adoption at the June 1st meeting. Motion carried.

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

**BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
RESOLUTION NO. 6 OF 2020**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDING FOR TAX RELIEF DURING THE COVID-19 DISASTER EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO ACT 15 OF 2020 (SENATE BILL 841) AND DIRECTING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO COLLECT TAXES, EXTEND THE DISCOUNT PERIOD AND WAIVE FEES AND PENALTIES REGARDING THE COLLECTION OF A TAX IMPOSED ON THE ASSESS VALUE OF THE REAL PROPERTY THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE DUE BY DECEMBER 31, 2020.

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania enacted Act 15 of 2020 (Senate Bill 841) which authorized any Taxing District, including a Borough within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to extend the discount period and waive fees and penalties regarding the collection of taxes imposed on the assessed value of the real property that would otherwise be due by December 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 15 of 2020, the County of Westmoreland adopted a Resolution which extended the discount period for taxes imposed by Westmoreland County on the assessed value of real property from April 30, 2020 until August 31, 2020, and waived the fees and penalties on the late payment of taxes due Westmoreland County if paid in full on or before December 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Council for the Borough of Vandergrift wishes to extend the discount period for taxes imposed by the Borough of Vandergrift on the assessed value of real property from April 30, 2020 until August 31, 2020 and waive the fees and penalties on the late payment of taxes due to the Borough of Vandergrift if paid in full on or before December 31, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, that the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift hereby extends the discount period for taxes imposed by the Borough of Vandergrift on the assessed value of real property from April 30, 2020 until August 31, 2020, and waives the penalties on the late payment of such taxes if paid in full on or before December 31, 2020. The Tax Collector for the Borough of Vandergrift is hereby directed to collect taxes, extend the discount period and impose penalties consistent with this Resolution.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, during a duly advertised public meeting of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift, held this 5th day of May, 2020. A quorum being duly convened.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

BY: Kathleen Chvala
KATHLEEN CHVALA, Council President

ATTEST:

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

DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on or about March 16, 2020, the Coronavirus (hereinafter referred to as "COVID-19") pandemic has caused or threatens to cause injury, damage and suffering to the persons and property of the Borough of Vandergrift; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (hereinafter referred to as the "CDC") have declared COVID-19 a "public health emergency of international concern," and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (hereinafter referred to as "HHS") Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is critical to prepare for and respond to suspected or confirmed cases in the Borough of Vandergrift and to implement measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic threatens to endanger the health, safety and welfare of a substantial number of persons residing in the Borough of Vandergrift, and threatens to create problems greater in scope than the Borough of Vandergrift may be able to resolve; and,

WHEREAS, this threat of imminent disaster and emergency has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts upon the population throughout the Borough; and

WHEREAS, emergency management measures are required to reduce the severity of this disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents in the Borough of Vandergrift;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Mayor and Council of the Borough of Vandergrift, pursuant to the provisions of Section 7501 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code (35 Pa.C.S. Section 7501), as amended, do hereby proclaim the existence of a disaster emergency in the Borough of Vandergrift.

FURTHER, we direct the following:

1. The Borough of Vandergrift Emergency Management Coordinators shall coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate action needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response action deemed necessary to respond to this emergency.

2. Officials of the Borough of Vandergrift shall act as necessary to meet the current demands of this emergency; namely, by the employment of temporary workers, by the rental of equipment, by the purchase of supplies and materials, and by entering into such contract and

agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency, all without regard to those time-consuming procedures and formalities normally prescribed by law, mandatory constitutional requirements excepted.

3. In order to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on public health, the following measures are hereby adopted originally declared by the Mayor of the Borough of Vandergrift effective 12:01 A.M. on April 28, 2020 and is hereby extended, by act of the Borough of Vandergrift to expire at 11:59 P.M. on the 31st day of August, 2020 unless terminated or extended by further act of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift.

- A. All non-essential gatherings of 10 or more people are prohibited within the Borough of Vandergrift.
- B. All events requiring Borough Permits are hereby cancelled.
- C. All residents of the Borough of Vandergrift are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing to limit the spread of the disease. Do not go out in public unless it is absolutely necessary. Please refrain from non-essential travel.
- D. It is encouraged for people to wear a non-medical or homemade mask if possible when leaving their homes and masks shall be required for entry to essential businesses except as provided by Order of Governor Tom Wolf.
- E. The Borough of Vandergrift requires that utility customers and taxpayers mail in their payments. As always, a receipt will be mailed to you if you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment. The Borough Building front entrance will remain closed until further notice. Due dates however have not been changed at this time.
- F. Borough municipal offices will remain open during this time; however, walk-in visits are suspended until further notice. Borough employees are available to answer questions via telephone or email, during regular business hours. The department remains open for emergencies only.
- G. Meetings of Municipal Authorities, Board and Commissions will be limited to those with essential business to conduct.
- H. Borough buildings and properties are not available for non-essential use or by outside groups at this time.
- I. All monthly in-person Borough Council meetings are hereby suspended. However, should council deem it appropriate a live-stream meeting through Facebook Live, Skype, Zoom, GoToMeeting or another platform may be scheduled, with an alternative method of public comment, in order to satisfy the requirements of the Sunshine Act. Council shall ensure that a reasonably accessible method of public participation is utilized and it is clearly explained

to the public in advance of and during the meeting. Any such meeting shall be recorded and made available to the public online.

4. This declaration is hereby declared extended upon approval of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift this 4th day of May, 2020.

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Council President

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ATTEST:

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

APPROVED:

Barbara Turiak (SEAL)
BARBARA TURIAK, Mayor

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To: Vandergrift Borough Council
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Barb TURIAK, Mayor
Tom HOLMES, Police Committee Chairman
Steve DELLEDONNE, Borough Secretary

From: Ptlm. Christian DISCISCIO
Date: May 1, 2020
Re: Police Traffic Services Grant

In January of 2020 the current grant that funds DUI enforcement for the local eighteen police departments that is currently held by the City of Lower Burrell was requested to be moved. Lower Burrell no longer want to hold the grant due to changes. I was asked if Vandergrift Borough would be willing to take over for the fiscal year 2021 and beyond due to the experience I have administering the grant previously in Armstrong County for eight years.

The grant is named the Police Traffic Services Grant and now encompasses four areas of enforcement. They are Impaired Driving (DUI), Aggressive Driving, Occupant Protection (Buckle Up PA) and Pedestrian Safety. The grant operates on the federal fiscal year schedule and is funded in two (2) year periods. The initial grant that would be hosted by our Borough for FY2021 will cover October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2022.

As the grant administrator, I will be responsible for all submissions through the online system to PENNDOT for reimbursements. Any paid hours incurred by me for administration of the grant is reimbursed to the Borough. All equipment funded for the grant activity is also funded through the grant and will be registered to Vandergrift Borough.

The Borough Secretary will be responsible for fund distribution to the municipalities involved. I will submit monthly when a reimbursement is needed to Mr. DELLEDONNE and spreadsheet of figures to be disbursed to the municipalities once they are received into our financial institution.

Myself and Officer Gray had an informal meeting with President CHVALA, Secretary DELLEDONNE and Chief CAPORALI whom were in favor of the grants'

hosting. At this point I would ask that council consider this opportunity for our department. The need from Council itself is to allow the grant to be held by the Borough and pass the attached Resolution.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Thank You,



Christian Disciscio

RESOLUTION #7

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the _____
(Name of governing body)
_____ of the _____,
(Name of Municipality)
_____ County, and it is hereby resolved by authority
of the same, that the _____ of said Municipality,
(designate official title)
Authority be authorized and directed to sign the attached grant on its
behalf.

ATTEST

(Name of Municipality)

(Signature and designation
of official title)

By: _____
(Signature and designation
of official title)

Print or type above name and
title

Print or type above name and
title

(SEAL)

I, _____,
(Name) _____
(Official title)
of the _____, do hereby certify that
(Name of governing body or municipality)

the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at
a regular meeting of the _____,
(Name of governing body)

held the _____ day of _____, 20 .

DATE: _____, 20

(Signature and designation
of official title)

Print or type above name/title

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Uskuaritis stated that he is proceeding with garden activities at Franklin Playground.

Solicitor Generelli stated that the garden activities should not proceed due emergency declaration passed by Borough Council.

Mrs. Mclarnon questioned why Mr. Uskuaritis used a Borough truck to obtain and deliver supplies for the garden at Franklin Avenue.

Mr. Uskuaritis stated that he had requested permission and that the materials were paid by him.

Mr. Uskuaritis stated that the pool liner is progressing well and a new water feature was purchased for the pool.

Mr. Uskuaritis stated that he has secured the service of a Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, and someone to perform the grass cutting at the pool areas.

Mrs. McClarnon questioned whether these individuals should be voted on and approved by Council.

Solicitor Generelli stated that an action of Council should be taken on these matters.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Solicitor Generelli stated that no action to approve the garden activities or the Farmer' Market can be taken as the long as the Emergency Declaration is in effect.

In regards to the opening of the Farmer's Market and the maintenance of the community garden, Solicitor Generelli that pursuant to the Pa. Dept. of Agriculture, both operations are considered to be essential and are therefore; able to function during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS;

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Uskuaritis, to have the Solicitor prepare a driveway ordinance for the June meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Collini, second by Mr. Uskuaritis, to approve the Farmer's Market to use the lower portion of Columbia Parking Lot and Teeple Park. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Wilson reported that Pennsylvania Avenue is having erosion problems to the street, of which, is pot holes to develop. She explained that a French drain is needed to correct the problem. She also stated that this work can be done in house by the Borough Crew.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to approve work to be done by the Street Department. Motion carried.

Mrs. Wilson reported that 23rd Street, from Madison to Monroe, is a very narrow street which creates an issue for the Borough refuse trucks to pass freely. She recommended the adoption of an ordinance that restricts parking in this section of 23rd Street.

President Chvala turn this matter over to Police & Public Safety Committee review and recommendations.

Mrs. Wilson reported that the owner (s) of Big Dawgs Performance are using the ADA Ramp at the end of the sidewalk, at Jackson & Custer Avenues, as an entrance to their parking facility. She explained that this activity will deteriorate the ramp. She suggested the Solicitor look into this for the purpose as to what action can be taken by the Borough.

In regards to the Community Garden at the Franklin Playground, a motion was made by Mr. Uskuaritis, second by Mr. Collini, to approve said activity with the understanding that social distancing will be in effect, and that no time are children at the playground facilities. Motion carried.

Mr. Uskuaritis stated that the Borough is accumulating an increase in the monthly solicitor fees due to members of Council constantly making requests.

A motion was made by Mr. Uskuaritis to have members of Council direct their requests of the Solicitor through the President of Council, of whom, will forward them to the Solicitor.

After a discussion of this matter, Mr. Uskuaritis rescinded his motion.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.