

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

MINUTES OF THE VANDERGRIFT COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 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	Casmier Maszgay
Kathy Chvala	

OTHER OFFICIALS:

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

MINUTES:

The minutes of the September 8, 2020 meeting were approved by motion of by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mrs. McClarnon. Motion carried.

VISITORS:

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

No visitor comments or questions were received.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Turiak stated that the Halloween Night was very successful. She thanked the police, the fire departments, Mrs. Geltz, the community and the contributions by the merchants.

Mayor Turiak discussed the upcoming "Light Up the Night" and the Christmas Parade and her concerns about Covid-19 and the large crowds attending this event. She presented a letter from Julia Martin, V.I.P., in which changes were being made because of Covid. (See page 2-A) She stated that she would like to have the "Light up the Night".

Following a discussion of this matter, a motion was made by Mrs. McClarnon, second by Mr. Collini, to determine if these events are conflict with the Borough's Declaration of Disaster Emergency and to discuss this with Solicitor Loperfito and take action on his recommendation. Motion carried with Mr. Uskuaritis opposing.

A motion was made by Mrs. McClarnon, second by Mrs. Wilson, to obtain a recommendation from Solicitor Loperfito regarding Ms. Denise Lewandowsk's Vandergrift Back When Holiday extravaganza. Motion carried.

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented a letter from the Westmoreland County Transit Authority regarding the Local Share Assessment Agreement for fiscal year 2020-2021. He stated that the Borough's assessment fee will remain at \$1,275,75. (See page 2-B)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wilson, second by Mr. Collini, to enter into a Local Share Assessment Agreement between the Borough of Vandergrift and the Westmoreland County Transit Authority. Motion carried.

The Secretary reported that the Borough has made an application to the Westmoreland C.A.R.E.S Municipal Grant. He therefore, presented for adoption Resolution No. 11-2020 authorizing the designated persons to act in connection with this application, (See page 2-C)

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt Resolution No. 11-2020. Motion carried.

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

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October 27, 2020

Vandergrift Borough
109 Grant Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Re: Light-Up Vandergrift Christmas Parade & Party Event

Dear Council,

It has been brought to my attention that there are concerns about having the annual Christmas Parade & Party. I want to make you aware of some changes that are being made to this year's celebration because of Covid.

1. The 'Party' part that included entertainment and vendors on Grant Ave., prior to the parade, will not take place this year. This is being done in an effort to minimize the amount of time that people will be congregated on Grant Ave.
2. People are encouraged to make use of the ENTIRE parade route. There is plenty of space along Franklin Ave. that folks can make use of to view the parade instead of just Grant Ave.
3. Parade participants are encouraged to social distance while marching and to mask-up if riding a float.
4. Spectators are asked to be aware of their surroundings, social distance as much as possible and mask-up when not possible.
5. Hopefully Covid numbers will be on the decline by parade day. But, I will watch the numbers and if need be, be ready to cancel the parade.
6. Everyone, whether participating in the parade or watching it needs to keep in mind that they do so at their own risk.

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

Best wishes to all for a blessed Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and happy, healthy 2021!
Julia Martin, Chairwoman

Westmoreland County Transit Authority

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Westmoreland Transit

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October 9, 2020

Mr. Stephen J. Delledonne
Vandergrift Borough
151 Lincoln Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690

Re: Local Share Assessment for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Dear Mr. Delledonne:

The Westmoreland County Transit Authority (WCTA) reviews and adjusts each community's local share assessment each year. The assessments are based on population, population density, and the number of bus trips in each community. We realize this has been a difficult time for our local communities, and for this reason we are pleased to inform you that for the third year in a row, your community's local share assessment for FY 2020-2021 *has not been increased*. Your local share assessment for FY 2020-2021 is \$1,275.75.

Please find enclosed for your review, two copies of the Local Share Assessment Agreement for the period beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021. Please have the appropriate officials approve and execute both copies of the Agreement (but do not date the first page) and return both copies to the WCTA by December 1, 2020. Once fully executed, one copy will be returned for your records. The local share assessment amount is to be paid on or before February 15, 2021.

As always, the WCTA thanks your community for its continued support and commitment of public transportation within your community and Westmoreland County. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Ashley Cooper
Deputy Executive Director
acooper@westmorelandtransit.com
(724) 832-2708

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Enclosure

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT
RESOLUTION NO. 11 OF 2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT, COUNTY OF WESTMORELAND AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR THE WESTMORELAND C.A.R.E.S. MUNICIPAL GRANT AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING PERSONS IDENTIFIED AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO ACT IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift is a Municipal Corporation situate in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, the Borough of Vandergrift has expended funds for products and services as a direct response to the COVID-19 public health crisis;

NOW THEREFORE, the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby RESOLVE as follows this 9th day of November, 2020:

RESOLVED: the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift does hereby authorize and direct the filing of an application to Westmoreland County under and pursuant to the Westmoreland C.A.R.E.S. Municipal Grant Support Program for reimbursement for the purchase of good or services as a direct result response to the COVID-19 public health crisis and further does hereby appoint Kathleen Chvala, Council President and Stephen J. DelleDonne, Borough Secretary, as the authorized representatives of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide such additional information as may be required.

RESOLVED at Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, this 9th day of November, 2020.

BOROUGH OF VANDERGRIFT

BY: Kathleen Chvala
KATHLEEN CHVALA,
Council President

ATTEST:

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

APPROVED BY:

Barbara Turiak
BARBARA TURIAK,
Mayor

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Secretary reported that the Code Officer issued 21 violation notices during the month of October.

Mrs. Wilson stated that Council should be aware of the Borough's Disruptive Conduct Ordinance, whereby three disruptive calls to a residence are not permitted, and the responding officer should make a report and file said report to the Code Officer. According to said ordinance the Code Officer shall monitor all disruptive calls, and therefore, she questioned how Council is going to move forward to correct this matter.

Chief Caporali stated that there was a recent eviction within the past week. He stated that there has been quite a few of these incidents, normally when the officers contact the landlord about a disruptive matters and the good landlords take immediate action to evict.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that in her neighborhood this action is not happening.

Chief Caporali stated that in this area the police do not receive calls. He suggested that a meeting be held with the Police Committee, the Solicitor, and himself to review this ordinance for remove the Code Officer from the enforcement and place this responsibility to the police department, of which stream line the enforcement.

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

COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE:

None

REGULAR AND STATED BILLS:

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

STREET & SANITATION REPORT:

Chairperson Wilson reported that a behind a business on 12th Street had work done by the gas company and that the section of the street was never restored according to a Borough ordinance. She stated that she has placed temporary patch material. She stated that it does not relieve the owner of making the proper repairs.

Mrs. Wilson reported that the Borough Crew perform certain work at 37th Street to resolve the drainage problem by diverting water to catch basin, of which saved the Borough money by having an outside contractor do this work.

Mrs. Wilson recommended Council to approve the installation of a guide rail along Bryant St. She explained that the property at Wallace and Bryant is fearful of vehicles going over the bank on to herhouse.

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

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Engineer Lucian Bove presented and reviewed the attached report. (See pages 4-A & B)

In regards to roof collapse at 111 Washington Avenue, a motion was made by Mrs. McClarnon, second by Mr. Collini, to have the area around the building taped off for safety concerns. Motion carried.

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

BUDGET & FINANCE:

Chairpeson Maszgay stated that the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2021 will be presened under New Business.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT:

Chairperson Holmes stated that the Committee interviewed the following two individuals for the position of school crossing guard: Sierra Miller and Stacy Rimel.

A motion of was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to hire Sierra Miller as a school crossing guard, contingent upon satisfactory completion of a back-ground check. Motion carried

Mr. Holmes stated that Ms. Miller does have Child Clearance.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to hire Stacy Rimel as a school crossing guard, contingent upon satisfactory completion of a back-ground check. Motion carried.

Mr. Holmes reported that Jerome Minik, 225 Emerson Street has submitted a Persons With Disability Parking Place Application. He stated that Mr. Minik does meet the criteria set forth in the ordinance and It is recommended that his application be approved.

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Vandergrift Borough Council and Staff,

The following is a summary and status of some of the items worked on by our office over the month of October for Vandergrift Borough. The items requiring action at the November meeting are shown in **Bold** text and we request that these items be placed on the agenda for consideration and/or approval. I plan to attend the meeting in person and to be available for questions.

- Vandergrift Pool - The Pool Liner work is complete and we have the Maintenance Bond. The Grant Agreement period ends June 30, 2022 so there still may be time to advertise and seek bids for the Other Site Improvements as were intended by the grant application. Please note that to receive reimbursement, all work must be done according to the grant agreement. The requirements for advertising and bidding must be followed in order to receive reimbursement under the grant.
- Multimodal Grant Application - We received the attached email from DCED. They are reviewing the application and the awards are to be made at a Spring 2021 CFA Board Meeting.
- Stormwater Management Ordinance - A Draft Ordinance has been submitted for review and comment. I would like to discuss some minor changes which we feel may be warranted.
- Olmstead Commons - A conference call was held with DCNR and the County on 10/16. At this time we can proceed with the preparation of the plans and specifications according to the grant application and agreements.
- Project 70 Timber Harvest - The agreement with the Forester is ready to be placed on the agenda.
- 2020 CDBG Franklin Avenue Street Reconstruction Project - We are awaiting the subrecipient agreement from the County Planning Dept. which is currently pending County Commissioners signatures. As soon as the Borough receives the subrecipient agreement, this project can be awarded. Therefore, since the award cannot be made at this time, we anticipate that the project will be held over until next year's paving season.
- Casino Theater Brick repointing and Roof Gutter Repairs - The interior plaster and the exterior brick mortar joint deterioration appear to be related to the roof gutters and their connection to the downspouts, as evidenced by the observations made at the site. The downspout connections need to be repaired as soon as possible to halt the progression of the deterioration. Once the leaking downspouts are fixed, the mortar joints will need to be repointed in these areas and other areas where the joints have deteriorated. Once taken care of, the plaster will need to be replaced in the areas identified in the Library and other interior areas of the building. If these repairs are not made soon, further deterioration will result and the repair costs will rapidly increase over time.
- County Demo Fund Applications - The applications for 337½ and 326 Longfellow Street were submitted to the County. Some additional information may be requested by the County, once they have had a chance to review the information submitted.
- 37th Street Heave Issue - Glen Rupert and I conducted a site inspection on 10/2/2020. The landslide that occurred as a result of the heavy rains in June of 2015 has diverted the stream flow away from the catch basin over the 24" storm sewer and may well be a contributing factor to the street heave problem. During rains, the water is not able to make it to the inlet upstream of the end of the street. A diversion ditch is needed within the Borough right-of-way to route the stream flow back to the inlet. Glen believes that this can be done in-house with guidance from our office.

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- Colombia Avenue Parking Lot Resurfacing – A rough cost estimate was made for budgetary consideration for 2021.
- Peoples Gas Proposed Projects on Sherman and LaFayette – The gas co. is planning more work in the Borough for which they will need Street Excavation permits.
- Borough Building Security Improvements – Discussed very preliminary options on how this can be done with some partition walls, doors and a counter space.

ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION OR DISCUSSION

- Project 70 Timber Harvest - Authorization for Council to execute the agreement with Dave O'Barto for Forester services as per recommendation by the Borough Solicitor.
- 1022 Wallace Street - Guide Rail along Bryant Street - Due to recent incidents where vehicles/trucks have gone over the curb, I was asked to see if a guiderail is warranted along this property. Due to the slope which is steeper than 3H to 1V and since this steep slope is less than 10 feet away from the edge of the road, a guiderail is warranted according to PennDOT guidelines. The guiderail will need to meet current PennDOT standards, be located along the edge of the road and be equipped with curved radius panels and alternate terminal end sections at both ends. The estimated cost is approximately \$5,625. If Council authorizes, we can obtain quotes from qualified installers. Underground utilities will need to be located prior to final positioning of the rail. See attachment for location.
- Sherman Avenue Catch Basin Repair - The repair is complete. There are significant additional costs due to unforeseen conditions inside the inlet and due to extensive deterioration of the bricks and mortar. I do not yet have the final number as we are awaiting justifications of the additional cost.

If anyone has any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Lucien Bove, PE
Bove Engineering Company
8201 Route 819
Greensburg, PA 15601
(724) 925-9269

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Collini, to grant Mr. Minik's request for handicap parking space at 225 Emerson Street. Motion carried.

Mr. Holmes stated that he would like to thank the emergency services, the police and the fire departments in these difficult times to keep us safe.

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

BUILDING & GROUNDS REPORT:

No Report

TREE & LIGHT REPORT:

Chairperson McClarnon thanked the Borough Crew for work in trimming the trees in town. She also stated that the Committee will be meeting with an arborist regarding of new trees within the 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Collini questioned if any action has been taken to approve the request of Janice Oberdorf to remove and replant the tree in front of her house. He stated that she is willing to assume all costs.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that the Committee is looking to not use the word "nuisance" and will apply other terms such dangerous, of eminent danger, trees causing harm to neighbors, dead trees, or causing sewer problems. She explained that these are terms used by other communities. She stated that if Ms. Oberdorf can provide such conditions as stated for the Committee to review.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that she is working with the Solicitor, the Committee, and Marylee Kessler to provide adequate language in these matters at the next meeting.

Mrs. McClarnon reported that Vic Capretto replace 6 lights in Kennedy Park with new LED light fixtures.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT REPORT:

None

RECREATION REPORT:

Chairperson Uskuraitis reported that the playgrounds will be closed within the next two weeks, after which they will be winterized.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

The Secretary presented Ordinance No. 6-2020, whereby the Borough establishes a non-uniform employee's pension plan. He stated that the Solicitor is recommending that this ordinance be advertised for adoption at the December 7th meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mr. Maszgary, to advertise Ordinance No. 6-2020. Motion carried.

The Secretary presented Ordinance No. 7-2020, whereby the Borough plans to adopt a Storm Water Management Plan.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, second by Mrs. McClarnon, to advertise Ordinance No. 7-2020 for adoption at the December 7th meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. McClarnon, second by Mrs. Wilson, to adopt a Declaration of Disaster Emergency through December 7-2020. Motion carried. (See pages 6-A thru 6-C)

The Secretary stated that Solicitor Generelli has written a letter to Norfolk Southern regarding the maintenance need on their property located at the end of Franklin Avenue. (See page 6-D)

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

The Secretary stated that the Burning Ordinance can be addressed at the December 7th meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mrs. McClarnon stated that during a gathering of three members of Council, the Mayor and the Secretary on November 2nd, Mr. Holmes made a comment that she had snitches on the police department.

Mr. Holmes stated that he did not make that comment.

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.

WHEREAS, the Declaration expired on November 2, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.;

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift desires to extend the Declaration due to ongoing need related to the COVID-19 pandemic;

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, the undersigned, direct the following:

1. The Borough of Vandergrift Emergency Management Coordinators shall coordinate the activities of the emergency response, to take all appropriate actions needed to alleviate the effects of this disaster, to aid in the restoration of essential public services, and to take any other emergency response actions 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, amended, by act of the Borough of Vandergrift to expire November 2, 2020 at 7:00 P.M., and hereby extended until Monday, December 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. unless extended or terminated by the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift.

- A. 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.
- B. 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 and by appointment.
- C. Meetings of Municipal Authorities, Board and Commissions shall resume with CDC recommended guidance in place.
- D. Borough buildings and properties are available for limited use by outside groups at this time.
- E. Monthly in-person Borough Council meetings shall be attended by necessary personnel, while maintaining social distancing and other safety measures as recommended by the CDC, with the public to attend and participate virtually. A live-stream meeting through Facebook Live, Skype, Zoom, GoToMeeting or another platform shall be scheduled, with an alternative method of public comment, 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.
- F. In accord with the guidance as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, social distancing and the use of masks are encouraged.

4. This declaration is hereby declared amended and extended upon approval of the Council of the Borough of Vandergrift this 9th day of November, 2020.

KATHLEEN CHVALA,
Council President

CHRISTINE A. WILSON

LENNY COLLINI

KAREN MCCLARNON

CASIMER H. MASZGAY

JOHN USKURAITIS

THOMAS HOLMES

ATTEST:

_____(SEAL)
STEPHEN J. DELLEDONNE,
Borough Secretary

APPROVED:

_____(SEAL)
BARBARA TURIK, Mayor



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Larry D. Loperfито, Esquire
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October 22, 2020

John H. Foley, Property Manager
Norfolk-Southern Corporation
426 Holiday Drive
Coraopolis, PA 15108

**IN RE: International Property Maintenance Code Issues
Base of Franklin Avenue, Vandergrift, Westmoreland County**

Dear Mr. Foley:

Please be advised that I am the Solicitor for the Borough of Vandergrift. I have been advised that you are the property manager for Norfolk Southern Corporation. My office has contacted you numerous times in the past regarding this particular matter. As you will recall, several years ago, the Borough of Vandergrift abandoned their lease with your railroad regarding the property located at the base of Franklin Avenue in the Borough of Vandergrift. Since that time, the property has fallen into a state of decline. This property has been essentially used as a de facto garbage dump by individuals or entities, is overgrown and is in need of prompt repair. This correspondence is a demand from the Borough of Vandergrift that Norfolk Southern address this situation immediately before the same rises to a level which the Borough would deem to be a violation of the International Property Maintenance Code. We ask that you resolve this situation within thirty (30) days to avoid further action.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office. I respectfully request your prompt attention to this matter so we may alleviate complaints of our residents regarding the condition and safety of your property.

Very truly yours,



ALAINE G. GENERELLI

AGG/slk

c: Stephen J. DelleDonne, Borough Secretary

Mrs. McClarnon questioned the Mayor and the Secretary to confirm said comment.

Mayor Turiak stated that the Mr. Holmes had used the word snitches, and the Secretary stated the it was something like constituents or snitch.

Mr. Holmes stated that he did not use snitch, but rather stated that one of his constituents told him that there are serveral police officers who have a direct line. However, he stated that he apologized if the work "snitch" was used.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that she has the right to speak to any police officer and that Mr. Holmes owes an apology to the entire police department.

Mrs. Chvala stated no names were mentioned. She also stated that Solicitor Loperfito advised her, in a letter, that this matter should not be discussed at a public meetig.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that she had not received a letter from Solicitor Loperfito.

Mrs. Chvala stated that Mrs. McClarnon had received a letter because she was copied on said letter.

Mrs. McClarnon stated that she does not work for Solicitor Loperfito, but he works for her and he can only advise her.

The Mayor and the Secretary stated that no names were mentioned.

Mr. Maszgay stated that names were mentioned.

NEW BUSINESS:

At thls time, the Secretary presented and reviewed, in detail, the contents of the proposed General Fund Budget, the Specail State Aid Budget, and the Park & Pool Budget of the Borough of Vandergrift for the fiscal year 2021

1. General Fund Budget	- \$2,408,605.00
2. Park & Pool Budget	- 173,318.00
3. Special State Aid Budget	<u>102,049.00</u>
	\$ 2,683.397.00

The Secretary stated that the tax rate for 2021 will remain at 28 mills. He stated that the Committee is looking into whether an increase in the Refuse Fees is needed to cover the increase costs of the new refuse truck and landfill fees.

With no objections or comments on the proposed 2021 budgets, a motion was made by Mrs. McClarnon, second by Mr. Collini, to advertise the proposed 2021 budgets of the Borough of

Vandergrift for public inspection until 3:30 PM, December 7, 2020 for adoption at the December 7, 2020 meeting of Council. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Maszgay, second by Mr. Collini, to advertise Ordinance No. 8-2020, fixing the tax rate for the year 2021 at 28 mills. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.