

Vandling Borough Council Minutes

May 15, 2023

Mr. Carachilo called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Council members present included John Carachilo, Fran Pantzar, and Amanda Serge. Also present were Mayor Prince, Treasurer Jennifer Slick, Attorney Jeff Levine, Code Enforcement Officer Joe Lavin, and Secretary Nancy Perri. Councilmembers Bill Matos and Colleen Sullivan were absent.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Pantzar, second by Mr. Carachilo. Motion carried with all in favor.

Correspondence:

- *DCED Contracts Received*
- *Thank You Card (Forest City Baseball & Softball Association)*
- *Mary Liz Donato (LCPC); Grid-Scale Solar Development Workshop*
- *Lackawanna Association of Boroughs Meeting*

The correspondence was accepted.

Persons to be heard:

Browndale Fire Company reported that there were 17 incidents in April. All units are in service. Vehicles traveled 288 miles and volunteers' completed 30 hours of training.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report of Financial Status: (final for May)

	May 1, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	
HNB - 0113	336,519.18
HNB - 4601	8,919.82
Total General Fund	345,439.00
Liquid Fuels Fund	
HNB - 4613	57,532.86
Total Liquid Fuels Fund	57,532.86
Refuse Fund	
HNB - 5401	24,005.71
Total Refuse Fund	24,005.71
CD Balance (.25% Interest Renews 7/24/23)	27,931.46
TOTAL ASSETS	454,909.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Principal Balance on Loan	27,970.94
(Payment Due 1/15/24)	

Mrs. Serge, second by Mr. Carachilo motioned to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer Report of Receipts: (final for May)

Vandling Borough Revenue May 2023				
Date	Name	Account	Amount	
05/02/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	589.19	
05/04/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	956.31	
05/10/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	2,051.38	
05/12/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	1,600.10	
05/17/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	2,272.32	
05/19/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	2,205.07	
05/24/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	2,110.89	
05/26/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	2,314.19	
		Subtotal Wage Taxes	\$ 14,099.45	
05/16/2023	Linsenbigler	322.40 · Zoning Permit Fee	20.00	
05/16/2023	Owen	320.00 · Building Permits	790.50	
05/16/2023	Hanson Electric	320.00 · Building Permits	82.50	
05/16/2023	Mary Ann Risboskin	305.00 · Occ. Taxes	695.06	
05/16/2023	Mary Ann Risboskin	301.00 · Real Estate Taxes	33,444.46	
05/16/2023	HONESDALE NATIONAL BANK	389.00 · Misc. Revenue	15.00	
05/16/2023	Tumblin Tots	342.00 · Rent	1,050.00	
05/16/2023	District Magistrate	330.00 · Fines	25.00	
05/16/2023	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	319.00 · Delinquent Taxes	923.28	
05/16/2023	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	364.00 · Garbage Fees	1,448.90	
05/16/2023	Mary Ann Risboskin	364.00 · Garbage Fees	60,900.00	
05/31/2023	HNB 0113	341.00 · Interest Earned	166.12	
05/31/2023	HNB 4613	341.00 · Interest Earned	17.02	
		Total Revenue	\$ 113,677.29	

Mrs. Serge, second by Mr. Pantzar motioned to approve the revenue report. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer Report of Expenses: (final for May)

Vandling Borough Bill List May 2023				
Date	Name	Account	Amount	
05/13/2023	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	27.93	
05/13/2023	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	175.86	
05/13/2023	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	76.83	
05/15/2023	Herlands & Levine	404.10 · Legal Wages & Salary	280.00	
05/15/2023	Prince Excavating	452.45 · Parks/Playgrounds Const.	1,575.00	
05/15/2023	PP&L	434.36 · Street Lighting	968.05	
05/15/2023	Boot-A-Pest	409.20 · Bldgs./Grounds Supplies & Exp.	125.00	
05/15/2023	NEP Telephone	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	83.39	
05/15/2023	Cube Auto Supply	430.20 · Truck Gas & Supplies	159.98	
05/15/2023	City of Carbondale	410.45 · Police	2,000.00	

05/15/2023	PAWC	448.36 · Water Hydrants	345.10
05/15/2023	NEIC	413.45 · Rental Expense	240.00
05/15/2023	NEIC	413.10 · UCC & Code Enforcement	187.01
05/15/2023	4 Seasons Small Engine	409.37 · Bldgs./Grounds Rep & Main.	201.56
05/15/2023	Browndale Fire Co	411.50 · Fire Co. Contribution	500.00
05/15/2023	GFL Environmental	427.45 · Contract Sanitation Service	11,433.50
05/15/2023	Jennifer Slick	402.10 · Treasurer's Commissions	400.00
05/15/2023	Jennifer Slick	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(91.16)
05/15/2023	Jennifer Slick	402 · .20 Treasurer's Supplies	32.48
05/15/2023	Nancy Ann Perri	405.10 · Secretary's Wages	400.00
05/15/2023	Nancy Ann Perri	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(97.16)
05/15/2023	Thomas Collins, Sr.	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	238.00
05/15/2023	Thomas Collins, Sr.	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(54.25)
05/15/2023	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	560.00
05/15/2023	John Lavin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(127.62)
05/15/2023	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	1.50
05/15/2023	John Lavin (PC antivirus prog.)	405.20 · Sec. Supplies & Exp.	63.59
05/15/2023	William Vaughn	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	104.00
05/15/2023	William Vaughn	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(23.70)
05/15/2023	William Vaughn	430.20 · Truck Gas & Supplies	150.00
05/15/2023	Mary Ann Risboskin	403.10 · Tax Collectors Commissions	1,706.98
05/15/2023	Mary Ann Risboskin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(501.42)
05/15/2023	Mary Ann Risboskin	427.1 · Garbage Fee Comm.	500.00
05/15/2023	USPS (stamps)	402 · .20 Treasurer's Supplies	63.00
05/16/2023	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	13.97
05/16/2023	UGI PNG	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	224.21
05/16/2023	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	19.11
05/16/2023	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	43.49
05/16/2023	LCAB	400.42 - Borough Dues/Subscriptions	75.00
05/16/2023	USPS (stamps)	402.20 - Treasurer Supplies	40.00
05/16/2023	Mikloiche Timber & Construction	430.45 - Contracted Street Main	402.50
05/16/2023	Wex Bank	430.20 - Truck Gas & Supplies	117.72
05/16/2023	IRS	6560 · Payroll Expenses	1,028.06
		Total Bills	\$ 23,667.51

Mr. Pantzar motioned to pay the bills, second by Mrs. Serge. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Report: Mayor Prince thanked Browndale Fire Company for taking care of the hydrants which are done now. He reported that he represented the Borough at the celebration honoring Mr. Richards for 50 years of service at Browndale Fire Company.

In regard to Carbondale Police not being responsive to calls from Vandling, he understands that residents are upset. He has reached out to Chief Bognatz and Mayor Taylor but has not heard from either of them. Mayor Prince stated that he plans to request a patrol at least once a day. He further stated that he understands they are short staffed and involved with some recent drug raids but he expects them to honor their contract with the Borough.

Mr. Carachilo stated that and Attorney Levine would be seeing Mayor Taylor the next day and will address it with him. Mayor Prince replied that under Title 8, he is responsible for police coverage but that as long as it is taken care of, he will be happy.

Solicitor Report: Attorney Levine introduced Attorney Wally Casper, who reviewed the inter-municipal agreement related to Gracelyn estates. Mr. Pantzar made a motion to accept the paperwork and inter-municipal agreement. Mrs. Serge seconded the motion which carried with all in favor. All documents were executed by the proper officials.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Serge reported that she and Mrs. Sullivan looked into the road clean up through the Adopt-A-Highway Program and there is already a group that has taken responsibility for the area.

The question was asked if inmates were still available for roadside cleanup but they no longer do those projects.

Mr. Carachilo requested that the letter addressed to Adams Cable regarding the rate increases be read aloud. The Secretary read the letter which will be placed in the mail tomorrow.

Unfinished Business:

Mr. Carachilo will try to go the meeting on Tuesday, June 6th for the Grid-Scale Solar Workshop that the County is hosting.

Mrs. Serge questioned how we address residents not mowing their grass. Mr. Lavin can take the information and take care of the matter.

Mrs. Serge also questioned the number of vehicles on the street that are not operable and have broken windshields. The vehicles have to be registered. Mr. Lavin can address this issue as well.

It was noted that many rentals are vacant and failing inspections. They are being given ninety days to address the deficiencies.

New Business: (none)

Public Comment: (none)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM on a motion by Mr. Pantzar, second by Mrs. Serge. All in favor.

These minutes were prepared by Borough Secretary Nancy Perri.

Nancy Perri
Signature

June 18, 2023
Date