

Vandling Borough Council Minutes

September 15, 2025

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

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

Correspondence:

- *PA Auditor General – Fire Relief Allocation*
- *Nicole Shapiro (Lackawanna County Recycling) – 2025 Tire Event*
- *Lackawanna County Election Bureau*
- *Precision Tree Company*

Persons to be heard: N/A

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report of Financial Status: (final for September)

	<u>Sep 1, 25</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	
HNB - 0113	264,408.01
HNB - 4601	<u>18,042.94</u>
Total General Fund	282,450.95
Liquid Fuels Fund	
HNB - 4613	<u>69,660.36</u>
Total Liquid Fuels Fund	69,660.36
Refuse Fund	
HNB - 5401	<u>81,616.47</u>
Total Refuse Fund	81,616.47
CD Balance (4.10% Interest Renews 12/24/25)	<u>30,179.89</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	463,907.67

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

Treasurer Report of Receipts: (final for September)

Vandling Borough - Revenue - September 2025				
Date	Name	Account		Amount
09/01/2025	HNB - 0113	341.00 · Interest Earnings		232.26
09/01/2025	HNB - 4613	341.00 · Interest Earnings		40.11
09/03/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		149.25
09/05/2025	Lack. Co. Recorder of Deeds	310.10 · Real Estate Transfers		2,320.15
09/05/2025	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	319.00 · Delinquent Taxes		498.02
09/05/2025	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	364.00 · Garbage Fees		1,381.69

09/05/2025	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	319.00 · Delinquent Taxes	526.72
09/05/2025	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	364.00 · Garbage Fees	2,305.52
09/05/2025	NEP Telephone	342.00 · Rent	500.00
09/05/2025	Tumblin Tots	342.00 · Rent	1,050.00
09/05/2025	Sullivan	320.00 · Building Permits	259.36
09/05/2025	Olson Construction	320.00 · Building Permits	436.50
09/05/2025	Yadlosky	320.00 · Building Permits	100.50
09/05/2025	Ben Mar Real Estate LLC	321.00 · Rental Inspections	75.00
09/05/2025	Curtis	320.00 · Building Permits	190.79
09/05/2025	Mary Ann Risboskin	301.00 · Real Estate Taxes	1,743.79
09/16/2025	Mary Ann Risboskin	364.00 · Garbage Fees	3,430.00
09/16/2025	Phil Hodges, Jr.	320.00 · Building Permits	317.70
09/17/2025	Commonwealth Of PA	355.07 · Foreign Fire Insurance Dist.	4,076.93
09/19/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	992.17
09/26/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	750.51
09/30/2025	HNB 4601	341.00 · Interest Earnings	244.28
09/30/2025	HNB 0113	341.00 · Interest Earnings	35.85
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 21,657.10

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

Treasurer Report of Expenses: (final for September)

Vandling Borough - Bill List - September 2025			
Date	Name	Account	Amount
09/13/2025	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	188.81
09/13/2025	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	20.68
09/13/2025	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	27.60
09/15/2025	Casella	427.45 · Contract Sanitation Service	12,725.77
09/15/2025	Forest City News	404.20 · Legal Advertisement	27.00
09/15/2025	Northeast Door Sales Co.	409.37 · Bldgs. /Grounds Rep & Main.	337.00
09/15/2025	PAWC	448.36 · Water Hydrants	388.62
09/15/2025	LRBSA	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	77.25
09/15/2025	NEIC	413.10 · UCC & Code Enforcement	413.09
09/15/2025	NEIC	413.45 · Rental Expense	540.00
09/15/2025	NEP Telephone	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	85.50
09/15/2025	The Scranton Times	404.20 · Legal Advertisement	220.84
09/15/2025	KBA Engineering (2025 Paving)	414.17 · Plan Prep Costs	3,100.50
09/15/2025	Herlands & Levine	404.10 · Legal Wages & Salary	342.50
09/15/2025	PP&L	434.36 · Street Lighting	1,009.13
09/15/2025	Jennifer Slick	402.10 · Treasurer's Commissions	450.00
09/15/2025	Jennifer Slick	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(102.57)
09/15/2025	Nancy Ann Perri	405.10 · Secretary's Wages	450.00
09/15/2025	Nancy Ann Perri	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(109.32)
09/15/2025	Thomas Collins, Sr.	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	380.00
09/15/2025	Thomas Collins, Sr.	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(86.61)
09/15/2025	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	700.00
09/15/2025	John Lavin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(159.53)
09/15/2025	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	59.33
09/15/2025	Mary Ann Risboskin	403.10 · Tax Collectors Commissions	87.19

09/15/2025	Mary Ann Risboskin	427.1 · Garbage Fee Comm.	500.00
09/15/2025	Mary Ann Risboskin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(133.41)
09/15/2025	Bill Matos	400.10 · Legislative Wages	225.00
09/15/2025	Bill Matos	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(51.12)
09/15/2025	Amanda Serge	400.10 · Legislative Wages	225.00
09/15/2025	Amanda Serge	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(51.12)
09/15/2025	Francis Pantzar	400.10 · Legislative Wages	225.00
09/15/2025	Francis Pantzar	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(51.12)
09/15/2025	John Carachilo	400.10 · Legislative Wages	225.00
09/15/2025	John Carachilo	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(51.12)
09/15/2025	Colleen Sullivan	400.10 · Legislative Wages	225.00
09/15/2025	Colleen Sullivan	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(51.12)
09/15/2025	Thomas M. Prince	401.10 · Executive Wages	225.00
09/15/2025	Thomas M. Prince	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(51.12)
09/15/2025	PSAB UC Plan	6560 · Payroll Expenses	164.60
09/15/2025	City of Carbondale	410.45 · Police	2,000.00
09/15/2025	Jennifer Slick	402 · .20 Treasurer's Supplies	78.00
09/16/2025	Wex Bank (Sunoco)	430.20 · Truck Gas & Supplies	70.61
09/16/2025	UGI PNG	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	31.93
09/16/2025	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	14.23
09/16/2025	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	30.49
09/16/2025	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	88.86
09/16/2025	IRS	6560 · Payroll Expenses	1,030.22
09/16/2025	PA Dept. of Revenue	6560 · Payroll Expenses	244.42
09/16/2025	Hab-Eit	6560 · Payroll Expenses	99.85
09/16/2025	PSAB	400.42 · Borough Dues & Subscriptions	4.04
09/16/2025	R. B. Fries	430.37 - Borough Truck/Machinery	327.00
09/16/2025	Boot A Pest	409.20 - Building/Grounds Supplies	135.00
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 26,901.90

Mrs. Serge, second by Mrs. Sullivan motioned to approve the current expenses. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mayor Report: Mayor Prince stated that while there are no laws currently in effect for e-bikes/scooters, he encourages residents to be safe and pay attention as the number of riders are increasing. He also reminded residents to be aware of school buses and wait for the children to get off the bus. There are some drivers who are not obeying the law around school buses.

Solicitor Report: Attorney Levine had nothing to report at this time.

Committee Reports & Unfinished Business:

Mr. Carachilo noted that he had shared some paperwork regarding a number of grant opportunities with the Secretary. One of the applications is for a recreation grant that will not open again until early 2026. We are already working on the Local Share Account (LSA-gaming) fund grant.

A school bus driver contacted Council about having the ability to back up on Ash & Fifth in order to avoid having to drive through Richmondale and turn around. Carbondale PD said there was nothing illegal about that and the driver was notified that she is allowed to do that.

Mr. Pantzar reported that there were two applicants for part-time help in the street department. They interviewed Sam Yankauskas has prior experience working for the Forest City Borough street department. Mr. Pantzar made a motion, second by Mr. Matos to hire Mr. Yankauskas at \$18/hour.

New Business:

Council opened bids for trash collection for 2026-2028. The results were as follows:

Bidder Name: Casella			
	Recycling weekly	Recycling 2 x month	2 containers + 1 Bulk
2026	\$ 157,001.00	\$	154,635.00
2027	\$ 163,281.00	\$	160,820.00
2028	\$ 169,812.00	\$	167,253.00
TOTAL	\$ 490,094.00	\$	482,708.00
Bidder Name: J. P. Mascaro & Sons			
	Recycling 2x month	Recycling weekly	2 Containers + 1 Bulk
2026	\$ 43,416.00	\$ 75,276.00	\$ 101,256.00
2027	\$ 44,244.00	\$ 76,596.00	\$ 103,380.00
2028	\$ 45,192.00	\$ 78,072.00	\$ 105,840.00
TOTAL	\$ 132,852.00	\$ 229,944.00	\$ 310,476.00

After discussion and review of the bids, Mr. Pantzar made a motion to accept the bid from Casella for weekly trash and recycling collection. Mr. Matos seconded the motion which carried with all in favor. It was noted that sometimes there is an issue with bulk items. Casella representatives stated that they automatically run a truck every week.

Council discussed upcoming grant opportunities that they would like to apply for recreation improvements including playground equipment and mulch. Colleen and Amanda will review options and obtain a cost estimate that would include fence repair. Council approved resolutions to apply for LSA and Lackawanna County grant funds for this project.

Public Comment:

Mark Cordelli representing Lackawanna County provided flyers and a list of upcoming events throughout the County.

The meeting adjourned at 8 PM on a motion by Mr. Carachilo, second by Mr. Pantzar. All in favor.

Minutes were prepared by Borough Secretary Nancy Perri.

Nancy Perri

Signature

October 19, 2025

Date