

Vandling Borough  
Official Council Minutes  
April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026; 7:00 PM

**Call to Order**

The regular monthly meeting of the Vandling Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at Vandling Borough Municipal Building; 449 Hillside Street, Vandling, PA..

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

- **Council Members Present:** John Carachilo, President; Bill Matos, Vice President; Amanda Serge, and Colleen Sullivan
- **Council Members Absent:** Fran Pantzar
- **Officials/Staff Present:** Attorney Jeff Levine, Solicitor; Jennifer Slick, Treasurer, Nancy Perri, Secretary, and Joe Lavin, Code Enforcement Officer

**Minutes:**

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the March 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting as presented.
- **Action:** Motion made by Mr. Matos, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Correspondence**

- Mark Cordelli, Lackawanna County re: Broadband study
- Lackawanna D.A. Gallagher re: Community Justice Program
- Mr.& Mrs. Jeffrey Thomas re: fence and other concerns
- Lisa Lopatofsky, Clinton Township (3 items) re: ambulance service

Mr. Carachilo noted that we already have an estimate for the fence for Mr. Thomas. Mr. Josephs gave permission to cut bushes and install the fence. Mrs. Serge questioned if we should get new bids for all this fencing. It was agreed that we should. Mrs. Sullivan will get updated prices.

Mr. Matos and Mr. Carachilo will attend the meeting regarding ambulance service.

**Persons to be heard:**

Browndale Fire Company Chief reported 24 incidents, 130 hours of training and 984 miles logged on the vehicles.

**Treasurer Report**

***Treasurer Report of Financial Status: (final for April)***

	<u>Apr 1, 26</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
<b>HNB - 0113</b>	185,645.50
<b>HNB - 4601</b>	<u>10,078.65</u>

<b>Total General Fund</b>	195,724.15
<b>Liquid Fuels Fund</b>	
<b>HNB - 4613</b>	<u>81,874.99</u>
<b>Total Liquid Fuels Fund</b>	81,874.99
<b>Refuse Fund</b>	
<b>HNB - 5401</b>	<u>14,225.29</u>
<b>Total Refuse Fund</b>	14,225.29
<b>CD Balance (3.77% Interest Renews 7/24/26)</b>	<u>31,112.16</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	322,936.59

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

***Treasurer Report of Receipts: (final for April)***

Vandling Borough Revenue April 2026				
Date	Name	Account		Amount
04/01/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		512.60
04/02/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		46.83
04/10/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		909.41
04/17/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		2,098.93
04/22/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 - Wage Taxes		1,049.46
04/24/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 - Wage Taxes		542.58
04/29/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 - Wage Taxes		1,024.60
		<b>Total Wage Taxes</b>		<b>\$ 6,184.41</b>
04/08/2026	Lack. Co. Recorder of Deeds	310.10 · Real Estate Transfers		2,106.66
04/21/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	364.00 · Garbage Fees		39,895.00
04/21/2026	Lackawanna Co	354.07 · Intergovernmental Revenue		1,000.00
04/21/2026	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	319.00 · Delinquent Taxes		178.84
04/21/2026	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	364.00 · Garbage Fees		925.04
04/21/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	301.00 · Real Estate Taxes		20,448.45
04/21/2026	Tumblin Tots	342.00 · Rent		1,050.00
04/21/2026	Davis	321.00 · Rental Inspections		375.00
04/21/2026	Phil Hodges, Jr.	320.00 - Building Permit		94.50
04/30/2026	HNB 4613	341.00 - Interest Earnings		43.73
04/30/2026	HNB 0113	341.00 - Interest Earnings		181.01
		<b>Total April Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 72,482.64</b>

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

***Treasurer Report of Expenses: (final for April)***

Vandling Borough Expenses April 2026				
Date	Name	Account		Amount
04/18/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		30.35
04/20/2026	PP&L	434.36 · Street Lighting		1,085.75
04/20/2026	Casella	427.45 · Contract Sanitation Service		13,083.42
04/20/2026	NEP Telephone	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		85.72
04/20/2026	PAWC	448.36 · Water Hydrants		388.11
04/20/2026	Cube Auto Supply	430.20 · Truck Gas & Supplies		18.98

04/20/2026	Modern Gas	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	168.89
04/20/2026	NEIC	413.45 · Rental Expense	660.00
04/20/2026	Jennifer Slick	402.10 · Treasurer's Commissions	450.00
04/20/2026	Jennifer Slick	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(102.57)
04/20/2026	Nancy Ann Perri	405.10 · Secretary's Wages	450.00
04/20/2026	Nancy Ann Perri	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(109.32)
04/20/2026	Thomas Collins, Sr.	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	40.00
04/20/2026	Thomas Collins, Sr.	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(9.12)
04/20/2026	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	670.00
04/20/2026	John Lavin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(152.70)
04/20/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	403.10 · Tax Collectors Commissions	1,022.42
04/20/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	427.1 · Garbage Fee Comm.	500.00
04/20/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(345.90)
04/20/2026	City of Carbondale	410.45 · Police	2,060.00
04/21/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	15.06
04/21/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	49.81
04/21/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	98.26
04/21/2026	UGI PNG	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	280.23
04/21/2026	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	20.99
04/21/2026	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	54.37
04/21/2026	IRS	6560 · Payroll Expenses	823.83
04/20/2026	Wayco, Inc.	438.00 - Roadway Repair/Mtn.	10,000.00
04/29/2026	SoMat Enterprises	430.37 - Borough Truck/Machinery	704.81
		Total Expenses	\$ 32,041.39

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

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Prince was not in attendance.

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

**Committee Reports & Unfinished Business:**

Colleen & Amanda were planning on a reptile exhibit for the summer for the children but Forest City is already doing one. They will work on another idea to hold near the end of June.

Bill Matos noted that the pave cut ordinance is on hold for right now.

Mr. Carachilo met with Mayor Bannon regarding Carbondale Police service. They discussed planning for one four hour shift per month for a dedicated patrol. All ticket fines go through Magistrate McGraw but we will receive the proceeds after the fine is paid. This is the same system they currently do with Fell Township. John would like a motion to approve this activity, which would include citing people running stop signs and other motor vehicle infractions. A full time officer would be present after their regular shift at a rate of \$23/hour. Mrs. Sullivan made the motion to approve this agreement, Mrs. Serge seconded. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mr. Carachilo stated that the riding lawnmower is ready to be picked up. The company did donate a new battery but it still required a lot of new parts. Council agreed to hire William Krall to cut borough grass every other week at a rate of \$18/hour. Mr. Matos made the motion, second by Mrs. Sullivan. Motion carried with all in favor.

On behalf of the Borough, Mr. Carachilo thanked Mark Cordelli for taking care of us at the award ceremony for the America 250 grants. John was able to meet and speak with Alysia Scazafabo who is the Program Manager for the County Arts and Culture Department. John plans to follow up with her regarding some

additional grants that she mentioned may be available in the near future. Forest City will also be doing some events at the end of July, early August on the Trail as part of the America 250 celebrations.

In regard to public works, Bill Matos stated that we can pay Wayco their remaining balance. Mr. Pantzar reported that they took care of outstanding issues. The water problems previously discussed were not from Wayco's work but from Stafursky and Fran Pantzar is to follow up with them. Jennifer stated that she thought there was an issue with the speed bumps but Mr. Matos noted that they are okay. Mr. Matos made the motion to pay Wayco their final payment, second by Mrs. Serge. Motion carried with all in favor.

Mrs. Serge questioned Stafursky being paid after the paving for the sewer project. Mr. Matos noted that KBA signed off and approved the payment and it should not have been approved. Stafursky never came back for yard restorations but KBA already signed off. The Peterlin Drive sewer project needs to be reviewed.

Mr. Carachilo made a motion to adopt a new ordinance to not allow data centers in the Borough. The City of Carbondale ordinance will be updated for Vandling. Mrs. Sullivan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The new forms for 811 service will be submitted by the Secretary tomorrow as Mr. Pantzar and Mr. Matos have reviewed them.

**New Business: N/A**

**Public Comment:**

Jennifer Slick addressed Council stating that she was very disappointed with the tone with which she was addressed at the last meeting. She was told that the water issues in her driveway are her fault due to the work she had done. She stated that this work was done over a year ago and predated the work on the road. She questioned what kind of engineering was completed to place the speed bumps. She further stated that the water pools at the end of the road as well, and that cannot be caused by her driveway. She stated that maybe a curb needs to be placed. Furthermore the standing water will attract mosquitoes. Jennifer stated that in the past Mrs. Bock and Mrs. Serge have come to Council with concerns and it doesn't seem that their issues are addressed and she wonders if council has an issue with women.

Mr. Matos replied that this was a mill and pave project and did not require engineering. There was much further discussion around this issue, Jennifer again stated that the pooling is because of the speed bump. Mr. Matos noting that his garage gets flooded and he has not raised any issue. There was discussion if the speed bumps need to be the full length of the road or if they can be cut back. It was noted that the ditch needs to be opened and that Council did approve the installation of a pipe. After some further back and forth among Council members, Mrs. Serge stated that she did not appreciate being made a part of Jennifer's statement. Mr. Carachilo said he will get together with Mr. Pantzar to see what can be done. Attorney Levine will follow up with KBA.

Mark Cordelli, Lackawanna County provided numerous flyers on upcoming events including Armed Forces Day Parade on May 16<sup>th</sup> and the Lackawanna Heritage Fair running from June 4<sup>th</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM
- **Action:** Motion by Mr. Matos, seconded by Colleen Sullivan. Motion carried, all in favor.

**Next Meeting:** The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Borough Building.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Nancy Perri, Borough Secretary.

Nancy Perri  
Signature

May 17, 2026  
Date