Vandling Borough Council Minutes
March 17, 2025

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

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

Correspondence:

- *USDA Municipal Funds Availability*
- *Auditor General; Forest City Fire Relief Audit*
- *Traci Harte, Lackawanna County*
- *Adams Cable Service*

The correspondence was accepted without objection.

Complaints regarding a property at 4th & Ash where the resident is repairing vehicles have been received. Mr. Lavin went there three times and it was stated that he should be cited at this point. Information was shared about a property on Main Street that the FHA now owns due to the passing of the owner. FHA plans to foreclose in June, however Attorney Levine noted that we can still obtain a judgement regarding code violations. Attorney Levine will check to see if there was an estate filed.

Persons to be heard: None at this time

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report of Financial Status: (final for March)

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	
HNB - 0113	181,147.87
HNB - 4601	21,239.78
Total General Fund	202,387.65
Liquid Fuels Fund	
HNB - 4613	55,783.80
Total Liquid Fuels Fund	55,783.80
Refuse Fund	
HNB - 5401	12,160.39
Total Refuse Fund	12,160.39
CD Balance (4.80% Interest Renews 3/24/25)	29,361.31
TOTAL ASSETS	299,693.15

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

It was noted that the CD will renew on March 24th. The current rate for a nine month CD is 4.1%. Mr. Matos made a motion, second by Mr. Pantzar to renew the CD at the current available rate and term. Motion carried with all in favor.

Treasurer Report of Receipts: (final for March)

March 2025 Vandling Borough Revenue						
Date		**Name**		**Account**		**Amount**
03/02/2025		HNB 4613		341.00 · Interest Earnings		28.23
03/02/2025		HNB 0113		341.00 · Interest Earnings		158.89
03/03/2025		Penn Dot		355.02 · Liquid Fuel		19,583.42
03/07/2025		Lack. Co. Recorder of Deeds		310.10 · Real Estate Transfers		1,372.00
03/18/2025		Tumblin Tots		342.00 · Rent		1,050.00
03/18/2025		Erie Construction Mid-West		320.00 · Building Permits		387.89
03/21/2025		Hab-Eit		310.20 - Wage Taxes		882.85
03/31/2025		HNB 0113		341.00 - Interest Earnings		165.85
03/31/2025		HNB 4613		341.00 - Interest Earnings		33.60
				Total Revenue		$ 23,662.73

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

Treasurer Report of Expenses: (final for March)

Vandling Borough Bill List March 2025						
Date		Name		Account		Amount
03/15/2025		PP&L		409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		27.72
03/17/2025		Forest City News		404.20 · Legal Advertisement		39.50
03/17/2025		Cube Auto Supply		430.20 · Truck Gas & Supplies		42.98
03/17/2025		NEP Telephone		409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		85.57
03/17/2025		Forest City Borough		430.25 · Road Material		900.00
03/17/2025		Modern Gas		409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		604.28
03/17/2025		PAWC		409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		48.84
03/17/2025		PAWC		409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		40.94
03/17/2025		LRBSA		409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		77.25
03/17/2025		PAWC		448.36 · Water Hydrants		388.62
03/17/2025		John Bonham		430.20 · Truck Gas & Supplies		941.00
03/17/2025		NEIC		413.45 · Rental Expense		60.00
03/17/2025		NEIC		413.10 · UCC & Code Enforcement		269.14
03/17/2025		PP&L		434.36 · Street Lighting		998.79
03/17/2025		Casella		427.45 · Contract Sanitation Service		12,725.77
03/17/2025		City of Carbondale		410.45 · Police		2,000.00
03/17/2025		Jennifer Slick		402.10 · Treasurer's Commissions		450.00
03/17/2025		Jennifer Slick		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(102.57)
03/17/2025		Nancy Ann Perri		405.10 · Secretary's Wages		450.00
03/17/2025		Nancy Ann Perri		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(109.32)
03/17/2025		Thomas Collins, Sr.		430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages		1,440.00
03/17/2025		Thomas Collins, Sr.		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(328.18)
03/17/2025		John Lavin		413.2 · Protective Services Supplies		460.00
03/17/2025		John Lavin		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(104.83)

03/17/2025		Mary Ann Risboskin		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(113.60)
03/17/2025		Mary Ann Risboskin		427.1 · Garbage Fee Comm.		500.00
03/17/2025		Mary Ann Risboskin		403.20 · Tax Collectors Supplies & Exp.		
03/17/2025		Bill Matos		400.10 · Legislative Wages		225.00
03/17/2025		Bill Matos		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(51.12)
03/17/2025		Amanda Serge		400.10 · Legislative Wages		225.00
03/17/2025		Amanda Serge		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(51.12)
03/17/2025		Francis Pantzar		400.10 · Legislative Wages		225.00
03/17/2025		Francis Pantzar		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(51.12)
03/17/2025		John Carachilo		400.10 · Legislative Wages		225.00
03/17/2025		John Carachilo		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(51.12)
03/17/2025		Colleen Sullivan		400.10 · Legislative Wages		225.00
03/17/2025		Colleen Sullivan		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(51.12)
03/17/2025		Thomas M. Prince		401.10 · Executive Wages		225.00
03/17/2025		Thomas M. Prince		488.00 · Employees Withholding		(51.12)
03/17/2025		PSAB UC Plan		6560 · Payroll Expenses		222.32
03/18/2025		PP&L		409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		95.26
03/18/2025		PP&L		409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		14.23
03/18/2025		PP&L		409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		52.20
03/18/2025		UGI PNG		409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		301.53
03/18/2025		Wex Bank (Sunoco)		430.20 · Truck Gas & Supplies		278.96
03/18/2025		IRS		6560 · Payroll Expenses		1,222.96
03/18/2025		PA Dept. of Revenue		6560 · Payroll Expenses		308.41
03/18/2025		Hab-Eit		6560 · Payroll Expenses		120.69
03/18/2025		PAUC		6560 · Payroll Expenses		5.46
				Total Expenses		$ 25,457.20

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

Mayor Report: Mayor Prince noted that he and Mr. Carachilo attended the Lackawanna County Association of Boroughs meeting where several legislative updates were provided. Mayor Prince stated that he will send a letter to Adams Cable voicing displeasure at the latest rate increases. He also wished Trish a Happy Birthday.

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

Committee Reports & Unfinished Business:

Mr. Matos reported that the truck is ordered. Mr. Carachilo stated that he received several calls from Senator Brown's office on the status of the truck and the grant. It has been ordered and once we receive an invoice we can request payment from the state.

New Business:

Mr. Pantzar noted that there is an issue with trees in the back of the Borough Building as they are hanging over the power lines. Attorney Levine will obtain the name of the owner of the property where the trees are located. He will put him on notice that this matter has to be rectified. It was suggested to have Mikloiche remove the branches and send the bill to the owner.

Mr. Carachilo asked if we have a paving plan for this year and if not we need to fill in potholes, patch and tar if we are waiting until next year.

Mr. Pantzar replied that he would like to do paving this year. Priority streets include 3rd, 4th, and Hillside. He will also look at Ash Boulevard. Mr. Pantzar noted that he would like to get the bids done soon in order to have work completed in the summer.

Public Comment:

Mark Cordelli from Lackawanna County provided flyers on a number of upcoming events across the county including some for Earth Day, Arts & Culture events and noting that the trolley is available to attend baseball games again. The County is in need of lifeguards, is looking for interns, and will be holding blood lead screening clinics in the community.

Council approved the agreement provided by Traci Harte to use the artwork of Vandling currently in the Council meeting room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM on a motion by Mr. Matos, second by Mrs. Sullivan.

Minutes were prepared by Borough Secretary Nancy Perri.

Nancy Perri
Signature

April 20, 2025
Date