

Vandling Borough Council Minutes  
February 16, 2026 7:00 PM

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, Attorney Jeff Levine, Treasurer Jennifer Slick, Code Enforcement Officer Joe Lavin, and Secretary Nancy Perri.

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

**Correspondence:**

- Alysia Scazafabo, Lackawanna Arts & Culture – America250 Grant Award
- Timothy L. DeFoor, Auditor General - Liquid Fuels Report

Correspondence was accepted on a motion by Mrs. Sullivan, second by Mr. Pantzar. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Persons to be heard:**

Chief Debevec reported 19 incidents for the month of January, 21 hours of training, and noted that the fire company is running a cash raffle with the drawing to be held in March.

Terri Erdmann addressed Council as President of the Forest City Rotary Club. A written proposal was provided requesting to rename a section of Pine Street as Mae Barrett Way to honor and remember Mae and raise awareness of the violence that led to her murder in 1945. If Council approves the Rotary Club would assist with the cost of the sign and to support a small dedication ceremony. After some discussion, Mrs. Sullivan, second by Mrs. Serge motioned to change the street name pending a review of any associated costs. Motion carried with all in favor. Council agreed to follow up and discuss additional details. Attorney Levine will check to see if an ordinance is required. The ceremony will be scheduled when the sign is placed.

**Treasurer Report**

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

	<b>Feb 1, 26</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
HNB - 0113	189,735.66
HNB - 4601	10,449.07
<b>Total General Fund</b>	200,184.73
<b>Liquid Fuels Fund</b>	
HNB - 4613	64,673.33
<b>Total Liquid Fuels Fund</b>	64,673.33
<b>Refuse Fund</b>	
HNB - 5401	38,884.91
<b>Total Refuse Fund</b>	38,884.91
<b>CD Balance (3.77% Interest Renews 7/24/26)</b>	31,112.16
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>334,855.13</b>

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 February)**

February 2026 ~ Vandling Borough Revenue			
Date	Name	Account	Amount
02/01/2026	HNB - 0113	341.00 · Interest Earnings	189.68
02/01/2026	HNB - 4613	341.00 · Interest Earnings	37.37
		Total Interest	\$ 227.05
02/03/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	1,197.52
02/05/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	1,697.18
02/06/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	1,229.30
02/11/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	926.36
02/13/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	2,527.42
02/18/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	3,735.40
02/20/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	3,422.25
02/25/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	3,896.60
02/27/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	2,246.59
		Total Wage Taxes	\$ 20,878.62
02/17/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	364.00 · Garbage Fees	980.00
02/17/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	305.00 · Occ. Taxes	485.98
02/17/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	301.00 · Real Estate Taxes	99.00
		Total Taxes & Fees	\$ 1,564.98
02/17/2026	Cicilioni Properties	321.00 · Rental Inspections	675.00
02/17/2026	Ogozaly	321.00 · Rental Inspections	75.00
02/17/2026	Rosal	321.00 · Rental Inspections	75.00
02/17/2026	Gurung	321.00 · Rental Inspections	75.00
		Total Rental Inspections	\$ 900.00
02/17/2026	Tumblin Tots	342.00 · Rent	\$ 1,050.00
		Total Revenue	\$24,620.65

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

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

February 2026 ~ Vandling Borough Expenses			
Date	Name	Account	Amount
02/14/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	\$ 29.49
02/14/2026	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	\$ 20.99
02/14/2026	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	\$ 41.57
02/14/2026	DCED	413.10 · UCC & Code Enforcement	\$ 18.00
02/16/2026	W. Matos Plumbing and Heating	409.37 · Bldgs. /Grounds Rep & Main.	\$ 320.00

02/16/2026	Herlands & Levine	404.10 · Legal Wages & Salary	\$ 530.00
02/16/2026	NEP Telephone	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	\$ 85.94
02/16/2026	Modern Gas	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	\$ 606.99
02/16/2026	PAWC	448.36 · Water Hydrants	\$ 388.11
02/16/2026	CNA Surety	402.35 · Treasurer's Ins. & Bond	\$ 493.75
02/16/2026	Forest City Borough	430.25 · Road Material	\$ 330.00
02/16/2026	NEIC	413.45 · Rental Expense	\$ 60.00
02/16/2026	McGovern Insurance Agency	486.00 · Insurance Premiums	\$ 15,912.00
02/16/2026	Forest City News	404.20 · Legal Advertisement	\$ 68.50
02/16/2026	Jennifer Slick	402.10 · Treasurer's Commissions	\$ 450.00
02/16/2026	Jennifer Slick	488.00 · Employees Withholding	\$ (102.57)
02/16/2026	Nancy Ann Perri	405.10 · Secretary's Wages	\$ 450.00
02/16/2026	Nancy Ann Perri	488.00 · Employees Withholding	\$ (109.32)
02/16/2026	Thomas Collins, Sr.	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	\$ 950.00
02/16/2026	Thomas Collins, Sr.	488.00 · Employees Withholding	\$ (216.52)
02/16/2026	Thomas Collins, Sr.	409.20 · Bldgs./Grounds Supplies & Exp.	\$ 10.76
02/16/2026	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	\$ 670.00
02/16/2026	John Lavin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	\$ (152.70)
02/16/2026	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	\$ 12.38
02/16/2026	Casella	427.45 · Contract Sanitation Service	\$ 13,083.42
02/16/2026	PP&L	434.36 · Street Lighting	\$ 1,082.49
02/16/2026	Browndale Fire Co	411.50 · Fire Co. Contribution	\$ 500.00
02/16/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	403.10 · Tax Collectors Commissions	\$ 29.25
02/16/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	\$ (6.64)
02/16/2026	City of Carbondale	410.45 · Police	\$ 2,120.00
02/17/2026	Wex Bank (Sunoco)	430.20 · Truck Gas & Supplies	\$ 217.94
02/17/2026	UGI PNG	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	\$ 348.51
02/17/2026	PP&L	452-20 · Holiday Lights	\$ 44.04
02/17/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	\$ 100.86
02/17/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	\$ 15.44
02/17/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	\$ 78.23
02/17/2026	IRS	6560 · Payroll Expenses	\$ 670.46
		Total Bill Expenses	\$ 39,151.37

Jennifer noted that the PPL bill for the Christmas lights was only \$44, we are still holding the check for Waco and the MS4 permit check has not been cashed. Mr. Pantzar noted that he has turned that over to KBA to finalize. Mrs. Sullivan made the motion to approve the bills, second by Mrs. Serge. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Prince thanked Mrs. Erdmann for her presentation and noted that he is looking forward to other organizations and people working with the rotary club.

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

**Committee Reports & Unfinished Business:**

In regard to the pave cut ordinance, Tony Grizzanti was okay with using the model we reviewed from the City of Carbondale. Contractors will have to get a permit unless it is an emergency. An ordinance will be prepared for next month.

Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Serge plan to meet to discuss the kids' party and updating the fencing proposals.

Mr. Carachilo reappointed and maintained the previous committee appointments.

Mrs. Sullivan asked about the playground grant. It is a reimbursement grant, so she will go ahead and order the swing.

Mr. Carachilo noted he will get the tractor fixed and he would like to hire someone to cut grass.

Mr. Carachilo and Mr. Matos have been plowing and wanted to remind residents not to throw the snow back out in the road. Mr. Carachilo also stated that three days after the storm there were no cinders available. He believes we need a shed to store cinders.

Mr. Carachilo plans to attend meeting about data centers to keep them away from Vandling.

Council needs to determine what our equipment needs are in order to get cinders.

Mrs. Sullivan noted that there are multiple cars parked on Oak Street making it difficult to get in and out. One residence has six vehicles. A sign is needed to note no parking. Daryl Seaman had to put a parking lot in on Oak Street because there is supposed to be no parking. Mayor Prince stated that he declared a state of emergency which meant that there should not have been parking on any streets. Council stated that they were not aware the Mayor declared the emergency and he replied that he posted it on Facebook. Barbara Bock stated that not everyone has a computer.

**New Business:**

Recently, 539 Clinton Street had an issue where the basement was full of water to the point that it was coming out the windows. There are raccoons living in the eaves of the house. The owner was notified and the water company shut off the water. Mr. Lavin will meet with Attorney Levine to start condemnation action.

**Public Comment:**

Kathy Murnin thanked the Council members for plowing. Mr. Carachilo also thanked residents who shoveled the fire hydrants out. It was noted that there is a white car blocking vision at intersection of Hillside and Oak Streets. Ash Boulevard residents have garages but do not utilize them. Mr. Matos would like to make Ash Street from Hillside to Main Street, one way. Entry would be from Main Street but not an exit. He asked if there were any objections. The matter was tabled until confirmation is received that we do not need to involve Penn Dot.

Daryl Seaman addressed the issue of houses being sold and turned into apartments that are run down. He noted that sidewalks are not shoveled and trash/recycling is all over. It is causing deterioration on Main Street. Mr. Lavin has been following up on un-shoveled walks. It was stated that a stricter ordinance is needed for trash on properties.

Mr. Seaman also noted that his daughter would like to redo the sign at the entrance to the ball field to make the rules visible.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM on a motion by Mr. Pantzar, second by Mrs. Sullivan. All in favor.

Minutes were prepared by Borough Secretary Nancy Perri.

Nancy Perri  
Signature

March 15, 2026  
Date