

Vandling Borough
Official Council Minutes
May 18, 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, May 18th, 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; and Colleen Sullivan
- **Council Members Absent:** Fran Pantzar and Amanda Serge
- **Officials/Staff Present:** Attorney Jeff Levine, Solicitor; Jennifer Slick, Treasurer, Nancy Perri, Secretary, Mary Ann Risboskin, Tax Collector and Joe Lavin, Code Enforcement Officer

Minutes:

- **Motion:** To approve the minutes of the April 20th Regular Meeting as presented.
- **Action:** Motion made by Mrs. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Matos. Motion carried with all in favor.

Correspondence

- Attorney Magnotta re: PPH Ambulance
- Northeast Inspection Consultants re: cancelled permit applications

Persons to be heard:

Browndale Fire Company Chief reported 12 incidents, 50 hours of training and 403 miles logged on the vehicles.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report of Financial Status: (final for May)

May 1, 26

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

General Fund

HNB - 0113 203,398.34

HNB - 4601 6,997.50

Total General Fund 210,395.84

Liquid Fuels Fund

HNB - 4613 80,832.97

Total Liquid Fuels Fund 80,832.97

Refuse Fund

HNB - 5401 41,036.87

Total Refuse Fund 41,036.87

CD Balance (3.77% Interest Renews 7/24/26)	<u>31,112.16</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	363,377.84

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

Council was provided a copy of the 2025 audit as prepared by Rainey and Rainey. The audit has been accepted by DCED and there were no findings. It was however noted that the Borough expended \$125,000 more than was received. Mr. Matos noted that the Peterlin project was budgeted in 2024 but completed in 2025.

Treasurer Report of Receipts: (final for May)

Vandling Borough Revenue ~ May 2026				
Date	Name	Account		Amount
05/01/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		2,878.66
05/04/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		584.98
05/06/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		828.86
05/08/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		1,781.18
05/13/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		2,638.80
05/15/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		3,853.59
05/20/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		2,854.82
05/22/2026	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		3,075.05
05/29/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		2,549.24
		Subtotal Wage Taxes	\$	21,045.18
05/19/2026	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	319.00 · Delinquent Taxes		393.94
05/19/2026	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	364.00 · Garbage Fees		969.29
05/19/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	301.00 · Real Estate Taxes		28,070.78
05/19/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	305.00 · Occ. Taxes		547.34
05/19/2026	Alexandra Ruggiero	320.00 · Building Permits		274.50
05/19/2026	Tumblin Tots	342.00 · Rent		1,050.00
05/19/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	364.00 · Garbage Fees		71,695.00
05/19/2026	Valex Property Management LLC	321.00 · Rental Inspections		825.00
05/31/2026	HNB 4613	341.00 · Interest Earnings		44.62
05/31/2026	HNB 0113	341.00 · Interest Earnings		211.43
		Total Revenue	\$	125,127.08

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

Treasurer Report of Expenses: (final for May)

Vandling Borough ~ Expenses ~ May 2026				
Date	Name	Account		Amount
05/16/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		29.80
05/16/2026	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		53.74
05/16/2026	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		21.45
05/18/2026	Casella	427.45 · Contract Sanitation Service		13,083.42
05/18/2026	Regal Heating & Plumbing	409.37 · Bldgs./Grounds Rep & Main.		157.45
05/18/2026	Herlands & Levine	404.10 · Legal Wages & Salary		462.50
05/18/2026	NEIC	413.10 · UCC & Code Enforcement		210.00
05/18/2026	NEIC	413.45 · Rental Expense		360.00

05/18/2026	RB Fries, Inc.	430.37 · Borough Truck/Machinery	389.77
05/18/2026	Holt Lumber	409.20 · Bldgs./Grounds Supplies & Exp	21.68
05/18/2026	NEP Telephone	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	85.72
05/18/2026	PAWC	448.36 · Water Hydrants	388.11
05/18/2026	PP&L	434.36 · Street Lighting	1,076.41
05/18/2026	City of Carbondale	410.45 · Police	2,060.00
05/18/2026	Browndale Fire Co	411.50 · Fire Co. Contribution	500.00
05/18/2026	Jennifer Slick	402.10 · Treasurer's Commissions	450.00
05/18/2026	Jennifer Slick	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(102.57)
05/18/2026	Nancy Ann Perri	405.10 · Secretary's Wages	450.00
05/18/2026	Nancy Ann Perri	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(109.32)
05/18/2026	Thomas Collins, Sr.	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	460.00
05/18/2026	Thomas Collins, Sr.	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(104.83)
05/18/2026	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	570.00
05/18/2026	John Lavin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(129.91)
05/18/2026	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	46.90
05/18/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	403.10 · Tax Collectors Commissions	1,430.91
05/18/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	427.1 · Garbage Fee Comm.	500.00
05/18/2026	Mary Ann Risboskin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(438.71)
05/18/2026	USPS	402 · .20 Treasurer's Supplies	78.00
05/18/2026	William Krall	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	144.00
05/18/2026	William Krall	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(32.82)
05/19/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	40.42
05/19/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	15.45
05/19/2026	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	94.47
05/19/2026	UGI PNG	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	210.22
05/19/2026	IRS	6560 · Payroll Expenses	1,053.29
		Total Expenses	\$ 23,525.55

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

Mayor Report: Mayor Prince stated that he has received numerous complaints about the school tax increase and wanted to make sure residents were aware that the Borough has no control over those taxes. Mayor Prince also extended congratulations to all the 2026 graduates.

Mayor Prince requested a \$75 reimbursement for the Mayors Association dues. Mr. Carachilo made the motion, second by Mr. Matos to approve this payment.

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

Committee Reports & Unfinished Business:

Mr. Matos and Mr. Carachilo reported on the regional EMS plan. The group has not met as of yet as they are scheduling a guest speaker to explain the process. It is their understanding that summer camps in the area are willing to make a donation. Elk Mountain could add an additional fee to their ticket price and there are other plans for nursing homes and households. There are 27 local summer camps. The plan would include three ambulances centrally located with 24 hour coverage. Mr. Matos stated that there will be one representative from each municipality. There are still many questions and this is in the very early planning stages.

Mr. Carachilo reported that the playground grass was cut along with some tree branches trimmed.

Mrs. Serge and Mrs. Sullivan have received the new fence estimates and will bring them to the June meeting. An old tractor tire at the playground will be removed.

Mr. Matos stated that there are several catch basins that need to be cleaned/vacuumed out. He plans to contact KBA Engineering in the morning about their approval of the Peterlin project which they approved and he believes was done incorrectly, therefore making them responsible for the necessary corrections.

In regard to the Ash Street water problem, Mr. Matos stated the Borough could use Liquid Fuels funds to address this issue and will need to consult with KBA. Also, it was noted that at 500 and 300 Main Street, there are sidewalk issues with four pads that need to be replaced. Mr. Lavin replied that this is usually the homeowners' responsibility, however Mr. Matos does not believe they are responsible for this issue. The catch basins at Ash & 2nd Street are not collecting water because of a high grass level. Mr. Matos stated that the Borough needs a new engineer. He noted that JHA is another local firm which is located in Moosic.

Mayor Prince questioned the status of 728 Main Street. The property has been sold.

In regard to the data center ordinance it was approved for advertisement with a change to the setbacks at 500 feet on a motion by Mr. Carachilo, second by Mrs. Sullivan. Motion carried with all in favor.

New Business: N/A

Public Comment:

Mark Cordelli, Lackawanna County provided numerous flyers on upcoming events including the arrival of the "Big Boy 4014" Steam engine.

Joe Garrett, former mayor thanked everyone for all they are doing for the Borough. He noted that he currently writes a column for the Forest City News. He noted in response to the issues Jennifer Slick raised last month about her water issues that she has a bigger problem because it takes the water longer to dissipate. Mr. Carachilo stated that Mr. Pantzar has some ideas for how to address the situation.

Kathy Murnin noted that there will be some yard sales taking place among three houses in the Borough and some in Forest City this weekend.

Adjournment

- **Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM
- **Action:** Motion by Mr. Matos, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. Motion carried, all in favor.

Next Meeting: The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 15th at 7:00 PM at the Borough Building.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Nancy Perri, Borough Secretary.

Nancy Perri
Signature

June 14, 2026
Date