

Vandling Borough Council Minutes

August 18, 2025

Mr. Carachilo called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Council members present included John Carachilo, Bill Matos, Fran Pantzar, and Colleen Sullivan. Also present were Solicitor Jeffrey Levine, Secretary Nancy Perri, and Code Enforcement Officer Joe Lavin. Council member Amanda Serge, Treasurer Jennifer Slick, and Mayor Tom Prince were not present.

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:

- Mayor Chelik – September meeting LCAB

Persons to be heard:

Browndale Fire Company reported 19 incidents and 482 miles for the month of July.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report of Financial Status: (final for August)

		<u>Aug 1, 25</u>
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
General Fund		
HNB - 0113	200,528.60	
HNB - 4601	<u>8,613.97</u>	
Total General Fund	209,142.57	
Liquid Fuels Fund		
HNB - 4613	<u>70,606.04</u>	
Total Liquid Fuels Fund	70,606.04	
Refuse Fund		
HNB - 5401	<u>90,912.24</u>	
Total Refuse Fund	90,912.24	
CD Balance (4.10% Interest Renews 12/24/25)	<u>30,179.89</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS	400,840.74	

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

Treasurer Report of Receipts: (final for August)

Vandling Borough Revenue - August 2025				
Date	Name	Account		Amount
08/01/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		1,366.07
08/04/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		926.02
08/08/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		1,764.76
08/13/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		669.48
08/15/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		4,054.34
08/20/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		2,451.33
08/22/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		2,668.14
08/27/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		2,459.19

08/29/2025	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	2,102.04
		Total Wage Taxes	\$ 18,461.37
08/16/2025	Flynn Construction	320.00 · Building Permits	94.50
08/16/2025	Todd Harris	320.00 · Building Permits	85.50
08/16/2025	Romano Rentals, LLC	321.00 · Rental Inspections	450.00
08/16/2025	Tumblin Tots	342.00 · Rent	1,050.00
08/16/2025	BNY Client Service Center	354.07 · Intergovernmental Revenue	60,434.00
08/16/2025	Mary Ann Risboskin	305.00 · Occ. Taxes	614.90
08/16/2025	Mary Ann Risboskin	301.00 · Real Estate Taxes	918.25
08/16/2025	Mary Ann Risboskin	364.00 · Garbage Fees	3,430.00
		Total Revenue	\$ 85,538.52

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

Treasurer Report of Expenses: (final for August)

Vandling Borough August 2025 Expenses				
Date	Name	Account	Amount	
08/04/2025	PA Dept. Envir. Protection	414.17 · Plan Prep Costs	2,500.00	
08/15/2025	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	100.45	
08/15/2025	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	18.80	
08/15/2025	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	29.06	
08/18/2025	Casella	427.45 · Contract Sanitation Service	12,725.77	
08/18/2025	PP&L	434.36 · Street Lighting	985.79	
08/18/2025	NEP Telephone	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	85.50	
08/18/2025	PAWC	448.36 · Water Hydrants	388.62	
08/18/2025	City of Carbondale	410.45 · Police	2,000.00	
08/18/2025	Browndale Fire Co	411.50 · Fire Co. Contribution	500.00	
08/18/2025	Jennifer Slick	402.10 · Treasurer's Commissions	450.00	
08/18/2025	Jennifer Slick	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(102.57)	
08/18/2025	Nancy Ann Perri	405.10 · Secretary's Wages	450.00	
08/18/2025	Nancy Ann Perri	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(109.32)	
08/18/2025	Thomas Collins, Sr.	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	350.00	
08/18/2025	Thomas Collins, Sr.	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(79.78)	
08/18/2025	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	490.00	
08/18/2025	John Lavin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(111.67)	
08/18/2025	Mary Ann Risboskin	403.10 · Tax Collectors Commissions	76.66	
08/18/2025	Mary Ann Risboskin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(17.41)	
08/19/2025	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	14.23	
08/19/2025	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	91.54	
08/19/2025	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	32.51	
08/19/2025	UGI PNG	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	31.93	
08/19/2025	IRS	6560 · Payroll Expenses	477.78	
		Total Expenses	\$ 21,377.89	

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

Mayor Report: Mayor Prince was not present.

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

Committee Reports & Unfinished Business:

Mr. Pantzar stated that in regard to the request from the Bock's to get the ditch cleaned, that bids were solicited for that one as well as three others. This includes 350' of ditch on Third Street.

The Secretary opened bids which were as follows:

Mikloiche: \$9,904.00

Prince: \$7,300.00

Debevec: \$7,880.00

Mr. Pantzar made a motion to accept the bid from Prince Excavating, seconded by Mrs. Sullivan. Motion carried with all in favor.

Holiday Decorations: Mr. Pantzar reported that the new decorations were ordered to take advantage of available discounts. They should be delivered in six weeks and will be a modernized version of previous decorations, all with LED lighting. Mr. Pantzar thanked Mrs. Serge who took the opportunity to purchase the decorations at a cost lower than what was budgeted.

DPW Staff: The new employee did not work out and the Borough will still be seeking help with the street department.

New Business:

Council approved the advertisement of bids for trash and recycling collection on a motion by Mr. Pantzar, second by Mr. Matos. All in favor. There was some discussion on enforcing the limit on the number of trash receptacles available for each residence.

Public Comment:

Jimmy Romano, owner of 1103 Main Street Vandling addressed Council regarding this rental property. He currently has a dumpster as he deems it a commercial property. He would like the garbage fee removed from his tax bills. Council noted that he should have six trash cans and six recycling cans at the property. Mr. Romano felt this would be eyesore and feels the dumpster is a better option. Attorney Levine will review the zoning ordinance and see if it would be considered a commercial property. Mr. Romano also let Council know that the dumpster was there when he purchased the property and he would like clarity on why he needs to pay for dumpster and trash fees.

Bernice Lukus asked about replacing the playground fence. Council let her know that is part of the plan that Mr. Carachilo is working on securing funds for through the state and county. The plan also includes new playground equipment including an ADA accessible swing. The mulch should be taken care of within the next few weeks.

Mrs. Lukus asked if there was a committee that decided what roads would get paved. Mr. Pantzar reviewed and Council prioritized the list. She noted that Oak & Main Streets are bad and should be considered. Council can discuss and include it next year.

Barbara Bock asked if someone can cut the trees at Ash & Main Street to improve visibility. Mr. Carachilo will speak with Michelle about it.

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

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

Minutes were prepared by Borough Secretary Nancy Perri.

Nancy Perri

Signature

September 15, 2025

Date