

Vandling Borough Council Minutes  
April 17, 2023

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

**Minutes:** The minutes of the previous regular and special council meetings were approved on a motion by Mr. Pantzar, second by Mrs. Serge. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Correspondence:**

- *Adams Cable Service (fee increase)*
- *City of Scranton (proclamation honoring first women to elected office throughout the County)*

Mr. Carachilo would like a letter drafted to Adams Cable regarding the planned increase and requesting if they can give any consideration to senior citizens.

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

**Persons to be heard:**

Browndale Fire Company reported that there were 15 incidents in March. All units are in service. Vehicles traveled 284 miles and volunteers' completed 52 hours of training.

**Treasurer Report**

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

	<u>Apr 1, 23</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>General Fund</b>	
HNB - 0113	324,335.57
HNB - 4601	7,113.13
<b>Total General Fund</b>	331,448.70
<b>Liquid Fuels Fund</b>	
HNB - 4613	58,497.60
<b>Total Liquid Fuels Fund</b>	58,497.60
<b>Refuse Fund</b>	
HNB - 5401	5,986.71
<b>Total Refuse Fund</b>	5,986.71
<b>CD Balance (.25% Interest Renews 7/24/23)</b>	27,931.46
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	423,864.47
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Principal Balance on Loan	27,970.94
(Payment Due 1/15/24)	

Mr. Pantzar, 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 2023				
Date	Name	Account	Amount	
04/02/2023	HNB 0113	341.00 · Interest Earnings	160.00	
04/02/2023	HNB 4613	341.00 · Interest Earnings	14.99	
04/06/2023	Lack. Co. Recorder of Deeds	310.10 · Real Estate Transfers	454.23	
04/12/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes	863.75	
04/18/2023	Mary Ann Risboskin	301.00 · Real Estate Taxes	18,261.22	
04/18/2023	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	319.00 · Delinquent Taxes	326.06	
04/18/2023	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	364.00 · Garbage Fees	472.50	
04/18/2023	Public Service Solar	320.00 · Building Permits	247.09	
04/18/2023	Tumblin Tots	342.00 · Rent	1,050.00	
04/18/2023	Mary Ann Risboskin	364.00 · Garbage Fees	28,980.00	
04/19/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 - Wage Taxes	909.33	
04/21/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 - Wage Taxes	1,267.05	
04/26/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 - Wage Taxes	664.72	
04/28/2023	Hab-Eit	310.20 - Wage Taxes	789.72	
04/30/2023	HNB 0113	341.00 - Interest Earnings	139.24	
04/30/2023	HNB 4613	341.00 - Interest Earnings	15.65	
		<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 54,615.55</b>	

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

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

Vandling Borough Bill List ~ April 2023				
Date	Name	Account	Amount	
04/15/2023	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	28.37	
04/15/2023	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	20.72	
04/15/2023	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	38.80	
04/15/2023	DCED	413.10 · UCC & Code Enforcement	4.50	
04/17/2023	Herlands & Levine	404.10 · Legal Wages & Salary	452.50	
04/17/2023	The Scranton Times	404.20 · Legal Advertisement	96.04	
04/17/2023	NEP Telephone	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	83.39	
04/17/2023	Regal Heating & Plumbing	409.37 · Bldgs./Grounds Rep & Main.	136.90	
04/17/2023	PAWC	448.36 · Water Hydrants	345.10	
04/17/2023	NEIC	413.45 · Rental Expense	60.00	
04/17/2023	City of Carbondale	410.45 · Police	2,000.00	
04/17/2023	Holt Lumber	409.37 · Bldgs./Grounds Rep & Main.	51.58	
04/17/2023	Cube Auto Supply	430.20 · Truck Gas & Supplies	64.96	
04/17/2023	PP&L	434.36 · Street Lighting	995.38	
04/17/2023	Forest City Borough	430.25 · Road Material	280.00	
04/17/2023	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	400.20 · Legislative Supplies	45.00	
04/17/2023	GFL Environmental	427.45 · Contract Sanitation Service	11,433.50	

04/17/2023	Jennifer Slick	402.10 · Treasurer's Commissions	400.00
04/17/2023	Jennifer Slick	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(91.16)
04/17/2023	Nancy Ann Perri	405.10 · Secretary's Wages	400.00
04/17/2023	Nancy Ann Perri	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(97.16)
04/17/2023	Thomas Collins, Sr.	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	680.00
04/17/2023	Thomas Collins, Sr.	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(154.98)
04/17/2023	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	420.00
04/17/2023	John Lavin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(95.71)
04/17/2023	William Vaughn	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	504.00
04/17/2023	William Vaughn	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(114.86)
04/17/2023	Mary Ann Risboskin	403.10 · Tax Collectors Commissions	913.06
04/17/2023	Mary Ann Risboskin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(207.45)
04/18/2023	Wex Bank (Sunoco)	430.20 · Truck Gas & Supplies	117.72
04/18/2023	UGI PNG	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	283.43
04/18/2023	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	14.20
04/18/2023	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	39.34
04/18/2023	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	84.46
04/18/2023	IRS	6560 · Payroll Expenses	872.39
04/18/2023	Thomas Piatkowski	Miscellaneous Expense	81.66
04/18/2023	Martin Stone Quarries	409.20 - Bldg. & Grounds Supply/Exp.	3,300.81
04/18/2023	Rileighs Outdoor	452.20 - Holiday Lights	84.50
		Total Expenses	\$ 23,570.99

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

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Prince brought up the issue of feral cats in the Borough that several residents have raised concerns about. Unfortunately, there is nothing that we can do to address the issue.

Mayor Prince spoke with Browndale Chiefs about the fire hydrants. Forest City High School students will paint them with supplies from PA American Water.

The upgrades to the ball park is still in the planning stages. We will not be able to undertake any major improvements until next year. The dirt has been delivered for the infield.

Mayor Prince stated that he has applied for three grants through the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). This included requests to plant trees and for a circular track at the ballfield which can be considered a trail under some programs.

Mayor Prince also announced the implementation of a burn ban in the Borough until further notice due to current conditions and for the safety of the residents. This would include no bonfires. Enforcement will be handled by Carbondale Police, Browndale Fire, and Code Enforcement Officer Joe Lavin. Ms. Slick noted that open burning is already not allowed in the Borough.

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

**Committee Reports:**

Mr. Pantzar stated that he would like to arrange a cleanup of Northwest Road and the area around the ballpark. There is a litter control program through PA DOT and he asked if Mrs. Serge and Mrs. Sullivan could check into that and also to see if anyone is already scheduled to take care of Northwest Road.

**Unfinished Business:**

Mayor Prince will be attending the Planning Course over three weeks that is being held by the Lackawanna County Planning Commission.

**New Business:**

Grants have been approved for Peterlin sewer project.

**Public Comment:**

Madge Dembrosky stated that on three occasions while walking her dog through the Borough, her dog was attacked by other dogs that were not leashed or fenced in. Council suggested that she call Carbondale Police to report this when it happens. Ms. Dembrosky also questioned if it would be an issue if she were to tase these dogs. It was suggested that she ask CPD about that. Pepper spray was offered as a possible recourse.

Kathy Pavlovich also asked about dogs on Oak Street that are on leashes but are still able to reach the middle of the road. This is Mrs. Serge's house and she replied that she will shorten their leashes.

Barbara Bock questioned when the roads/potholes will be getting patched. This will be done shortly as soon as it gets a little warmer when we can purchase through Forest City.

John Carachilo asked about the stone between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> streets and when Mr. Mikloiche will be back to finish the job. This will be completed when the weather gets warmer. It will be reformed in to a swale and he will fix the yards and reseed them.

Barbara Bock commented that with all the Borough needs, eventually they will have to consider raising taxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM on a motion by Mr. Matos, second by Mr. Pantzar. All in favor.

These minutes were prepared by Borough Secretary Nancy Perri.

Nancy Perri

Signature

May 14, 2023

Date