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Signature

June 21, 2021

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Vandling Borough Council Minutes  
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Signature

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Vandling Borough Council Minutes  
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Signature

June 21, 2021

Date

Vandling Borough Council Minutes  
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Signature

June 21, 2021

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Vandling Borough Council Minutes  
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05/31/2021	HNB 0113	341.00 - Interest Earnings		34.87
			Total Revenue	\$ 71,819.01

Mr. Mayers, second by Mr. Boyle motioned to approve the revenue report. Mr. Carachilo questioned what the chicken permit and it was noted that the current ordinance allows a resident to house chickens but a permit is required. Motion carried with all in favor.

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

**Vandling Borough Expenses May 2021 (Final)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
05/06/2021	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs Utilities	50.03
05/06/2021	UGI PNG	409.30 · Bldgs Utilities	128.34
05/17/2021	Herlands & Levine	404.10 · Legal Wages & Salary	250.00
05/17/2021	Forest City Borough	410.45 · Police	2,000.00
05/17/2021	Forest City Borough	430.25 · Road Material	65.00
05/17/2021	The Scranton Times	404.20 · Legal Advertisement	82.80
05/17/2021	Regal Heating & Plumbing	409.37 · Bldgs/Grounds Rep & Main.	652.91
05/17/2021	PAWC	448.36 · Water Hydrants	331.61
05/17/2021	Thomas Collins, Sr.	409.20 · Bldgs/Grounds Supplies & Exp	35.68
05/17/2021	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs Utilities	181.55
05/17/2021	NEP Telephone	409.30 · Bldgs Utilities	84.48
05/17/2021	Forest City News	404.20 · Legal Advertisement	18.00
05/17/2021	John Mayers	414.20 · Planning Comm Supplies & Exp	198.22
05/17/2021	County Waste	427.45 · Contract Sanitation Service	6,417.16
05/17/2021	Jennifer Slick	402.10 · Treasurer's Commissions	400.00
05/17/2021	Jennifer Slick	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(91.12)
05/17/2021	Nancy Ann Perri	405.10 · Secretary's Wages	400.00
05/17/2021	Nancy Ann Perri	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(97.12)
05/17/2021	Mary Ann Risboskin	403.10 · Tax Collectors Commissions	1,372.09
05/17/2021	Mary Ann Risboskin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(425.34)
05/17/2021	Mary Ann Risboskin	427.1 · Garbage Fee Comm.	500.00
05/17/2021	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	460.00
05/17/2021	John Lavin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(104.79)
05/17/2021	Browndale Fire Co	411.50 · Fire Co. Contribution	500.00
05/17/2021	BIU	413.10 - UCC & Code Inspection	231.35
05/17/2021	PPL	434.36 - Stret Lighting	915.45
05/17/2021	NEIC	413.10 - UCC & Code Inspection	1,128.75
05/18/2021	IRS	6560 · Payroll Expenses	823.74
		<b>Total Bills</b>	<b>\$ 16,508.79</b>

Mr. Mayers, second by Mr. Boyle motioned to approve the expense report. Motion carried with all in favor.

**Mayor Report:** Mayor Brady reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

**Solicitor Report:** Attorney Levine was not present

**Committee Reports & Unfinished Business:**

John Carachilo thanked the Secretary for getting himself and the Mayor set up with elected officials regarding the American Rescue Plan grants. A meeting has been scheduled with the Governor's office and there are funds available for roads. They had a good meeting with local leaders and will follow up with the funds become available. In regard to the suggestion from Mr. Mayers to provide access to the walking trail, there is currently no public land available to complete that project. All of the land in that area is owned by Linde Corporation.

Mr. Mayers reported that the Office of Surface Mining was called regarding the hole on Ash Street. The plan is to dig out holes to determine what needs to be done.

Mr. Carachilo noted that he has someone that will clean out the middle garage for the Borough.

Mr. Mayers questioned the status of the distribution for the local recovery funds. He noted that the Borough has 28K committed to the Peterlin sewer project and that if sewer projects qualify for these grants that we might want to use them instead of liquid fuel funds and our general fund. At this point everything is up in the air between the state and federal government on the release and final use of the grants.

In regard to the bid procedures, Mr. Mayers will send comments out to Council for review and approval of the document at our next meeting.

Mr. Boyle agreed with Mr. Mayers that Attorney Levine should review the two ordinances and cull a new ordinance for consideration by Council.

**New Business:**

A new contract with NEIC was presented for approval. The original contract was for building inspection only. It was agreed that Attorney Levine should review to make sure he has no concerns with the additional language including rental inspections. Mr. Mayers also suggested that the Borough hold off on rental inspections for an additional three months. Currently they were suspended through May 1<sup>st</sup> due to the pandemic.

Mr. Pantzar stated that as a matter of public record there have been ongoing problems with County Waste for the past few weeks in the performance of their duties to collect trash and recycling. Mr. Pantzar was hoping to have Attorney Levine review our contract and research our options. The company has assured Fran that things should improve now but he is not sure of that.

**Public Comment:**

Joseph Stanton asked if the rental inspection would be an annual inspection. It was noted that it is only completed annually for a change in tenants, longer term rentals are completed every three years.

Another resident noted that he has to bring his trash cans up to Main Street for collection and is wondering if they could pick up on Peterlin near the parking area. It was stated that they could possibly pick up on Vine Street to avoid the uphill climb and steps. He lives in a property owned by Mr. Ciccolini but has to bring the garbage around because the address is a Main Street property. Mr. Pantzar will look into arranging a different collection point.

The construction date for the Peterlin sewer project was questioned. Mr. Mayers replied that they are supposed to work on the storm drain on Main & Ash next week and start the Peterlin job after that. It was also stated that there is a hole at Peterlin and Vine that needs to be filled in and should be addressed as part of the project.

Mr. Bell commented on issues with Ciccolini property housing tenants involved with drugs and having windows that are busted with glass hanging. This is a danger to his children playing in the area. Some of the windows have cardboard on them. Several residents claim that Forest City Police are not addressing the issues appropriately.

Dave Shollock and Carl Peveck addressed Council on behalf of their neighbor. Regarding M&M Auto. This is a new business that is open burning items and deteriorating the property into a junk yard. The property is unsightly. There are unregistered vehicles which would be covered by Borough ordinances, however, the owner claims they are registered but need to be repaired. The owner can have five junked vehicles as a business but the property needs to be fenced in.

Several residents complained about Forest City police showing up with some of these issues but not citing anyone. Mr. Boyle suggested that Mayor Brady meet with Forest City PD about these concerns and report back at our next meeting. Speeding on 171 was also noted and that nothing was enforced.

Residents complained that Clinton Street is also like a speedway and asked if FCPD could at least park in the area for a period of time to at least give the appearance that they might pull someone over.

Krista Tomazic addressed Council regarding some chickens she recently obtained and then was reported to the Borough by her neighbors. She believes she was singled out as others in the Borough have them but she was the only one that had Mr. Lavin at her door to tell her she can only have four chickens. Mr. Lavin reported that others have been informed of the ordinance as well. Ms. Tomazic noted that the chickens are pets and she was not aware there was a limit and she does not want to tell her children they have to get rid of some of them. Mr. Mayers stated that we are considering updating the ordinance and it may impact her situation. He further stated that there are "more issues in town than a few chickens". Mayor Brady stated that he doesn't believe the ordinance should be changed to accommodate one complaint.

Dave Seaman of 319 Main Street addressed Council regarding a sewer blockage at his home. In March 2018, the Borough paid \$377 to have his cellar pumped out. In March of this year, the sewage backed up again. He went to the homes of Mr. Pantzar and Mr. Matos but no one was home. He contacted Jaime Wright who inspected and reported that the main sewer was blocked at about 75' from the cleanout. His residence is the only impacted by this and he sent the bill for \$4,000 to the Borough. Mr. Pantzar stated that Regal addressed it and noted it was in his sewer line. Mr. Seaman claimed he gave Mr. Pantzar the bills from Mr. Wright. Mr. Pantzar stated that we will need someone from the Borough to scope and camera the line to make sure the blockage was in the Borough line. Mr. Seaman replied that two contractors reported that it was in the main. Mr. Wright put a camera in to the line today but it is cleaned out so there is nothing to see. Mr. Pantzar stated that Mr. Matos may have been able to provide more insight on the matter but he is not present tonight. The possibility of a tenant putting something in the sewer line was suggested.

Carl (South Main Street) reported that a fire hydrant was installed but the pipe was cut and the water doesn't run into the catch basin but blows out of the ground. He called PA DoT but they referred him to the Borough.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM on a motion by Mr. Boyle, second by Mr. Mayers.

Borough Secretary Nancy Perri prepared the minutes.

Nancy Perri

Signature

June 21, 2021

Date