

*Vandling Borough Council Minutes
May 20th. 2024*

Mr. Carachilo called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Council members present included John Carachilo, Fran Pantzar, Amanda Serge, and Colleen Sullivan. Also present were Solicitor Jeffrey Levine, Treasurer Jennifer Slick and Secretary Nancy Perri. Councilman Bill Matos and Mayor Tom Prince were absent.

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:

- Letter from Jeff & Debbie Thomas
- Mayor Paige Cognetti; re: storm water initiative
- Lackawanna County Planning Department Invitation
- Bill Vaughn resignation

Mr. Pantzar stated that in regard to the letter from the Thomas’s that he has no recollection of vandalism complaints being received by the Borough. Mr. Pantzar, second by Mrs. Serge motioned to accept the correspondence. Motion carried with all in favor.

Persons to be heard: Chief Debevec reported that there were 27 incidents last month; 46 hours of training; 205 miles traveled; and all vehicles are in service.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report of Financial Status: (final for May)

	May 1, 24
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	
HNB - 0113	522,604.85
HNB - 4601	8,624.18
Total General Fund	531,229.03
Liquid Fuels Fund	
HNB - 4613	65,437.86
Total Liquid Fuels Fund	65,437.86
Refuse Fund	
HNB - 5401	37,775.89
Total Refuse Fund	37,775.89
CD Balance (.25% Interest Renews 8/24/24)	28,001.28
TOTAL ASSETS	662,444.06

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 May)

Vandling Borough Revenue May 2024				
Date	Name	Account		Amount
05/02/2024	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		1,270.76
05/06/2024	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		845.27
05/08/2024	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		1,852.37
05/10/2024	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		1,723.78
05/15/2024	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		1,476.25
05/17/2024	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		1,943.41
05/22/2024	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		2,865.92
05/24/2024	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		2,193.98
05/31/2024	Hab-Eit	310.20 · Wage Taxes		4,337.84
		Subtotal Wage Taxes		\$ 18,509.58
05/21/2024	District Magistrate	330.00 · Fines		107.70
05/21/2024	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	319.00 · Delinquent Taxes		5,855.75
05/21/2024	Lackawanna Co. Treasurer	364.00 · Garbage Fees		1,071.13
05/21/2024	Tumblin Tots	342.00 · Rent		1,050.00
05/21/2024	Valex Property Management LLC	321.00 · Rental Inspections		600.00
05/21/2024	Waering	320.00 · Building Permits		92.70
05/21/2024	Osborne	320.00 · Building Permits		1,660.50
05/21/2024	Mary Ann Risboskin	301.00 · Real Estate Taxes		36,625.35
05/21/2024	Mary Ann Risboskin	305.00 · Occ. Taxes		687.71
05/21/2024	Zoning Ordinance Copy	389.00 · Misc. Revenue		20.00
05/21/2024	Mary Ann Risboskin	364.00 · Garbage Fees		67,210.00
05/21/2024	Phil Hodges, Jr.	320.00 · Building Permits		148.36
05/21/2024	Lackawanna Recorder of Deeds	310.10 · Real Estate Transfer		960.41
		Total Revenue		\$ 134,599.19

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

Treasurer Report of Expenses: (final for May)

Vandling Borough May 2024 Bill List				
Date	Name	Account		Amount
05/18/2024	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		19.20
05/18/2024	PAWC	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		43.68
05/18/2024	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		27.94
05/18/2024	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		14.19
05/20/2024	Nepa & McGraw P.C.	414.66 · Planning/Zoning Legal		400.00
05/20/2024	Stafursky Paving	429.45 · Sanitary Sewer Contracted Service		142,322.14
05/20/2024	Greenfield Power Equipment	430.37 · Borough Truck/Machinery		49.98
05/20/2024	PP&L	434.36 · Street Lighting		974.85
05/20/2024	Casella	427.45 · Contract Sanitation Service		12,062.34
05/20/2024	Modern Gas	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		274.36
05/20/2024	NEP Telephone	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities		84.82

05/20/2024	PAWC	448.36 · Water Hydrants	344.55
05/20/2024	NEIC	413.10 · UCC & Code Enforcement	81.90
05/20/2024	John Bonham	438.00 · Repair & Maintenance of Roads	1,515.44
05/20/2024	Boot-A-Pest	409.20 · Bldgs./Grounds Supplies & Exp.	135.00
05/20/2024	Holt Lumber	409.20 · Bldgs./Grounds Supplies & Exp.	200.82
05/20/2024	Browndale Fire Co	411.50 · Fire Co. Contribution	500.00
05/20/2024	Herlands & Levine	404.10 · Legal Wages & Salary	160.00
05/20/2024	Jennifer Slick	402.10 · Treasurer's Commissions	400.00
05/20/2024	Jennifer Slick	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(91.16)
05/20/2024	Nancy Ann Perri	405.10 · Secretary's Wages	400.00
05/20/2024	Nancy Ann Perri	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(97.16)
05/20/2024	Thomas Collins, Sr.	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	892.50
05/20/2024	Thomas Collins, Sr.	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(203.41)
05/20/2024	Thomas Collins, Sr.	409.37 · Bldgs./Grounds Rep & Main.	10.54
05/20/2024	John Lavin	413.2 · Protective Services Supplies	630.00
05/20/2024	John Lavin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(143.58)
05/20/2024	William Vaughn	430.10 · Street Maintenance Wages	376.00
05/20/2024	William Vaughn	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(85.68)
05/20/2024	Mary Ann Risboskin	403.10 · Tax Collectors Commissions	1,865.65
05/20/2024	Mary Ann Risboskin	488.00 · Employees Withholding	(537.48)
05/20/2024	Mary Ann Risboskin	427.1 · Garbage Fee Comm.	500.00
05/20/2024	City of Carbondale	410.45 · Police	2,000.00
05/21/2024	UGI PNG	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	164.65
05/21/2024	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	92.90
05/21/2024	PP&L	409.30 · Bldgs. Utilities	38.07
05/21/2024	George Ely Associates	409.20 · Bldg./Ground Supply/Exp.	1,152.00
05/21/2024	Lackawanna Recorder of Deeds	310.10 · Real Estate Transfer	570.01
05/21/2024	Visa	430.25 · Road Material	246.24
05/21/2024	IRS	6560 · Payroll Expenses	1,331.87
			\$ 168,723.17

Mrs. Serge, second by Mrs. Sullivan 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 provided updates on the road project which has been delayed because KBA has been busy but he is hopeful that they will be advertised at any time.

Mrs. Serge asked if we will be informing property owners of the requirement to keep their lawns mowed. She also noted that there was a tree torn down and the debris still has not been removed.

Mrs. Serge asked if the Peterlin sewer project was completed yet. Mr. Pantzar replied that it was not and that Bill Matos has been keeping an eye on the project.

Mr. Pantzar made a motion to place an ad for the opening in the street department. Mrs. Serge seconded the motion which carried with all in favor.

New Business:

John Carachilo reported that he has had contact with DEP and the Bureau of Mine Reclamation and they want to continue to work in the area of the pump station. They are talking about a “vision park” and John is serving on the committee. They are looking to bring industry or housing in which will open the Borough for potential growth of both industry and homes.

Mr. Carachilo also spoke with the Commissioners recently regarding the truck they have promised the Borough. He also noted that Senator Brown’s office let him know that we are still in the running for the gaming funds grant.

Public Comment:

Mark Cordelli, Lackawanna County Communications provided a number of upcoming events including the Heritage Fair, Aging Office Fridays in the Park, Bocce Ball tournament, HAM Radio field days, Amateur Golf Championship, Youth Soccer Clinics, 3 on 3 basketball, and that the trolley is available from Steamtown mall to Railriders games.

Jennifer Slick questioned what the Borough plans to do about fireworks. There is not a

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM on a motion by Mrs. Serge, second by Mrs. Sullivan.

Minutes were prepared by Borough Secretary Nancy Perri.

Nancy Perri
Signature

June 15, 2024
Date