

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

April 8, 2015

The Borough Council met in an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. and in a regular session at 8:00 p.m. at the William Reinl Recreation Building on the above date with President Short presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by President Short.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: H. Short; P. Rankin; S. Coppola;
M. Xavier; M. J. Corrigan; S. Oropollo

Council members absent: C. Maniaci

Officers present: G. Sefflin, Solicitor; J. Perks, Asst. Borough Secretary;
T. Quinn, Treasurer; J. White, Borough Manager
P. Close, Engineer

Officers absent: None

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin seconded by Councilman Oropollo the minutes from the March 11, 2015 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

None

MAYOR REPORT

None

REPORTS OF OFFICERS**TREASURER**

Terry Quinn read the Treasurer's Report:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>State Highway Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>
Balance of cash on hand	\$ 174,644.97	\$ 111,053.25	\$ 98,203.05
Receipts for period	\$ 528,864.08	\$ 1.21	\$ 225,229.16
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (132,337.59)	\$ (6,565.17)	\$ (6,680.25)
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 571,171.46	\$ 104,489.29	\$ 316,751.96

Terry asked for Councils approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$357,972.09, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,565.17, and from the sewer fund totaling \$183,873.69.

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to pay the bills, seconded by Councilman Xavier and unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Seflin reported that last Thursday six hearings were held regarding tax delinquencies, 5 for 2013 and 1 for 2012. In all six hearings judgement was entered in favor of the borough. Mr. Seflin wanted to thank the tax collector Mr. Morse for taking the time to appear in court and present evidence and testify on behalf of the borough. Over the last month we received many payments for 2013 tax delinquencies: 127 Elm Avenue \$1,315.25; 46 Beech Avenue \$1,440.25; and 408 Laurel Avenue \$1,554.28. The owner of the property at 131 W. Maryland Avenue is on a payment plan and did pay his first payment on schedule. We filed 10 nuisance liens last month for properties where they have been cited multiple times and have had multiple code enforcement and abatements issued by the Building Code Official. Last month we received total payments in the amount of \$6,910.28 for nuisance liens.

Mr. Seflin noted he is working with Councilwoman Corrigan and the Public Health Committee regarding a recycling contract.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported relative to the 2014 CBDG project and councils contract award to SWERP Inc. which was subject to acceptance by the county office of housing and development. SWERP Inc. is in the process of providing all the forms, documents, bonds, insurance, etc. that are required for the contract and we expect that to be completed this week. At that point the borough will be in a position to execute the contract. After execution OHCD will arrange a pre-construction meeting with the contractor and representatives from the Aldan and that is expected for later this month and we anticipate construction to start in May and be completed mid-June at the latest.

Second, relative to our 2015 MS4 storm water management permit, on April 1st the borough received from PA DEP a review of our most recent progress report, we are required under this permit to do a bi-annual report. The DEP noted “your accomplishments and continued implementation of your MS4 program are acknowledged”. They provided some input on some minor improvements to our website and manual.

Resident, Dan Procopio asked what streets would be impacted by the sewer project. Mr. Close responded that the work would be in the vicinity of Glenwood Circle and a couple of manholes on Maryland Avenue on the Birchwood side of Lobbs run. Dan asked would there be parking restrictions and things of that nature for the residents. Mr. Close explained that the work being completed is pretty noninvasive and there should not be a problem with residents getting in and out to their properties with no problem.

Resident, Dorothy Buchannan asked is that sewer project due to all the flooding around Springfield Road and the RR tracks. Mr. Close explained that this project is for the sanitary sewers to eliminate ground water and rain water from our sanitary sewers. Ms. Buchannan stated that there seems to be an ongoing continuous problem on Magnolia Avenue and Stratford Avenue with constant flooding with the storm sewer there.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwoman Corrigan reported that the Penn State Co-op will continue to do the West Nile virus surveillance in Aldan. The Heroin task force is up and running and the trained emergency service personnel have administered Narcan 26 times and have saved 24 lives since the program started.

Pool inspection letters will go out in May and the Board of Health officer will begin inspections in June or July.

Springfield Hospital is running an asthma day camp for children between the ages of 7-12 to help manage their asthma; flyers are available at the municipal building.

This week the order will be placed for the recycling container lids and those should be received within the next 45-60 days and they will be delivered to the residents.

Aldan and Clifton Height are working together on several upcoming shredding and e-cycling events, the first event is scheduled for April 18th from 9am-1pm and is being held in Clifton Heights municipal building parking lot. The shredding is limited to 5 boxes per resident.

Bulk trash dates are May 6th for the East Side of Aldan and May 20th for the West Side of Aldan. May 25th Memorial Day there will be no trash collected but will be collected on Tuesday.

The Marple Transfer Station has a compost farm available to Aldan residents free of charge January thru September from 7am to 3pm. Proof of residency is required. Grass clippings are not accepted.

The next Board of Health meeting will be held on May 4th at 7pm in the municipal building.

Carol Murray, resident stated that she was out earlier in the day picking up boxes blown around from the recycling. She asked if we could notify the residents to cut up boxes when putting them out for recycling. Councilwoman Corrigan responded that we will work on getting information out to the resident regarding the issue.

Dan Procopio asked if the councilwoman had the recycling tonnage to which she stated that she has not received the totals for the recycling but did report the trash totals for the month of March 124.80 tons.

Dorothy Buchannan asked if there was any research done on the recycling lids due to additional problems that the lids will cause. Councilwoman Corrigan was only aware of an issue with holes in the lids for cans or bottles and the possibility of causing injury to your hand when putting items into the can but we did not order lids with holes. The suggestion was made to attach the lids to the cans if there becomes a problem.

HIGHWAY

None

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo reported that he is working with A to U regarding the work on the storm drains between Clifton Avenue and Springfield Road and due to the weather their work has been delayed. They will also be repairing the storm drain at Glenwood and Magnolia Avenues. General Sewer will be out to clean the sewer lines in quadrant 2.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Rankin announced that we received and deposited the 2014 Comcast franchise fee of \$72,584.67, and we are still awaiting the Verizon franchise fee as there are several residents who are utilizing Verizon services.

The treasurer has applied for the annual Perta grant.

Councilwoman Rankin announced the Aldan 4th of July committee has started to prepare for the parade and events for this year and that the committee is looking for any help that volunteer could give.

Tom Morse, tax collector announced to date collected taxes is in excess of 1.9 million dollars for this year.

Dan Procopio asked Councilwoman Rankin for the reserve fund totals; the reported totals are, in the general reserve \$205,254.38, in the sewer capital reserve \$470,451.51, and in the police capital reserve \$1,000.60. Dan also asked about Verizon, where they are in town or when all residents can expect to have the availability. Is Verizon required to pay the franchise fee by a certain date, the response was they pay quarterly.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Xavier made the Fire Marshalls report. During the month of March, 2015 Collingdale Fire Companies 1 & 2 responded to 6 calls in the borough of Aldan all resulting in no damage and the Collingdale Ambulance and Paramedics responded to 35 calls in the borough.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Coppola reported for the month of March there was 1 plumbing permits with a construction value of \$10,400. The Building Inspector issued 10 building permits with a construction value of \$27,886, and there were 17 Transfer and Mid Term inspections during the month of March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, May 1, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 7:30 PM for Executive Session and General Meeting starting at 8:00 PM at the William Reim Recreation Building.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dan Procopio asked if there is a report for Councilman Maniaci, President Short replied that we had not received one. Dan went on to announce the Aldan Boosters will hold their annual plant sale in the municipal lot Saturday May 2nd, the sale help to offset the cost of their events throughout the year.

Resident, Pamela Holt asked about the resident access to and from Shisler Avenue during the Woodlawn Avenue Septa work. President Short assured her that arrangements would be made at the back end of Shisler Avenue if there was a problem for her to get her camper out onto Woodlawn Avenue.

Tom Morse asked if council had any updates on the property located at 213 Priscilla Lane. Mr. Seflin responded to the question with each of the legal actions currently being worked on regarding this property; tax delinquencies for 2013, criminal sanctions against the owner for multiple code enforcement violations, lien filed. Mr. Morse asked if there is some point where the borough has the right to seize the property. Mr. Seflin explained because we have had communication with the owner and his attorney the conditions are not present where we are able to petition the court for a blighted property statute.

Resident, Mr. Borders confirmed with Mr. Seflin that the property located at 213 Priscilla Lane had plywood covering windows; he mentioned that people have taken to painting those plywood coverings to improve the appearance.

Resident, John McBlain announced that Delaware County Council will conduct its weekly meeting at Aldan's Reinl Recreation Building and wanted to invite all residents to attend the meeting on Wednesday, April 29th at 6pm.

Dorothy Buchannan asked if there were any updates on the Septa project, Mr. White responded that he spoke with Suburban Waste and they did not foresee any issues with trash pickup as they worked through a similar situation when the tracks were replaced in Darby Borough and Suburban will make Woodlawn Avenue its first street to get collected. Mr. White has not received any further information from Septa regarding specific dates but any additional information would be announced at next month's council meeting, will be posted in the message board outside of the municipal building, as well as a mailing to all residents.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilman Xavier and seconded by Councilwoman Rankin unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:48pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary

