

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

August 12, 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.

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**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: H. Short; M. J. Corrigan; C. Maniaci  
S. Oropollo; P. Rankin

Council members absent: M. Xavier

Officers present: J. Perks, Asst. Borough Secretary;  
T. Quinn, Treasurer; J. White, Borough Manager  
P. Close, Engineer; Mayor Hopely

Officers absent: G. Seflin

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin seconded by Councilman Oropollo the minutes from the July 8, 2015 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

None

At this time the meeting was interrupted by President Short in order for Mayor Hopely to swear in Sandra Urban who was appointed to fill the current vacancy upon Borough Council at the July 8, 2015 council meeting. Sandra was accompanied by her daughter Savannah, fiancé Joe Blackburn, as well as her mother Jean and sister Gina. Sandy is a lifelong resident of Delaware County; she grew up in Clifton Heights where she lived for 25 years before moving to Aldan. Sandy was actively involved for 10 years with the Clifton Heights PAL organization. She is a member of St. Eugene's Parish where she attended grade school. Ms. Urban graduated from Upper Darby High School and studied at Manor College,

where she received the West Law Legal Study award; Widener University where she graduated Cum Laude; and Setson University College of Law where she was the William F Blews Pro Bono Service Award recipient, student editor for the Journal of International Aging, Law & Policy and completed the Nationally Recognized & Top Ranked Trail Advocacy Training. Sandra Urban began her career as an intern with the Delaware County DA's office in 2003 and as sworn in as an assistant district attorney in December 2008 where she is currently the Trail Division Team Leader for The Honorable George A Pagano. Councilwoman Urban then took her seat at the council table.

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to appoint Joe Connelly to the Zoning Board, seconded by Councilman Maniaci.

Mayor Hopely proceeded to swear in Joe Connelly to the Aldan Borough Zoning Board...

### **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Hopely read a letter from the Aldan Swim Club to the Aldan Police Dept. thanking them for providing a police presence at their swim team championship event. While there were no problems, having an officer on site provided peace of mind for those responsible for running the event.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER**

John White updated the Septa project; phases 1 thru 6 and phase 8 have been completed and the remainder of the project is on track to be completed as per schedule. Mr. White also announced the upcoming Papal visit and pointed out some affects to the borough regarding the proposed 10,000 riders scheduled to leave from the Primos train station and the 102 Trolley.

Carol Murray, Woodlawn Ave, voiced her concerns for the people coming from out of town being lost and parking issues that may occur and wanted to be sure to have police present to help direct those scenarios.

Diane Boyle, W. Magnolia Avenue, asked about road closures and their affect to residents.

Dan Procopio questioned the parking issues for those dropping off at Woodlawn Avenue for the trolley.

John White explained that with the amount of people expected to travel from Aldan that weekend there would definitely be traffic and an overflow of parking onto the streets. Suggestions being made are to plan to get shopping done before Friday and limit your errands or if possible maybe take a weekend trip to avoid dealing with any disruptions. If it is necessary to travel, leave plenty of time for getting to and from your destination and to leave a space in your driveway for return parking. The only road scheduled to be closed at this time is Oak Avenue between Providence Road and the Primos train station.

**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	\$ 868,790.46	\$ 85,000.38	\$ 417,164.34
Receipts for period	\$ 83,361.62	\$	\$ 4,145.44
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (124,272.82)	\$ (6,476.85)	\$(198,957.49)
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 827,879.26	\$ 78,523.53	\$ 222,357.88

Terry asked for Councils approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$142,155.88, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,476.85, and from the sewer fund totaling \$10,323.75.

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

**SOLICITOR**

None

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close had one item to report on regarding the 2014 CDBG Project, the contractor, SWERP Inc. has completed the CIP Liner, installed 9 watertight manhole frames & covers and cement-lined 4 manholes. The work was done in the vicinity of Glenwood Circle, Elm Avenue and Maryland Avenue. The contractor did nice work. Kelly & Close will be reviewing the post liner TV video to make sure the liner was installed properly. Kelly & Close will also be preparing a punch list, but expect it to be minimal. The first payment request has been made in the amount of \$48,190.50 which is a partial payment request for the CIP Liner work. The total contract cost is approximately \$74,000. The payment request will be forwarded to OHCD for payment, because this is a CDBG project, the County pays the contractor directly. Upon finalization of any punch list items and submission of contract close-out paperwork and bonds, the contractor will submit their final payment request for the balance of the contract cost which we will process and forward to the County and expect will be by Council’s September meeting.

Dan Procopio asked Mr. Close if he had an Act 537 update and Mr. Close responded he had not heard any new updates.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Corrigan reported on the recycling totals for the previous months, April 42.77 tons, May 31.55 tons, June 37.74 tons and July 33.64 tons. Trash totals for June were 188 tons and July 183.43 tons.

Reminder trash will not be collected on Labor Day September 7<sup>th</sup> but will be collected on Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilman Maniaci reported, Signal Service replaced the controller at Providence Road & Clifton Avenue that was damaged in July as a result of a rain storm at a cost of \$2,450. There was also a service call made to replace the 200 amp electrical panel and damaged wires on Schwenke field at a cost of \$1,180 again a result of a storm.

Two potholes were recently repaired; between Beech and Rively Avenues and another on the walking track behind the school. Please report all pot holes asap to avoid further damage.

ASC will be striping the crosswalks, stop bars, and arrows the last week in August in preparation for back to school in September.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo reported lateral repair at Linden & Aldan Avenues, a sinkhole on Clifton Ave repaired and storm drains on Magnolia Avenue were cleaned.

### **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Rankin reminded residents of the remaining two evening the tax collector will be available to collect school taxes is August 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> from 7-9pm at the Municipal Building.

Founders Day will be held September 19<sup>th</sup>, please come out and enjoy the food and entertainment.

Dan Procopio asked what the balances are in the reserve accounts, Ms. Rankin reported in the general reserve there is \$405,426.25, in the sewer reserve the is \$600,735.14 and in police capital reserve there is \$1000.68.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

None

### **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Urban reported there were 37 permits issued with a total construction value of \$3,471.815, Septa trolley project is the cause for the severe increase in value, three plumbing permits valued at \$15,252 and 26 transfer and mid-term inspections for the month of July.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 PM for Executive Session and General Meeting starting at 8:00 PM at the William Reinl Recreation Building.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Carol Murray wanted to make council aware of a landscaper on Woodlawn Avenue blowing grass onto the street which could cause clogging of the storm drains.

Dan Procopio asked about the closing of Woodlawn Avenue during the Papal visit, Mr White corrected Dan that the street would not be closed during that weekend.

Bill McNally, Willows Lane, spoke about the detour at Springfield Road and Clifton Avenue due to the Septa project and was happy to have the police presence directing traffic and thought they should be there all day due to the frustration of drivers when the police are not present.

Dan Procopio asked who was paying for the police overtime for the traffic duty and was answered that Septa would be covering that cost.

John McBlain announced to all present the news of Councilman Maniaci being named captain of the Avalon Stringband.

Tom Morse reminded residents to send separate self-addressed, stamped envelope to Mr. Morse to receive a receipt for their paid school taxes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin and seconded by Councilman Maniaci, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:41pm.

**ATTEST**

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Jennifer Perks  
Asst. Borough Secretary

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