

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

December 9, 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; M. J. Corrigan; C. Maniaci
S. Oropollo; P. Rankin; M. Xavier; S. Urban

Council members absent: None

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

Officers absent: None

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilman Maniaci seconded by Councilman Xavier the minutes from the November 11, 2015 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

None

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hopely wished the residents of Aldan a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Mayor also reminded residents to continue to keep homes and vehicles locked.

BOROUGH MANAGER

John White seconded the Mayor’s sentiments of wishes of a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all residents of Aldan.

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	\$ 508,686.34	\$ 59,098.91	\$ 54,178.26
Receipts for period	\$ 119,341.67	\$ 1.17	\$ 7,254.09
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (470,190.73)	\$ (12,953.70)	\$ (9,579.26)
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 157,837.28	\$ 46,146.38	\$ 51,853.09

Terry asked for Councils approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$322,825.90, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,476.85, and from the sewer fund totaling \$8,455.76.

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

Mr. Seflin reported regarding the 2014 tax delinquencies program there are six hearings scheduled for tomorrow before Judge Lacey. Payment was received on the seventh delinquency; more will be reported on that delinquency next month.

Additionally tomorrow is a hearing concerning a nuisance lien filed against 55 S Oak Lane.

On November 18th correspondence was received from the general council for Septa with a check enclosed in the amount of \$62,400 which was reimbursement to the borough for work our police preformed in connection with the Septa trolley project that went on over the summer.

In accord with the PA Borough Code we have scheduled the reorganization meeting of council for January 4th 2016 at 7pm in the Reintl Recreation building.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on two items, first relative to the 2016 CDBG project. Mr. Close is proposing to submit an application to do some road improvement work in the northeast section of town, there was a required public hearing held before tonight’s council meeting where a presentation was made about the proposed application. Secondly, there are annual recurring projects that are done for the borough for 2016 we are looking ahead at upcoming work for the annual road program, sewer chapter 94 report, and the MS4 storm water management program.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwoman Corrigan reminded residents on January 24, 2016 will be the next e-cycle event held in the Clifton Heights municipal parking lot from 9am to 1pm. The event is open to all Aldan and Clifton Heights residents.

In October we recycled 24.9 tons.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maniaci reported we have a new 2 year contract with Signal Service to continue to service the traffic lights in the borough.

Councilman Maniaci made motion to give Kelly & Close Engineers permission to apply for the 2016 CDB Grant, seconded by Councilwoman Urban, unanimously approved.

Dan Procopio (Aldan Avenue) asked what the amount of the CDBG request is; the answer of \$150,000 was given by Mr. Close.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo had nothing to report.

Dan Procopio asked if Councilman knew of a closing date for the Penndot work on Springfield Road. Mr. Short responded that Penndot is not required to keep the borough updated on the work, but the building code official and borough manager are keeping an eye on the project.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Rankin presented the 2016 budget to council.

Difficult economic times continue to effect local municipal budgets including the proposed 2016 budget for Aldan. While revenue from outside sources continues to decline or remains flat, non-discretionary expenses continue to increase. The proposed 2016 budget shows that in 4 of the seven departmental funds expenses will remain the same with only minor deviations.

As a result of revenue items in conjunction with the drivers of the budget the 2016 budget projects a .6299 mill increase in real estate taxes to offset the loss of revenue and increase in spending. The increase is never a desired outcome of a municipal budget however Aldan's proposed 2016 millage rate compares well and favorably to other surrounding and similarly situated municipalities.

Dan Procopio asked for clarification on the transfer of funds into the police reserve, he presumes the purchase of a new police car. Council confirmed there would be two new police vehicles. Mr. Procopio asked if there would be any grant funds used to make the purchases as was the case with the last vehicle purchase. Mr. Short responded, unfortunately the state funds that were available for such purchases are no more.

Dan Procopio noted some confusion with the amounts reported by the treasurer regarding the expenditures for the general fund. The treasurer clarified the general fund amounts reported and explained the calculations.

Dan asked for confirmation on the fact that council would not be passing the tax levy ordinance and the trash and sewer fee as budgeted this evening. Mr. Seflin explained that council received the final figures from both Delcora and the county too late to advertise the tax levy ordinance for tonight's meeting. Under borough code that has to be advertised between 30 and 10 days. Therefore it was advertised to be considered at a special meeting of council on December 16th. Also Mr. Seflin explained that all fees for refuge and sewer are included in the tax levy ordinance.

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to accept the 2016 budget as presented, seconded by Councilman Maniaci; unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Rankin announced we will be voting on Ordinance #517 The Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2016 next Wednesday night 7pm at the Municipal Building.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Xavier reported for the month of November there were 4 fire calls and 17 ambulance calls in the borough. Also a reminder to be safe with electrical lights this holiday season, keep live trees hydrated and away from heat sources to avoid potential fire hazards.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Urban reported there were 36 building permits issued in the month of November with a total construction value of \$119,276.57. Seventeen transfer and mid-term inspections were made by the residential inspector and the plumbing inspector issued 6 permits in November with a total construction value being \$55,095.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, January 6th, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, January 13th, 2016 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

Dan Procopio thanked everyone who participated in the Aldan Tree Lighting ceremony which was well attended. Dan also mentioned there are continuing programs, Santa mailbox, best decorated house to be awarded at the end of the season, and Santa visits on Christmas day.

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 8:34 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary