

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

July 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; M. Xavier; M. J. Corrigan;
S. Oropollo; P. Rankin

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; Mayor Hopely

Officers absent: None

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin seconded by Councilman Xavier the minutes from the June 10, 2015 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

None

President Short apologized for the lack of air conditioning during the meeting explaining the air conditioning broke earlier in the day and the repair man needed to order a new unit or part so he will try to move the meeting along quickly to limit the uncomfortable temperature in the building.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hopely read a card thanking Officer Ziviello for his service and assistance in returning two small children to their family who had wandered off during a Memorial Day party. Mayor Hopely commented that it is nice to see residents are recognizing the police are doing a good job and thanking the officers and department.

BOROUGH MANAGER

John White updated the Septa project; phases 1 & 2 have been completed, phase 2 will be opened tomorrow morning. Phase 3 & 4 are actively being worked on. It has been a very positive response from the residence and the project is on schedule. Kelly & Close is also monitoring the project for us.

Dan Procopio questioned, since Septa has changed their phasing exactly what phase 2 was and what phase 3 and 4 are? Mr. White explained that phase 2 did not change, phase 3 was altered due to Penndot not allowing Providence Road to close. Phase 3 was changed to 275 ft. instead of 400 ft. and phase 4 was increased to 525 ft. Dan asked what streets would be blocked with phase 3 and 4. Mr. White answered Woodlawn Avenue and Providence Road only. Phase 5 would impact Wayne and Shisler Avenues.

Carol Murray spoke about Septa/Road Con workers and how she has noticed they are doing a great job and commented that the workers are active and working all day.

The meeting was interrupted in order for President Short to introduce Representative Jamie Santora. Representative Santora thanked council for allowing him to interrupt and be a part of the meeting to honor Aldan Union Church on behalf of the entire House of Representatives in Harrisburg with a citation to Aldan Union Church on their 100th Anniversary year. Representative Santora spoke on how important it is to have good churches in town where people can come together to worship and be a part of the community.

Pastor Paul Thompson took a moment to thank the Representative for taking the time out of his busy schedule to come and make the presentation to the church and also wanted to thank the borough council for all their work. Aldan Union Church is proud to be a part of the borough and appreciate all that they do. The Pastor also wanted to mention that there is a member present who has been in Aldan and the church for 90 years. President Short thanked Aldan Union Church for opening up their parking lot to the residents to park their vehicles during the Septa trolley track replacement project.

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	\$ 928,490.90	\$ 91,363.09	\$ 403,027.91
Receipts for period	\$ 66,275.03	\$ 1.86	\$ 21,379.01
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (125,975.47)	\$ (6,364.57)	\$ (7,242.58)
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 868,790.46	\$ 85,000.38	\$ 417,164.34

Terry asked for Councils approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$145,643.37, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,476.85, and from the sewer fund totaling \$198,957.49.

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 on the 2014 delinquency program, there were 23 delinquencies. Liens have been filed on 22 for a total of \$31,527.02. The reason for the delay in the remaining lien is due to not knowing the owners address information. The tax collector, Mr. Morse has informed the solicitor that all of the notices and letters to Dynasty Capital Homes Inc. which owns the property 204 Hazelwood Avenue have failed to be delivered. In the interim Mr. Seflin did receive a call from their representative and is hoping to update the information and can file the lien. Of the filed 22 we have agreements for payment plans for all but two of them.

Regarding the 9 nuisance liens filed in March of this year for property maintenance issues, 4 have paid for a total \$8294. On July 23 we have hearings for three of the remaining 5 liens. The final 2 properties the owners are deceased so Mr. Seflin is working on finding relatives or estates for those properties.

There are two contract matters to report; one being animal control, Mr. White provided a contract with Chester County SPCA which has been reviewed and appears to be fine so it is up to Councilman Xavier's committee to take a look and possibly present it to council either next month or September. That agreement is through December 31, 2016. The second contract is in regards to the Septa Trolley Project pertaining to the payment of permitting fees. During the last three weeks we have been in discussion with Septa and their attorneys discussing the permitting fees. Basically Septa's position has been that they should not be responsible for any fees. However the decision has been made to pay a fee based on the work outside of the actual track repair. A settlement has been made on the amount of \$50,000, contingent of council accepting this agreement.

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to accept the settlement agreement for the Septa Trolley Project and authorize President Short to execute the agreement on behalf of the borough. Councilman Oropolla seconded and unanimously approved.

Mr. Morse commented that Dynasty Capital Homes Inc. has contacted Mr. Morse and they are negotiating a sale with the current tenants.

Dan Procopio confirmed the second contract Mr. Seflin reported on was the Septa agreement. This was confirmed by Mr. Selfin.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on two items, first the 2014 CDBG Project, the contractor started the cured in place liner yesterday and finished the three pipe runs, all house laterals were reinstated. Swerp Inc. will start on the second run and hope to complete that tomorrow.

As part of this project, in a week or two, there are 9 manhole covers that will be replaced with water tight covers and then 4 of the manholes are going to be sealed.

Secondly, as the manager mentioned Kelly & Close is reporting on interim inspections on the Septa project.

Carol Murray mentioned to Mr. Close that a Septa representative and Road Con representative were looking at an area of rail and were taking pictures of a section of rail and suggested he check into that issue.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwoman Corrigan is happy to report that all residents have received their recycle can lids. Councilwoman thanked the boosters for their help in the delivery of the lids.

Pool inspections will begin next week, we have received 43 of the 69 pool applications back and Jim Maloney, the health inspector will be doing those inspections.

Penn State Co-op will be performing surveillance on the west nile virus in the area and we will be notified of any findings.

Aldan will be hosting e-recycling on July 18th from 9am to 1pm in the borough parking lot. Resident asked if there will be shredding there as well and was informed that the shredding event will be held in October.

HIGHWAY

In Councilman Maniaci's absence Mr. White reported that during the last rain storm there was a controller was damaged and the corner of Providence and Clifton Avenue that is going to have to be replaced at a cost of \$2450 and will be completed within the next week.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo reported that there were two projects completed, on Bonsall Avenue a sanitary sewer repair made by A to U Service at a cost of \$7,909.68 and also 19 Beech Ave had a sinkhole, General Sewer provided jet vac and tv camera service for inspection at a cost of \$775. Councilman Oropollo again asked that if residents see what would be a possible problem with a sink hole developing to please call either him or the borough office and please leave your contact information for a return call.

Dan Procopio noted a sink hole on Linden and Rively Avenues and wanted an update of the status of that hole. Mr. White responded that was Peco work and would be restored this week.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Rankin reported that the committee is beginning to look at the 2016 budget.

Councilwoman also noted that there will be a quarterly meeting regarding the status of the police pension plan with the administrators of the plan.

Councilwoman thanked all those who helped out with and attended the July 4th events and the next social event will be Founders Day and that will be held on September 19th this year.

Dan Procopio asked what the balances are in the reserve accounts, Ms. Ranking reported in the general reserve there is \$405,373.89, in the sewer reserve there is \$600,650.55 and in police capital reserve there is \$1000.66.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Xavier relayed the Fire Marshalls report. There were nine incidents in the borough Aldan which the Collingdale Fire Company responded to, all resulting in no damage.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Due to the vacancy of Councilman Coppola Mr. White reported for the month of June there were 4 plumbing permits with a construction value of \$12,300. The Building Inspector issued 34 building permits with a construction value of \$89,797, and there were 18 Transfer and Mid Term inspections during the month of June.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilman Xavier made a motion to accept Councilman Coppola's resignation as of June 11, 2015; Councilwoman Rankin seconded the motion, unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS

President Short announced by law council has 30 days to fill the vacancy made by Councilman Coppola; Councilman Xavier made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-05 appointing Sandra M. Urban to borough council, seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan, unanimously approved. Ms. Urban was attending a family affair out of town and will be sworn in at the August council meeting.

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, August 5th, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, August 12th, 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

Dan Procopio thanked all those that helped with the 4th of July celebration.

Tom Morse announced the school taxes were sent out and the tax collector will have hours August 3rd, 10th, 24th and August 31st.

Also residents need to send separate self-addressed 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 Xavier, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:41pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary