

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

June 10, 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; S. Coppola; C. Maniaci  
M. J. Corrigan; S. Oropollo

Council members absent: P. Rankin; M. Xavier

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 Councilman Coppola seconded by Councilman Maniaci the minutes from the May 13, 2015 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

None

The meeting was interrupted in order for President Short to present the Proclamation to honor the Aldan Swim Club on their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year. President Short presented the Proclamation to Aldan Swim Club President, Dave Heacock on behalf of the Mayor and Borough Council.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Hopely reported that two officers attended training to operate DUI Checkpoints in cooperation with surrounding police departments. Officers continue training in the following areas: interview techniques, child abuse investigations and law enforcement executive development through Penn State University.

The Mayor along with the Police Chief wish everyone a safe and happy summer and a reminder with the vacation season upon us please stop at the municipal building to register to have your home checked by police while you are away.

**BOROUGH MANAGER**

John White reported the Septa Project on Woodlawn Avenue will begin on Monday, June 15. Letters were hand delivered to the residents who reside in the first two phases which are the properties between 23 S Woodlawn and 120 S Woodlawn. Also the Aldan Union Church delivered flyers offering their parking lot to the Woodlawn Avenue resident for the duration of the project for parking. Septa representatives, Scott Savett and Kim Smith are on hand to answer any questions during the unfinished business section of the meeting.

**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	\$ 1,066,839.48	\$ 97,926.27	\$ 390,694.42
Receipts for period	\$ 42,809.62	\$ 1.99	\$ 13,435.24
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (181,158.20)	\$ (6,565.17)	\$ (1101.75)
Loan from Reserve	\$ (200,000.00)	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 928,490.90	\$ 91,363.09	\$ 403,027.91

Terry asked for Councils approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$139,407.50, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,364.57, and from the sewer fund totaling \$7,242.58.

Councilman Coppola 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. Sefflin reported on the various delinquency programs. There are three remaining cases for 2012 delinquencies; 124 Springfield Road judgement for \$1,516.79, the property is apparently being sold and Mr. Sefflin is negotiating with a title company. The property 321 Laurel Avenue has a judgement in the amount of \$1690.12 which we asked the court for and order of execution because we have had no response to the judgement or any of our correspondence. Lastly, 213 Priscilla Lane a judgement in the amount of \$1850, they have until July 6<sup>th</sup> to appeal. The 2013 outstanding delinquents; 107 S Clifton Avenue judgement in the amount of \$1580.53, as of June 1<sup>st</sup> we requested an order of execution against the owner. Deutsche Bank has failed to respond to our notices, liens, etc. for the property located at 23 Chester Avenue and again we are seeking an order of execution against Deutsche Bank in the amount of \$1549.23. We have had a payment plan in place over the last three months with the owner of 131 W Maryland Avenue and are pleased to report the entire \$2,213.78 has been paid in full as of May 28<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of commencing the 2015 delinquency program.

March 10<sup>th</sup> of this year we filed ten nuisance liens for properties where there were extremely overgrown grass, bushes, trees, and in a few cases the properties needed to be secured. Four of those properties have paid the liens for a total \$8,294. Two of the remaining properties we are currently working with for payoffs and the remaining four properties we have filed suit against.

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported on two items, first the 2014 CDBG Project, the material submittals have been received from the contractor and approved last week. The cured in place liner is being ordered and is taking a little longer than we expected so based on the discussions with the contractor they should be starting around the first or second week of July and should take a week or two to finish the work. Prior to the work the contractor will notify the adjoining property owners, the borough manager, and the chief of police to let them know that they will be out there.

Secondly, in regards to the Septa Woodlawn Avenue track renewal project, we have received construction plans and specifications from Septa, we have reviewed the documents and have also done a visual and video inspection along Woodlawn Avenue to document existing conditions of the road and curb. Septa will have their own inspectors observing the construction for conformance to the Septa documents but we will be out there on behalf of the borough on an interim basis just making sure the work to the road restoration, adjustments of sanitary sewer manholes and inlets are done in accordance with the borough standards.

Kim Smith from Septa asked where the sewer work is being done in regards to the detours in place for the Woodlawn Avenue project. Mr. Close assured Kim there would be no conflict.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Corrigan reported the totals for trash and recycling; solid waste total for May is 208.24 tons and recycling for April was 44.27 tons. Pool inspection letters have been mailed to the residents who own pools and we want to reinforce that all pools need to be inspected regardless of being used or not. Finally, the next Board of Health meeting will be held at the Municipal Building Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

### **HIGHWAY**

Nothing to report.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo reported that we have just completed a sinkhole repair on Beech Avenue. The cause of the sink hole was a crack in the sewer line. 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.

### **FINANCE**

None

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

In Councilman Xavier's' absence, President Short relayed the Fire Marshalls report. There were seven calls in Aldan which the Collingdale Fire Company responded to, all resulting in no damage.

### **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Coppola reported for the month of May there were 1 plumbing permits with a construction value of \$11,525. The Building Inspector issued 34 building permits with a construction value of \$84,794.00, and there were 29 Transfer and Mid Term inspections during the month of May.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The floor was open for Septa representatives to field questions from the audience that could not be answered by council regarding the Septa Woodlawn Avenue Project. Scott Savett and Kim Smith from Septa were in attendance.

Mr. Savett, Septa's Community Relations Representative, thanked the Borough for their cooperation thus far. Also, Mr. Savett wanted to thank Aldan Union Church for allowing the residents to park in their lot. Lastly, a thank you to the residents of Aldan for their input on how to make things easier for the residents and expressed that Septa will do everything as an organization to make this as easy as possible.

Kim Smith, the Track Project Manager, ran through the scheduled phases for the project and spoke on the detours for traffic and the route changes for the buses taking place of the trolley. Those changes have been posted along the trolley route and are available on the Septa web page.

A resident questioned why the phase chart with dates has not been posted online as stated at the March meeting. Mr. Savett responded that the reluctance to post this online is because the possibility of weather or other unforeseen obstacles that would cause a fluctuation in those dates. Council President Short asked if a weekly update could be given to the Borough Manager who could then filter the information to the residents as necessary. Mr. Savett confirmed that he would give the updates weekly after each progress meeting between Septa and the contractor of which the Borough Manager would be able to attend as well.

Carol Murray voiced concerns that there is no notification posted at Providence and Woodlawn Avenue notifying public of the changes that will be occurring in regards to detours and alternative service for the Septa riders. Mr. Savett will take care of getting the Borough a sign to be posted in the Trolley Stop Museum. Ms. Murray also had a safety and security concern with the Woodlawn Avenue residents walking at night to their homes. Council assured Ms. Murray that there would be police presence in the area regularly and the police also patrol on bikes during the summer. Also if a resident felt it necessary they could call 911 and have a police officer escort them to their home.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Short read a letter from Steve Coppola notifying council of his resignation effective June 11, 2015. Mr. Coppola will be moving out of Aldan with his family and stated it has been a pleasure to serve the residents of Aldan and with all the other members of Council. President Short wished Mr. Coppola all the best.

Mr. Seflin commented that under Section 901 A.1 of the new Borough Code, council must accept the resignation within 45 days by a majority of a quorum. Council has 30 days to fill the vacancy, which is 30 days from June 11<sup>th</sup> via a resolution. Mr. Seflin recommends that council either accepts or rejects the resignation at next month's council meeting and if they intend to fill the vacancy they should do that at that time as well.

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, July 8, 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**

In honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Aldan Swim Club President Short spoke about his remembrance of the Swim Club and wanted to personally thank the swim club representatives in attendance for

the wonderful experience he and his family had at the Swim Club.

It was announced that preparations are being made for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and events and to please come out and enjoy the festivities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilman Coppola and seconded by Councilman Maniaci unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 9:07pm.

**ATTEST**

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Jennifer Perks  
Asst. Borough Secretary