

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

November 11, 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 Councilwoman Urban the minutes from the October 14, 2015 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

None

The meeting was interrupted for Mayor Hopely to swear in Ryan Maguire as a part time Aldan Borough Police Officer. Son of Sgt. Joe Maguire of the Radnor Township Police Department and Ginny Maguire, Ryan was born and raised in Radnor Township. Ryan graduated 2005 from Radnor High School and is a 2009 graduate of Penn State University. Ryan resides in Radnor where he has been a member of the Radnor Fire Company since 2003 and currently holds the position of Assistant Chief. Ryan is a June 2015 graduate of the Delaware County Police Academy. Ryan is joined tonight by his parents, Joe and Ginny, his brothers JT and Dan and his sister Katie.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hopely advised residents to keep their car doors locked and to not leave valuables in their vehicles. There have been several thefts from cars in town. All the cars broken into were unlocked.

Also, if you see anything you think to be odd or suspicious please call 911 for the police to respond and investigate. This can deter a potential unwanted situation.

BOROUGH MANAGER

John White notified council and residents of the passing of long time Aldan resident Thomas Shaiko on Saturday October 17th. Tom was a third generation cabinet maker working alongside his father and grandfather at Thomas L. Shaiko and Sons in Aldan. Tom was an active member of the community having served as president of Aldan Boys Club served on the Aldan Recreation Board, was past president of the Lansdowne Aldan School Board and William Penn School board. He served on the Aldan Borough Council serving as president in 1980-81. Tom was also on the board of the Delaware County Child and Youth Association and Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital.

John White asked that Council reserve a page in tonight minutes in honor of Thomas F Shaiko Sr. Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to dedicate a page of the minute in memory of Tom Shaiko, seconded by Councilman Maniaci, motion carried.

A moment of silence was taken in memory of Tom Shaiko Sr.

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Page
Is
Dedicated
To
Tom Shaiko Sr.

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	\$ 679429.77	\$ 65574.44	\$ 207409.57
Receipts for period	\$ 30095.07	\$ 1.32	\$ 2159.80
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (200838.50)	\$ (6476.85)	\$(155391.11)
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 508686.34	\$ 59098.91	\$ 54178.26

Terry asked for Councils approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$153,039.57, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,476.85, and from the sewer fund totaling \$1,123.50.

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 regarding the 2014 tax delinquencies 10 complaints were filed the end of last month and the hearings will be Thursday, December 10th at the District Court on Garrett Road, Upper Darby.

There was a payment arrangement made with the owner of 36 Stratford Avenue. The first two payments were made but the final payment was not and he was sent a letter telling him he is in default and giving one week to respond with payment before a complaint is filed with court.

Contact was made with Loretta Services in California regarding the property at 120 W Providence Road. Over the last year there have been many dealings with them. The previous owner was delinquent in 4 out of 5 years between 2007-2011 and it is quite a considerable amount of money owed, almost \$10,000. Loretta Services is not the lender they are a mortgage servicing company but have been asked by Chase to obtain a payoff figure and Mr. Seflin will keep council apprised of that.

Mr. Seflin did send the signed & sealed contract with bond to Suburban Waste Inc. for refuse collection for the years 2016-2020.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on two items; first regarding the 2014 CDBG sewer project, the project is complete but we are waiting on the final contract close out documents from the contractor. Once received final payment will be coordinated with the Office of Housing and Community Development, which is the 5% retainer which is about \$3700.

Secondly, the application for the 2016 CDBG project was received from the borough manager. The application is due on January 11 2016 and at this time Mr. Close is working to identify a potential project with council. To work within the time line Mr. Close recommends holding a public hearing prior

to the December 9th council meeting. The public hearing is a requirement as part of the CDBG application. Between now and the hearing a project will be identified and all the paperwork will be prepared including a concept plan and an estimate for the deadline. Mr. Close requests that Council authorized his office to advertise for the required public hearing for Wednesday December 9th at 7:30 pm.

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to allow the borough engineer to advertise for public hearing on December 9th, seconded by Councilman Maniaci and unanimously approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwoman Corrigan reported Jim Maloney completed all the pool inspections for 2015 and all went well.

Garbage totals for October 157.66 tons.

Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion to withdraw the bid for failure to meet assigned contract agreement with Creative Waste Solutions doing business as B&L Services, seconded by Councilman Oropollo, unanimously approved.

Mr. Sefflin explained that the successful bidder last month failed or refused to send us a contract within the terms of the bid specifications which is that they return the contract to the solicitor within 10 days after received. It is now almost 30 days and we have not received the contract. After speaking with their attorney they are having difficulty obtaining an appropriate bond and because of this they are in breach of two sections of the bid specifications which is why the award had to be withdrawn.

Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion to accept the bid from Suburban Waste Services for recycling collection for three years in the amount of \$136,558, seconded by Councilman Xavier, unanimously approved.

Dan Procopio asked for confirmation of the current cost for recycling contract fees which President Short answered approximately \$18,000.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maniaci reported there is a new crossing for students at Woodlawn & Wayne Ave. Joe Rapucci from Priscilla Lane will be the full time crossing guard at this post.

Fourteen signs have been erected at a cost of \$528.64 in Aldan consisting of handicap, no parking and school zone, etc.

Dan Procopio asked if the councilman new when Septa's punch list would be finalized for the Woodlawn Ave. project. President Short answered there has not been any response from Septa. With the upcoming snow and ice, Dan asked if there have been any recommendations from Septa on what products should be used on the newly laid surface on Woodlawn Ave. to combat the winter elements. Again President Short responded council has not heard anything from Septa.

Carol Murray, S Woodlawn Ave. notified Council of the increase in vibration of the homes on Woodlawn Ave. with the passing of the trollies. John White asked if Carol noticed it being a speed issue and she thought it may be because it is usually later in the evening.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo reported on Linden and Providence there was a grease build up in the sewer that needed to be cleaned out. Councilman again asked that if residents notice anyone dumping down storm drain to please call to report it.

Dan Procopio asked if Councilman had any idea when Penndot would be finished with the light project on Springfield Road, President Short answered we did not have any information on the completion date for the project.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Rankin presented the 2016 preliminary budget to council, she informed that she is still waiting for some factors such as county tax assessment and the Delcora sewer rent cost but there will be a meeting in the next few weeks to put those numbers in and hope to present the final 2016 budget at the December meeting. The preliminary budget will be available to review at the borough office tomorrow.

Councilwoman announced the annual tree lighting will be Saturday, December 5th at 6:30 pm.

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to accept the preliminary budget as presented, seconded by Councilman Maniaci, motion carried.

Dan Procopio asked if the councilwoman had the current fund balances; in the general reserve \$405,581.69 in the sewer capital reserve \$60,965.47 and police capital reserve \$1000.74 reconciled on 10/31/2015.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Xavier announced fire prevention week was in October, Collingdale Fire Companies 1 & 2 visited Aldan Elementary school and a presentation was made to the students on fire safety and an inspection was made of school property. Also a reminder to residents to schedule heaters maintenance and change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

There were six fire incidents in Aldan in October; one fire was substantial causing \$160,000 in damages. Also there were 27 ambulance/paramedic calls in Aldan in October.

Dan Procopio asked if the councilman had a total of police overtime that occurred during the Pope's visit in September. Council did not have the number on hand but would get it for Mr. Procopio.

Carol Murry informed council that Collingdale Fire Company went door to door on Woodlawn Avenue with free batteries for their smoke detectors in response to the fire on Woodlawn Avenue.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Urban reported there were 32 permits issued in the month of October with a total

construction value of \$130,333. Five transfer inspections and 12 mid-term inspections were made by the residential inspector and the plumbing inspector issued 2 permits in October with a total construction value being \$10,100.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, December 2nd, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, December 9th, 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 wanted to recognize Vince Cilurso who passed away recently who was a veteran of the American Legion and Bob Reardon who has resigned from the recreation board Bob has put in a lot of effort in Aldan in the past 25 years to make Aldan a great place.

Dan also seconded the announcement of the Tree Lighting Ceremony which will be honoring Aldan Union Church celebrating their 100 year anniversary this year.

Tom Morse, tax collector announced there is a little over \$100,000 of 2015 taxes that are unpaid, within the next week or so he will send past due notice to those residents who are late. The school district will also send their past due notices in about a month or so.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin and seconded by Councilman Corrigan, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary