

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

October 14, 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 Councilwoman Rankin seconded by Councilman Maniaci the minutes from the September 9, 2015 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

None

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hopely read and presented a Proclamation announcing the month of October as Aldan Boosters Civic Association Month in the Borough of Aldan. Boosters was founded in 1924, history shows that the Boosters, for the past ninety (91) years have continuously and unselfishly been instrumental in sponsoring many activities, as well as fathering many others that are now organizations in their own right, namely the Boys Club, Swim Club, 4th of July Association, etc. Aldan Borough, because of the Boosters, could possibly be the only community in the United States that has Santa Claus visit every child personally on Christmas morning; Boosters have given Aldan an annual Easter Egg Hunt, pictures with Santa and are planning to have more activities for the community in the future. Mayor Hopely proclaimed October as Aldan Boosters Month.

BOROUGH MANAGER

John White reported the walk thru punch list has been completed for the Septa trolley project. There were approximately 22 items which will be sent over to Septa and they will in turn review with their tapes in comparison.

Carol Murray, Woodlawn Avenue made council aware of her leaving messages with Septa regarding the cracks on Woodlawn Avenue as well. Mr. White said he has sent pictures to Septa of the cracks Ms. Murray is referring to.

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	\$ 730,395.10	\$ 72,049.91	\$ 216,404.16
Receipts for period	\$ 96,832.99	\$ 1.38	\$ 4,539.56
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (147,798.32)	\$ (6,476.85)	\$(13,534.15)
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 679,429.77	\$ 65,574.44	\$ 207,409.57

Terry asked for Councils approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$205,373.66, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,476.85, and from the sewer fund totaling \$155,391.11.

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. Sefflin reported he was contacted by the District Attorney’s office regarding an appeal pertaining to code violations issued to the owner of the Getty station on Providence Road for having wrecked vehicles on the property. The hearing will be October 20th 8:30 am in the Delaware County Court of Common Pleas.

An update to the nuisance liens placed on March 10th, we have received payment for 316 E Magnolia Ave. This property is now owned by Fannie Mae. The delinquent taxes were paid for that property as well.

Lastly, regarding the 2014 delinquency program the owner of the property at 245 Hazelwood Ave. has entered into a payment plan with the borough and has made his first payment.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on two items; regarding the 2014 CDBG sewer project, last month Kelly & Close processed the second payment request, the punch list has been addressed and they are waiting for the final contract close out documents from the contractor. Upon receipt of that paperwork Mr. Close will coordinate with the county the final payment which is the 5% retainer.

Secondly, to supplement what the borough manager said the punch list for the Septa project has been submitted. Mr. Close assured council and residents that they have compared the punch list with the before tape and all those 22 items are legitimate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwoman Corrigan reported on October 16th the Haverford YMCA thru the Delaware County Council is having a free flu clinic from 9am to 1pm. Delaware County Council and the Delco Transportation Management Association are having an Employment Expo at Delaware County Community College Thursday October 22nd from 4 to 8pm. The 17th annual Heat for the Holidays is looking to sponsor residents who need assistance with heating their home thru the holidays. To be considered you must write a letter to nominate a Delaware County person/family who has a need for their service. All the above information is available in the municipal building.

The August refuse collections totals were 159.76 tons of trash and 22.85 tons of recycle, September totals were 135.47 tons of trash and 31.77 tons of recycling.

Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion to accept the bid of \$90,000 over three years to B&L Disposal Services, 601 Rainer Road Wallingford PA 19086 to collect our recycle materials for 2016-2018, seconded by Councilman Oropollo, unanimously approved.

Lastly, there is an e-cycle and shredding event in Aldan on Saturday, October 24th from 9am to 1pm at the municipal building.

Carol Murray asked if the recycle cans would need to be returned, she was informed that residents will use the same cans.

Dan Procopio, Aldan Avenue asked whether TV's would be accepted at the e-cycle event and is there a correct listing of accepted items for the event. Councilwoman answered yes TV's would be accepted and the borough website has all the correct information for the event.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maniaci reported the first installment of salt has been ordered for the upcoming snow season. A few signs were posted in the borough, "do not block the emergency exit" at the municipal building and "cross traffic does not stop" at Clifton and Magnolia Avenues.

Carol Murray asked that the salt trucks not leave piles of salt at corners.

Dan Procopio asked if there is an update on the work at Shisler Avenue, Mr. White answered there is not final date set at this time for final restoration. Also, Dan wanted to confirm that the concrete work for that project passed inspection; this was confirmed by the borough manager.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo reported emergency sewer repair work was completed at Springfield Road & W Maryland Avenue. The cost will be reimbursed by contractor.

Dan Procopio asked for the Councilman to give more details on the damage, Council President Short explained the sewer was damaged when Lenni Construction was digging to install the new light at the intersection for the Penndot project.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Rankin announced she received three deposits from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the first for realty taxes, \$1504.15 which is up from last year. Second deposit was the fire fighters relief in the amount of \$23,783.67 and the third was pension state aid in the amount of \$39,208.34. The fire fighters relief is just a pass thru deposit and will be passed on.

Dan Procopio asked what the balances are in the reserve accounts, Ms. Rankin reported in the general reserve there is \$405,529.31, in the sewer reserve the is \$600,887.85 and in police capital reserve there is \$1000.72.

Dan Procopio asked if the large expenditure he saw from the sewer fund is the payment to the Darby Creek Joint Authority, the councilwoman confirmed this.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Xavier reported for the month of September Collingdale Fire Company responded to 7 calls in Aldan all resulting in no damage and there were 28 calls for the Collingdale ambulance.

With the upcoming winter season Councilman is asking resident to have their heaters cleaned and serviced and check carbon monoxide detectors.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Urban reported there were 27 permits issued in the month of September with a total construction value of \$100,475, three plumbing permit valued at \$15,775 and 44 transfer and mid-term inspections for the month of September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, November 4th, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, November 11th, 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 neighbor who is doing work and possibly planning to run a business out of her home. Mr. White responded that the borough is aware and the work was stopped and the building inspector will be making a visit to the property. There is also a resident behind her who is burning leaves/branches.

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 8:33 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary