

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

September 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.

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**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: H. Short; M. J. Corrigan; C. Maniaci  
S. Oropollo; P. Rankin; M. Xavier; S. Urban

Council members absent:

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

Officers absent:

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin seconded by Councilman Xavier the minutes from the August 12, 2015 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

Jennifer Perks, Secretary shared a letter with council and residents from Norwood Police Chief DeVecchio who wanted to thank Sgt. Fink and Officer Hollabaugh for their assistance and for providing vital services during the early morning hours of Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> at the Mohawk Manor Apartments in Norwood Borough. The police call was for a suicidal subject. Officer Hanley of Ridley Park Police Dept. also assisted the call and was shot twice at point blank range by the subject. Thankfully, because he was wearing his bullet proof vest Officer Hanley survived the shots. Chief DeVecchio wanted to express his sincere appreciation and thank the officers that responded.

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Carol Murray, Woodlawn Avenue resident spoke about an issue regarding the track project and a loud bumping noise when the trolley would pass on S Woodlawn Avenue. Mr. Smith from Septa did respond and the track was maintained and the issue was corrected. Ms. Murray also requested a parking line be painted on Woodlawn Avenue.

At this time the meeting was interrupted by President Short in order for Mayor Hopely to swear in William Merola to the Aldan Police Department as a part-time police officer. Mr. Merola grew up in Clifton Heights and attended Upper Darby High School, he went on to earn a bachelor’s degree from Kutztown University in 2010. William graduated from the Delaware County Police Academy in 2014 and currently resides in Media. Mr. Merola was accompanied by his grandparents Jerry and Eileen Spinelli, mother Molly Thompson, siblings Dan and Ashley, Wills girlfriend Lauren Barr and her parents Nancy Nazario and Bill Barr. Mr. Merola took his oath and was congratulated by borough council and borough officers.

Mayor Hopely then made a presentation to Betty Alburger. Betty has been a newspaper reporter for 77 ½ years and over 20 years of those years covering the Aldan Borough Council meetings. The Mayor presented Betty with flowers and card signed by borough representatives wishing Betty the best as she sets aside her reporting duties.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Nothing to report

**BOROUGH MANAGER**

John White reported the route 102 Track Replacement project has been completed ahead of schedule. The line under the regional rail on Springfield Road was opened Friday.

The Papal visit is coming up however the numbers have decreased and therefore there will not be any road closures or parking restrictions in the borough.

Dan Procopio asked if there is an update regarding ticket sales for the transit for the Popes’ visit. Mr. White answered, for Primos station we are at about 1800 tickets for Saturday and 2200 tickets for Sunday. Tickets sold for the trolley on Woodlawn is 140 to date.

**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	\$ 827,879.26	\$ 78,525.18	\$ 222,357.88
Receipts for period	\$ 40,526.28	\$ 1.58	\$ 4,370.03
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (138,010.44)	\$ (6,476.85)	\$( 10,323.75)
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 730,395.10	\$ 72,049.91	\$ 216,404.16

Terry asked for Councils approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$152,163.64, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,476.85, and from the sewer fund totaling \$13,534.15.

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 Sewer/Refuse delinquency program. There are 13 remaining delinquencies of the original 27 that were filed the beginning of the year. The intention is to file suit against those 13 by the end of the month.

On March 10, 2015 nine liens were filed for nuisances in the borough. Out of the nine liens, six were paid. September 10<sup>th</sup> in front of Judge Lacy in Upper Darby we have 2 addresses that will be heard for the nuisance liens on those addresses. The final property which is owned by Fannie Mae has until October 5<sup>th</sup> to pay the lien in the amount of \$2,348.39.

### **ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported on two items; as reported last month the 2014 CDBG project was completed in July. The first payment was processed last month in the amount of \$48 190.50 and he is working with the contractor to complete the close out paperwork for the job and finalize their punch list. The contractor made a second payment request of \$22,525.84 bringing the total a little over \$70,000. Kelly & Close is recommending that the county hold back 5% to make sure we get the paperwork, bonding and things like that. With this project we have to process a minor change order to reconcile the planned quantities vs. the actual installed quantities, it is a very small difference. The total difference is about \$600.25.

Secondly, we recently noted that the manhole cover at Elm and Providence Rd. was an old cover with some holes in it and was letting some I&I in, so we asked the contractor to bring back one of the manhole covers from the other side of town to replace this older cover.

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion to accept the bid from Suburban Waste of Eddystone for a 5 year trash contract totaling \$900,740 for 2016 thru 2020, seconded by Councilman Maniaci and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion to reject the bids received for the recycling program for 2016 and to be rebid for opening in October, seconded by Councilman Xavier, unanimously approved.

Mr. Seflin added it was clear in borough ordinance and in the specs and newspaper listing, borough council retained the discretion to reject the bids if it so chooses as council has chosen this evening. The bid for the refuse collection is just a little more than what we are paying now so that is an excellent bid that council received. President Short commented that the borough has secured bids for trash for the last 16 years without a substantial increase.

Carol Murray commented that Suburban Waste workers do a good job and are very courteous and helpful.

Dan Procopio asked for comment on the Drug Take Back program. Dan was informed by Chief Coppola the program is Saturday 10-2pm at the municipal building.

## **HIGHWAY**

Councilman Maniaci reported ASC has completed the painting of the crosswalks, stop bars and arrows in the borough. Also the school zone lights have been turned on for the school year. Greg Brutschea has repaired/changed 19 various signs this month throughout the borough.

Dan Procopio commented that Aqua replaced the sidewalk along the ball field but the sidewalk has not been replaced past Merion Ave, is there a schedule for when that will be done. Mr. White responded that the work is scheduled for this Monday and will take approximately one week. There will be two extra crossing guards on during that week. Mr. Procopio asked about the new lights being installed at the five points intersection is that tied into the current project. Mr. White informed Dan that PennDOT has an ongoing project and it is associated with the traffic light timing issues on Baltimore Pike, with an unknown completion date. Also included as part of the project is the repair of any damage to the park and sidewalks at the intersection.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo reported there was black top restoration completed on the following streets Linden & Aldan Avenues, Rively & Elm, Beech Avenue, and Bonsall Ave. Also sinkhole repair made at Aldan & Linden Avenues for a cost of \$4461.80.

Please report any sinkholes to Councilman or borough office as well as any dumping into borough sewers.

Carol Murray notified councilman of a dumpster located on Woodlawn Avenue; Mr. Oropollo let Mrs. Murray know it is being addressed.

## **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Rankin announced she received a letter and check from the Auditor General for \$1900 for the special ad hoc post retirement adjustment. As required this will be deposited into the general fund.

Also, Councilwoman is required as CAO of the police pension plan she must inform the governing body of the municipality what portion of the plans financial requirement must be refunded by the municipality. This report is due annually. The financial requirement due is \$151,018. As a note the 2015 contribution was \$178,376, so the requirement has decreased.

Founders Day is September 19<sup>th</sup>. Residents will receive a post card in the mail with the details.

Dan Procopio asked what the balances are in the reserve accounts, Ms. Rankin reported in the general reserve there is \$405,478.62, in the sewer reserve there is \$600,812.74.14 and in police capital reserve there is \$1000.70.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilman Xavier reported for the month of August Collingdale Fire Company responded to 7 calls in Aldan all resulting in no damage and there were 29 calls for the Collingdale ambulance.

**LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Urban reported there were 39 permits issued with a total construction value of \$87,712, one plumbing permit valued at \$13,052 and 24 transfer and mid-term inspections for the month of August.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 remind council and residents that on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September the American Legion along with the help of Aldan Boosters is hosting a fundraiser to raise money for repairs to their building. This is a Beef & Beverage event and flyers are being distributed to the residents. The cost is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for a couple.

**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 8:40 pm.

**ATTEST**

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Jennifer Perks  
Asst. Borough Secretary