

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

February 10, 2016

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; C. Maniaci; S. Oropollo; P. Rankin;
S. Durso; S. Urban

Council members absent: M.J. Corrigan

Officers present: J. Perks, Asst. Borough Secretary; P. Close, Engineer;
Mayor Hopely; J. McBlain, Solicitor; J. White, Borough Manager

Officers absent:

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin seconded by Councilman Durso the minutes from the January 9, 2015 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

President Short read aloud a letter received at the Borough office from Sgt. Ken Felker of the Collingdale Police Department commending Officer Ziviello and Officer Spina for their quick response and compassion in dealing with his family while responding to a call where his brother was found deceased. Mr. Short announced how proud Council is of these the two officers and all officers in our department.

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to appoint Adam Zahner to part-time police officer for Aldan Police Department, seconded by Councilwoman Urban, unopposed; motion carries.

Adam graduated from the Christian Academy in 2012. Following high school he attended Delaware County Community College where he majored in criminal justice. He graduated from the Delaware County Police Academy, class 144 in June, 2014 and is currently a full time officer for the Delaware County Park Police. In attendance tonight with Adam is his mother, Irene; father, Tom; and brother in law Anthony.

Mayor Hopely proceeded to swear in Adam Zahner to the Aldan Police Department as a part time officer.

Mr. Short opened the floor to any questions or comments, seeing none moved on to reports of the officers.

MAYOR REPORT

Nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER

Mr. White reported in order to provide the most efficient service to residents during snow events the borough requests that you park vehicles in your driveway. Vehicles parked in the street cause a safety hazard to the crew and impedes plowing. If you do not have a driveway or need to park in the street, those streets with parking on both sides we ask that you please park on the even side of the street.

Also, notice was received of Peco scheduling to trim tree limbs away from power lines on South Woodlawn Avenue tomorrow so there is no parking on the even side of street from 7am-4pm.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

TREASURER

Due to Ms. Quinn’s absence Councilwoman Rankin read the Treasurer’s Report:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>State Highway Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>
Balance of cash on hand	\$ 230,020.91	\$ 46,147.32	\$ 221,721.53
Receipts for period	\$ 37,488.09	\$.92	\$ 9,407.90
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (120,493.66)	\$ (6,477.04)	\$
Loan from Reserve	\$ 100,000.00	\$	\$(183,855.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 247,015.34	\$ 39,671.20	\$ 47,274.43

Councilwoman Rankin asked for council’s approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$143,443.48, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,492.49, and from the sewer fund totaling \$1,300.25.

Councilwoman Rankin 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. McBlain brought before council Resolution No. 2016-01 for approval which would approve the collective bargaining agreement between the borough of Aldan and Delaware County Lodge 27 Fraternal Order of Police for the full time officers of the Aldan Police Dept. for the period of January1, 2016 thru December 31, 2019.

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to accept Resolution No., 2016-01 which will approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Borough of Aldan and the Delaware County Lodge 27 Fraternal Order of Police for full time officers for the period of January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2019, seconded by Councilman Durso, unanimously approved.

Dan Procopio (Aldan Avenue) asked the solicitor to explain the details of the contract. Mr. McBlain explained that it is a four year contract with the topics being, bases wages with increases of 1.5% 2016, 2017 1.8%, and 2018 and 2019 2% setting up a pay scale for full time officers and for any new full time officers in terms a 30 month break in period. It establishes parameters for sick leave which has triggers that would allow the borough after a period of 10 days to ask an officer that was out on sick leave to produce medical documentation as to whether or not sick leave needs to continue. It provides for the restriction of nonservice related disabilities which would phase out for officers that are hired after January 2016. That benefit would be replaced with an extended sick leave policy with 1 year limits. It provided for a killed in service benefit which is in accord with Act 51 of the Commonwealth where if a full time officer is killed in service his family would continue to be paid the officers salary and continue medical benefits for family paid by the Commonwealth. It provides for an option for a health insurance waiver for benefits where the borough would provide \$2000 annually to an officer who does not accept the borough provided medical benefits as an incentive not to take advantage of the benefits if there is another member of their household whose employer provides health insurance. There are provisions relating to the "Cadillac Tax" if the tax should affect the medical benefits being provided there would be a reopener to negotiate a new medical plan that would be out of the "Cadillac tax". It establishes an Act 44 retirement plan and all other terms and conditions remain as is.

Dan questioned if there were any changes to the current health benefits offered to which it was confirmed that they remain the same as have been offered for the past few years. Dan also asked if the salary increases were factored into the budget that was passed in December, it was confirmed that they were.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported relative to 2015 PA DEP Chapter 94 annual report, later in the week Mr. Close will submit the boroughs annual report to Delcora. Delcora will submit the master report in late March to the DEP. Secondly, regarding the 2016 Road Program Mr. Close will be available during the public works report to answer any questions pertaining to its application.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilman Durso met with James Maloney, the Health Inspector and they discussed the public health aspect of the fire that took place at the Giant Market. Mr. Maloney was on scene at the fire and advised the store to close which Giant and voluntarily decided to do already. Mr. Maloney was very impressed with how Giant handled the situation with regards to the concern with public health and food products that were affected by the fire. Giant brought in a control team within a few hours of the fire. Not only did Giant follow the orders of the health inspector but went beyond those guides and removed products that would have been found acceptable. Other topics discussed with Mr. Maloney were that the flu season was coming to a close and fortunately the infection rates were very low this year. Grant money for monitoring and spraying if needed for the West Nile Virus is available and has been applied for. This money is also used for the Zika Virus. Lori Devlin is the new director of the Delaware County Intercommunity Health Department.

The e-cycle event has been rescheduled to Saturday March 5th from 9am to 1pm.

Councilman Durso reported during the month of January 112.02 tons of trash was collected.

Councilman wanted to comment on the positive response that he observed from the citizen of Aldan during the snow storm in helping neighbors during the cleanup.

Dan Procopio asked whether there will be trash collection this Monday for the holiday. Trash will be collected as it is not a scheduled trash holiday.

The question was raised if the spraying for West Nile would take care of Zika as well, Mr. McBlain answered from a county standpoint that the testing that they do for West Nile would be incorporate with testing for Zika and if found they would spray for both viruses.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maniaci reported there was one snow event with a 5 day plowing/salting cleanup for a total of \$17,030.

Councilman Maniaci made a motion to have the engineer submit the County Aid Application for the 2016 Road Resurfacing Program, seconded by Councilman Oropollo, unanimously approved.

Carol Murray (Woodlawn Avenue) commented that Septa did plow Woodlawn Avenue as well, and the concrete on Woodlawn is continuing to deteriorate.

Dan Procopio asked if the dump truck and bobcat that was seen moving snow during the storm at Walnut & Springfield Rds. was part of the borough cleanup. It was confirmed by Mr. Short that it was included in the totals reported earlier.

PUBLIC WORKS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Rankin reported all county and borough tax bills have been mailed and the tax collector is available in the borough office on Monday nights thru the month of March.

Dan Procopio asked the councilwoman if she had the reserve fund balances, Ms. Rankin reported the following balances, general fund \$200,481.19, sewer reserve \$435,505.81, police capital reserve \$1,701.22.

PUBLIC SAFETY

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Urban reported there were 18 building permits issued in the month of January with a total construction value of \$60,941. Twenty four transfer and mid-term inspections were made by the residential inspector and the plumbing inspector issued 3 permits in January with a total construction value being \$11,500.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, March 9, 2016 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 noted that the night for caucus has changed and wanted to confirm if the change is permanent and would it need to be re-advertised, Mr. Short confirmed that the change is permanent and was already advertised. Also Mr. Procopio mentioned seeing a new police car in town and Mr. Short corrected Dan that two police SUV vehicles were purchased. Dan asked why the SUV was chosen, in the past the cost was more expensive and therefore we used cruisers. Mr. Short commented that over the years the cost has come down to be on par with the Taurus and the SUV is actually more fuel efficient and the interior of the Taurus now has less room.

Carol Murray commented that hopefully council is thinking of a solution for Spring to clean up the streets in town due the amount of trash blowing around on the streets as a result of recycling. Councilman Durso said he would work on ways to better educate residents on methods of recycling (i.e. cutting up cardboard, using can lids, etc).

Dan made an announcement on behalf of the swim club regarding fundraising events coming up; Cocco's Pizza Wednesday Feb. 17 which will give a percentage of sales to the swim club and March 5th they are planning a beef-n-beer at Casey's restaurant.

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 8:36 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary