

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

January 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; P. Rankin; J. White; S. Coppola;
S. Oropollo; M. J. Corrigan

Council members absent: M. Xavier

Officers present: G. Sefflin, Solicitor; J. Hopely, Mayor
J. Perks, Asst. Secretary; T. Quinn, Treasurer

Officers absent: None

President Short introduced Assistant Borough Secretary, Jennifer Perks who will be filling in for Ginger Kaut.

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin seconded by Councilman Coppola the minutes from the December 10, 2014, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

President Short read a letter from Councilman John White giving formal notice of resignation from Borough Council beginning Tuesday January 13, 2015 due to being offered a position that would conflict with his responsibilities and duties on Council. Mr. White's resignation was accepted.

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

Dan Procopio announced the Aldan Boosters Civic Association just completed their Christmas Program for 2014. Almost 200 Santa letters were answered and over 1000 cards and letters were packaged and sent to servicemen and women and veterans for the holiday season. For the third year Aldan Elementary School aided in this effort. Dan Procopio presented The Best Decorated Houses 2014 prize winners their prizes. Third prize winner is the Van Bremen Family of 104 Beech Avenue, the second prize winner is The Reilley Family of 607 Sylvan Way and the first prize winner, for the third time in a row, is the Lupica Family of 55 Stratford Avenue.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hopely read a note addressed to Chief Coppola from a fellow Collingdale police officer whose brother made a 911 call on December 8, 2014. "The Aldan police were called to 222 E Maryland Avenue by my brother whose wife stopped breathing and unfortunately passed away, Officer Ziviello responded and displayed professionalism and is a credit to your department, I know everyone is always quick to complain and slow to compliment. Other officers have responded to this address over the last few years and we always have good things to say in regards to the officers".

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	\$ 33,882.60	\$ 35,522.77	\$ 54,192.95
Interest	\$	\$.79	\$
Receipts for period	\$ 32,440.92	\$	\$ 16,547.23
Expenditures Last Month	\$	\$	\$
Expenditures This Month	\$	\$	\$
Net Expenditures	\$ 132,610.13	\$ 6,568.37	\$ 159,250.51
Loan from Reserve	\$ 200,000.00	\$	\$ 130,000.00
Ending Balance	\$ 266,323.52	\$ 35,523.56	\$ 200,740.18

Terry explained loans were taken from reserve to cover bills.

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize her to release the checks as indicated on the bills list, seconded by Councilman Coppola and unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Seflin reported in the last month we had somewhat of an extraordinary experience collecting delinquent refuse collection fees and sewer rentals going back to 2012, we were paid from four separate properties for 2012, 2013 delinquencies for a total of \$13,839.20. We still have roughly 16 other delinquencies, about 1/3 of those are institutions meaning either non-profit organizations or homes that have been taken over for foreclosure by banks.

Roxanne Norman, a resident had a question in regards to the length of time of the delinquencies in comparison to an issue she had with her property reassessment causing a difference of \$132 which resulted in her property being turned in for Sheriffs sale. Mr. Seflin explained the procedure for collecting delinquencies of sewer and refuse fees. Mr. Seflin noted that Ms. Norman's situation with an assessment is completely different than a tax delinquency. Ms. Norman wanted to make sure that the rules and the way we executed our processes are consistent across the board.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported relative to our 2014 Road Program on January 2, 2015 we received the PennDOT approved final completion report so if not already received we will receive the normal county aid reimbursement of approximately \$5400 plus the one-time 2014 pot hole reimbursement for about \$2000 for a total of approximately \$7500. The second item is relative to our 2014 CDBG sewer project, we did receive a bid at the January 7, 2015 caucus and I will be available during the Public Works council report for any input on that.

Dan Procopius asked if there were any Act 537 updates, Mr. Close reported there was no new information.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Corrigan reported our Solid Waste totals, November 162.68 tons; December 172.22; and for Recycling, November 19.43 tons; no December total as of yet.

Councilwoman Corrigan wanted to remind everyone there will be no trash pickup on Monday, January 19th for the MKL holiday but trash will be picked up on Tuesday, January 20th.

Councilwoman Corrigan reported in August of 2014 she applied for a 902 grant application, there were complaints of recycling materials blowing out of residents cans so she put in for a bid for 2000 lids to go along with the current recycling bins. The grant was approved by the state and we are expecting a check from the state in the amount of \$5733. The borough is to match \$567 for the lids. Once the check is received the order will be placed and in 6-8 weeks from that order the lids will arrive and be available to residents.

HIGHWAY

In the absence of Councilman White President Short took any question for the Highway.

Dan Procopio confirmed that the borough did not accept the PennDOT money for plowing the state highways in Aldan, and that PennDOT is now responsible for plowing Oak Avenue, Providence Road, Clifton Avenue and Springfield Road. Dan asked, in the last storm on Tuesday did the plows come out to plow the streets? President Short explained that the amount of snow in that storm was not enough to plow but they did salt through the day and by the following morning the majority of Aldan was ice free.

Roxanne Norman questioned how early the contractor is supposed to salt that the roads due to the roads not being salted before rush hour. President Short explained that there was an issue that day due to the person in charge of making that call having a medical emergency which we were unaware of until we realized that the roads were not salted and at that time we made the call. Also the police have the authority to call out plow/salt trucks during the overnight if necessary.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo reported we received a bid for the CDBG from Clever Cable Construction for \$141,082.55, the grant was for \$100,000 and would like to make a motion to open up to rebid this at a later date.

President Short made a motion to reject the sole bid for the CDBG grant work, seconded by Councilwoman Rankin and unanimously approved.

Councilman Oropollo offered to step in and help out in the absence of Councilman White.

Dan Procopio asked if there is a time frame for the rebidding process of the grant. Mr. Close noted that we are looking at the March caucus for receiving and opening those bids.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Rankin highlighted several point included in Ordinance #516 and made motion to accept Ordinance #516, which is an ordinance enacted pursuant to section 1141 of the Pennsylvania Borough Code creating the Office of Borough Manager, seconded by Councilman Coppola and unanimously approved.

Paul Krueger asked what precipitated the creation of the Borough Manager position. President Short responded that through the years the Borough Secretary had taken on additional work running the borough and in light of her retirement and the fact that those duties have become more complicated in recent years it was thought wise to create the Borough Manager position in order to have someone in the office on a regular basis to make decisions for the borough. Mr. Krueger also commented on the compensation aspect in the ordinance. President Short and Mr. Seflin responded that the budget indicates the compensation for the position.

Roxanne Norman asked how this position has been communicated to the residents; President Short responded that the ordinance was posted in the newspaper as required by law as well as a copy available in the borough office.

Dan Procopio asked for the balances in the reserve accounts, Councilwoman Rankin reported that in the General Reserves there is \$205,177.43 and in the Sewer Capital Reserve there is \$470,275.12 and in the Police Capital Reserve there is \$1,000.54 which were last reconciled on December 31, 2014. The balances include the transfers stated in the Treasurers report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Coppola reported for the month of December there was 1 plumbing permit in the amount of \$1,000. The Building Inspector issued 9 building permits with a construction value of \$22,518, and there were 22 Transfer and Mid Term inspections during the month of December.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building and Council will meet on Wednesday, February 11, 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 thank Councilman Xavier for posting the missing minutes on the borough website, also he wanted to bring to council attention that the budget posted appears to be the preliminary budget and not the final budget due to the Secretary salary being listed and not the Borough Managers salary as well as a discrepancy with the inspection funds. Dan also presented, in writing, questions regarding the wording in several instances in Ordinance #516. Mr. Seflin clarified those misunderstandings.

Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion to accept Resolution #2015-02 appointing Councilwoman Rankin to Police Pension Fund Administrator for 2015, seconded by Councilman Coppola and unanimously approved.

Councilman Rankin made a motion to accept Resolution #2015-03 appointing John F. White as Borough Manager, seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by President Short and seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan unanimously, approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary