

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

June 13, 2012

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; P. Brookes; T. Owen; S. Coppola  
J. Cosgrove; S. Oropollo; R. Lowery

Council members absent: None

Officers present: J. Hopely, Mayor; G. Seflin, Solicitor;  
T. Quinn, Treasurer; G. Kaut, Secretary

Officers absent: None

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by R. Lowery seconded by S. Oropollo minutes from the May 9, 2012, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

No written correspondence tonight.

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Hopely a reminder with summer months coming and school is out the curfew for those under 18 years of age is 10:00 PM and also the parks close at 9:00 PM. Also if you see any large groups of kids gathering call the police immediately.

Mayor Hopely also reported Officer Coppola and Officer Cavanaugh who represented Aldan Police Department on May 14, 2012 went to pay respect to Officer Avery Freeman of Chester who passed away unexpectedly.

**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	\$ 717,307.68	\$ 75,920.80	\$ 281,623.38
Interest		\$	\$
Receipts for period	\$ 133,093.05	\$ 14.87	\$ 54,010.97
Expenditures Prior Month	\$	(7,370.12)	\$ (909.00)
Add Sewer Interfund Transfers			
Net Checks	\$ (145,185.45)		\$
Loan Returned	(200,000.00)		\$
Balance	\$ 505,215.28	\$ 68,565.55	\$ 334,725.35

Terry is asking Council's approval to release check this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$ 179,504.41 and from the Sewer Fund a check totaling \$150,174.11 and from the State Highway Fund checks totaling \$7,370.12. Councilwomen Brookes 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 Councilwomen Owen and unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. Seflin reported there is a new Borough Code that was enacted by the Governor last month. This is a clean up the code that was amended on about 300 different occasions over the last 45 years so it was time for a re-codification. We should be obtaining hard copies but it is available on the Commonwealth's web site.

Mr. Seflin reported on the Tax Delinquencies for 2009 which are in bankruptcy. We did receive a check for \$34.12 for 31 East Wayne Ave. For our 2010 Delinquency Program we did obtain 7 judgments and one has been paid. There is a 30 day appeal period before we can commence execution. We did obtain one judgment against a nuisance property where there were overgrown weeds and grass but also have to wait the 30 day period.

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported our 2012 CDBG project. This is our Playground and Paving Project and we did hear we were awarded that grant for our \$150,000.00 request which came by way of a letter on May 25, 2012 from Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development. We have a kick-off meeting set for June 21<sup>st</sup>. President Short and Mr. Close will attend this meeting and this will kick-off to confirm the budget, the proposed scope of work, to review CDBG program procedures and to address any questions or concerns.

We already have initiated the construction plans, and the contract documents, this is a pretty detailed process because there are Federal requirements. The anticipated earliest start would be early fall of 2012 and that would be after swim club season. Also want to report on our annual NPDS MS 4 Storm Water Management Program, we submitted our annual report earlier this month. We have some pretty potential significant changes in the next round of permitting for 2013. As often time is the case regulations never get easier they always get harder. We are reviewing those changes and starting that permit process which will be due this fall. Mr. Close has reported on Act 537 Sewage Facility Planning Update and this is being sponsored by the Delaware County Planning Department and DELCORA. They are having a progress meeting on June 28, 2012 at 11:00 at DELCORA's building. Mr. Close will attend to find out where we are in that progress and keep Council posted when we have information.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwomen Owen reported our Health Officer, Jim Maloney, attended the quarterly meeting with other Health Officers in the County. Jim reported with the weather conditions, the mild winter and the soaking rains have produced ideal conditions for attracting mosquitoes this season. Mosquitoes including those infected with West Nile Virus are found to congregate in standing water such as puddles, containers and tires. Residents please be mindful to empty contains or anything that may collect standing water. Another topic brought up at this meeting was Animal and Household hording was presented by the Public Health Administrator from Montgomery County who commented that what is seen on TV is not sensationalized but is actually found in some homes. Our County Senior Health Officer has formed a committee that will access the circumstances in Delaware County before it becomes a public health problem. Mr. Maloney is going to begin pool inspections after 4<sup>th</sup> of July and make sure safety features are being observed and unopened pool are emptied and secured.

Councilwomen Owen reported there will be no recycling pickup on the first Wednesday in July because it is the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Councilwomen Owen reported our May recycling totals came in and they are at their highest exceeding 40 tons.

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilmen Cosgrove reported on the 2012 Road Resurfacing Project. At Caucus we opened the 3 sealed bids we received for the 2012 Road Resurfacing Project. The low bidder was Inncon Corporation from Folcroft, PA with a bid of \$59,688.35. Based on the Borough Engineer's review and finding everything in order Councilmen Cosgrove made a motion to accept Inncon's bid of \$59,688.35 and award them the contract for the 2012 Road Resurfacing Program, seconded by Councilmen Coppola and unanimously approved.

Dan Procopio asked about the lights at Providence Road and Springfield Road. Are these lights Aldan Borough's responsible? Councilmen Cosgrove explained as far as the lights and striping Upper Darby is responsible for that intersection.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilmen Oropollo reported we completed the work on Woodlawn Avenue this past week. The award went to Couzins Inc. with the low bid of \$3,750.00. The bids went from \$11,800.00 down to \$3,750.00 and there were 5 bids. There is now another project to work on at Springfield Road and Clifton Avenue. Our Engineer, P J Close, will get the bids out for that project. We will take the best bid to repair that manhole also.

Councilmen Oropollo made a motion to appoint Joe Connelly to the Rec Board, seconded by Councilwomen Brookes and unanimously approved. Mayor Hopely swore in Joseph Connelly to the Rec Board for the term ending 2013.

Dan Procopio asked what the nature of the repair to the manhole on Springfield Road and Clifton Avenue. Councilmen Oropollo explained the manhole is in the street and needs to be rebuilt. The top layers of bricks are starting to give way.

### **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Brookes reported we are still solvent and that is a good thing.

Councilwoman Brookes also reported our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration will take place on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> with the rain date of Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers will be coming around door to door to deliver our annual ad book which will have information on Parade registration and will also detail the day's schedule. There will also be neighbors going around collecting donations that help fund all of our festivities and we invite all of our residents to join in the celebration and it is always a good time and hope everyone can join us.

Dan Procopio asked what the balances were in the reserve funds: Councilwomen Brookes reported in the General Reserve \$540,048.89; in the Sewer Capital Reserve we have \$242,186.80

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwomen Lowery reported for the month of May, 2012 the Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 10 calls in the Borough of Aldan with just one report of damage in the amount of \$22,000.00. During the month of May, 2012 Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 28 calls in the Borough of Aldan.

Dan Procopio asked what was the nature of the \$22,000.00 damage property was this a fire? Councilwomen Lowery responded yes this was a fire at 401 E Rively Avenue.

### **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilmen Coppola reported for the month of May there were 27 Building Permits issued with a construction value of \$79,621.00 and there were 28 Transfer & Mid-Term Inspections by the Residential Inspector and 1 Plumbing Permit issued with a construction value of \$2,000.00.

Councilmen Coppola announced our former Police officer Mike Camarota was hired this month to serve as the Borough Code Enforcement Officer. Mike has already started and will be working about 3 days a week doing Code Enforcement in the Borough. It is good to have Mike back in town.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Short reported Caucus will be Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building at 7:30 PM the regular meeting is on Wednesdays but this is 4<sup>th</sup> of July; and Council will meet on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at the Reintl Recreation Building at 8:00 PM.

### **PRIVLIDGE OF THE FLOOR**

Dan Procopio as President of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Association thanked President Short and Council for taking the ad in the book and gave Council a copy of the book and a flag. Thank you to all who help.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilmen Coppola seconded by Councilwomen Owen and unanimously, approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

### **ATTEST**

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MARIE V. KAUT  
Borough Secretary