

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

April 10, 2013

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 Reindl 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. Brookes; S. Coppola;
J. Cosgrove; S. Oropollo; T. Owen

Council members absent: Vacancy

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

Officers absent: None

MINUTES

On a motion made by P. Brookes seconded by S. Coppola minutes from the March 13, 2013, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

No written correspondence tonight.

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

No verbal correspondence tonight.

President Short turned the meeting over to Councilwoman Brookes. Councilwoman Brookes read Resolution 2013-04; the Borough Council of Aldan appoints Mary Jo Corrigan to fill the vacancy and to serve until Monday, January 6, 2014. Councilwoman Brookes made a motion to appoint Mary Jo Corrigan to fill the vacancy on Council, seconded by Councilwoman Owen and unanimously approved. Mayor Hopely swore in Mary Jo Corrigan to Council.

Mayor Hopely also swore in Jim Quinn as the Code Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Aldan.

Mayor Hopely along with President Short and other Council Members read Proclamations and Citizenship Awards to: William Garrity is a resident of Aldan who has exceptionally served our residents in the fire services and protecting the safety of our citizens. Mr. Garrity became a member of Collingdale Fire Company No. 1 in 1962 and has remained an active member and leader for these past 51 years. Mr. Garrity has served numerous boards, committees and offices in Collingdale Fire Company No. 1 and holds the distinction of having served as President, chairman of the Board of Trustees and Chief of his fellow firefighters. Mr. Garrity's leadership has extended to the County of Delaware and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as a 50 year member of the Delaware County Fireman's Association, a Life Member of the Keystone State Fire Chief's Association and a 50 year member of the Pennsylvania Firemen's Association. Mr. Garrity has provided special service to the Borough of Aldan serving as the Fire Marshall for 25 years and providing counsel to the elected officials of Aldan on the fire services. Mr. Garrity's valor, bravery and leadership in the fire services has saved the life of Aldan residents, prevented the destruction of our property and has been an exemplar of volunteerism to our residents. Therefore be it Proclaimed the 10th day of April, 2013 by the Mayor and council of the Borough of Aldan that we recognize and commend William Garrity for his many years of service to the residents of Aldan in the fire services. His dedication to the safety and protection of our citizens deserves the bestowal of grateful appreciation from our residents.

Mayor Hopely called Fred Howell, Sr. up for his service to the Citizenry of Aldan. Mr. Howell is a resident of Aldan and has exceptionally served our residents in the fire services, protecting the safety of our citizenry. Mr. Howell became a member of Collingdale Fire Company No. 1 in February, 1947 and has remained an active member and leader for these past 66 years, the longest serving member of that Company. Mr. Howell has served numerous boards, committees and offices in Collingdale Fire Company #1, including many terms on the Board of Directors, Trustees and as Chief of his fellow firefighters. Mr. Howell's Leadership has extended to the County of Delaware, serving as a Director with the Delaware County Firemen's Association and being honored there as a Life Member. Mr. Howell's valor, bravery and leadership in the fire services and saved the life of Aldan resident, prevented the destruction of our property and has been an exemplar of volunteerism to our residents. Therefore be it Proclaimed this 10th day of April, 2013 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Aldan that we recognize and commend Fred Howell, Sr. for his many years of service to the residents of Aldan in the fire services. His dedication to the safety and protection of our citizens deserves the bestowal of grateful appreciation from residents.

Mayor Hopely also called Robert Seifert up to boast he is also a resident of Aldan and has exceptionally served our residents in the fire services, protecting the safety of our citizenry. Mr. Seifert became a member of Collingdale Fire Company #1 in March, 1951 and has remained an active member and leader for these past 62 years, one of the longest serving members of that Company. Mr. Seifert has served numerous boards, committees and offices in Collingdale Fire Company #1, including Chief of his fellow firefighters. Mr. Seifert's leadership continues to the present, as he remains a first responder to fire calls and offers his services at the Company on a regular basis. Mr. Seifert's valor, bravery and leadership in the fire services has saved the life of Aldan residents, prevented the destruction of our property and has been an exemplar of volunteerism to our residents. Therefore, be it Proclaimed this 10th day of April, 2013 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Aldan that we recognize and commend Robert Seifert for his many years of service to the residents of Aldan in the fire services. His dedication to the safety and protection of our citizens deserves the bestowal of grateful appreciation from our residents.

Mr. Garrity would like to thank the Mayor and Borough Council for these awards tonight. There are also some other Aldan resident here tonight Scott Lefferts, Gene Bidoli, George Seifert, Bob's brother and a past Fire Chief, and also the Seifert clan a few nephews who served as Fire Chief; Fred Howell's son is here a member for 40 years and also Joe Garrity, Bill Garrity's son a member for 27 years. This is a little bit of a family tradition. We thank everybody and hope to continue to do the fob as best we can and thank you for your support.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hopely reported he has nothing left to say.

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	\$ 147,385.25	\$ 5,776.12	\$ 166,348.10
Interest		\$	\$
Receipts for period	\$ 478,119.62	\$.00	\$ 207,763.77
Expenditures Prior Month	\$ 134,635.05	\$ 5,775.69	\$ 151,822.25
Loan from Reserve Returned	\$	\$	
Ending Balance	\$ 490,869.82	\$.43	\$ 223,289.62

Terry is asking Council's approval to release check this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$347,958.04; and checks from the Sewer Fund totaling \$1,196.50 Councilwoman 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 Councilman Oropollo and unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Seflin reported we did receive a check from the Chapter 13 Bankruptcy Trustee for 31 E. Wayne Avenue for \$33.76 with a balance due of \$715.31. On the 2011 Tax Delinquency Program; we received a check from Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Inc. for \$1,559.85 for 11 N. Sycamore Avenue which is now paid off. Mr. Seflin did release the lien and also the claim with Orphans Court that we filed on the property. Mr. Seflin reported we received a check for 2010 and 2011 for the property at 213 Priscilla Lane which was sold at Sheriff's Sale for delinquent real estate taxes and we received a check from the Delaware County Tax Claim Bureau a check for \$2,780.49. Mr. Seflin reported within the last month we received from delinquencies a sum of \$4,374.11. Mr. Seflin reported within the last month we received from delinquencies a sum of \$4,374.11. Mr. Seflin reported on the 2011 delinquencies 12 complaints will be filed by the end of this week totaling \$17,699.21.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on the DELCORA Sewage Facilities Act 537 Plan Update. Mr. Close attended a progress meeting on April 14th to discuss the final Chapters 6 & 9 and the appendices which go along with the plan. There has been and continues to be considerable discussion and debate between PA DEP, DELCORA, the County, and Municipal Representatives about the need and implementation of the proposed Lateral Inspection Testing and Repair Ordinance. A lot of discussion still needs to be had on that and more to follow. Mr. Close will keep us posted. A near final draft of this plan is expected towards the end of this month and there will be one more progress meeting, hosted at DELCORA, and their expectation after that is there will be a submission of this draft for review and comment by the Municipal Officials, Planning Commission and the Public. Mr. Close will keep us posted and it is expected in the next few months.

Mr. Close reported on our 2012 CDBG Project, the Maryland Avenue Playground and Parking Lot improvements. The Playground construction by Lechmanik is going well and is nearly complete. The border, the mulch, the edge grading should be rapped up this week. There is a little fence opening along Maryland Avenue and restoration around the playground should be rapped up next week. The weather has cooperated and we are well ahead of schedule and if you have been in the area the playground looks good. The second part is the paving construction and that is being done by Dan Malloy, Inc. that has lagged behind because the weather has not cooperated but the weather has broke and is much better for paving. We have a walking path associated with that trail and has been cut in. There is a stone base that was put in and we expect the base repair, the leveling course, the overlay of the parking lot itself and the paved path itself to be done within the next few weeks. This lag time has given the ground some time to firm up and dry up which is better conditions for paving. We are expecting the paving to be done sometime this month.

Dan Procopio commented he has seen the progress on the project as indicated but is there any provision for the trees that were taken out to be replaced. Mr. Close responded no they were just scrub and some brush trees. Before we started the project we walked the area and this was a natural path that was already there so we followed that and removed the scrub, brush, and unhealthy stuff that was in the way. There is still a nice stand of trees that remain there and there is no need to fill in any trees.

Bill Gallagher, 241 Hazelwood Rd. asked when you are finished paving the walkway are you planning on grading either side of the walkway. Mr. Close responded, yes in the last few days we have cut out the path, set the stone and when we pave we will fine tune the grading, seed and mulch the area and blend in with the existing conditions.

Mr. Gallagher asked if the bunch of tree brush in the woods would be removed. Mr. Close explained this was a limited scope for the project the focus was the playground and the path it was not to go in and clear out what is in the woods. Mr. Close said he would take a look at it.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwoman Owen reported on April 21st the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event #2 to be held at the Marple Transfer Station on Marpit Drive and Sussex Blvd. Broomall from 9 to 3 rain or shine. This event will collect only flammables, toxics, batteries, pesticides, and caustics. The two remaining events in the fall will include electronic waste.

Councilwoman Owen reported the Sixth National Take-Back Drug event will be held right here in our Borough on Saturday, April 27, 2013. This is a Prescription Take-Back Event it is a Nationwide event that is held twice a year. This event will be held at the Municipal Building rain or shine from 10 to 2. Councilwoman Owen and Officer Dave Jackson will be collecting any prescription or over the counter medications in the form of tablets, capsules, liquids, inhalants, creams, ointments and lotions. The only thing that can not be collected is products with a syringe or needle and also illicit substances are not part of this initiative. Since this event started 3 years ago the collection has totaled 2 million pounds nationwide. You can see why this is such a worth while event. In Aldan we average about 125 pounds each time where we take it over to the Springfield Police Department. There are DEA agents there collecting from this part of the County, they then go to a larger location, then bundled and taken to the national incinerator.

Councilwoman Owen also reported the dates for our annual Bulk Trash Pick-Up. This will be the 32nd year for this event in the Borough. On Wednesday, May 1st will be the East side of the Borough from Clifton Avenue to Springfield Road and on Wednesday, May 15th will be on the West Side of the Borough from Clifton Avenue to Oak Avenue.

Dan Procopio asked if Recycling will still be collected on the Bulk Trash days. Councilwoman Owen responded yes. Last year we were concerned but it did go very smoothly.

Dan Procopio wanted to thank Councilwoman Owen for her service on Borough Council. Knowing the Councilwoman still has time left but also knows did not file for re-election. Councilwoman Owen has done a lot of work for the Borough especially with trash collection and recycling I complement her on her service and look forward to her months left and then some free time on her hands. Terry thanked Dan for his kind words.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Cosgrove reported on the work Aqua is doing in the area that includes, Glenwood, Birchwood, Cedar, Hazelwood and Rosewood. They are changing mains, replacing lines, so there is a considerable amount of work being done in that area. The Ordinance changing the requirements when they open up the street when there is an opening of certain square feet requires them to do half the street rather than just the trench. We will be looking at this with the possibility of piggybacking and doing an entire street rather than half the street. It turns out the 200 block of Birchwood is just such a street. We can get the entire street done at no cost to us by trading off some areas where there would be a requirement.

The areas we traded off were areas that do not have houses facing them. They will be doing the entire 200 block of Birchwood Road and half of all the other streets mentioned. Councilman Cosgrove would like to commend Anthony Tartaglia, our Building Inspector, for the negotiations with Aqua. Tony does a great job in discussing our needs and maximizing what Aqua does for us. The paving was to begin yesterday and possibly done by early next week. That block was on our list for paving, not necessarily going to be done this year but it was one of our higher rated for repair streets. This is off the list and the entire \$70,000.00 we have budgeted for Road Repair will go to streets other than that because we were able to get that street done.

Dan Procopio commented he noted the Councilmen did not file for re-election and his term will be over at the end of the year. Dan wanted to complement on his service, he is the photographer and web master for the Borough and you can continue in that capacity. Thank you again very much.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo reported we had an incident on Springfield Road and Magnolia Ave. There was a back up in the lateral system. General Sewer came out for the resident but it was a Borough issue. Councilman Oropollo also reported there was a manhole on Springfield Road by the No Name Store that was repaired by Cleaver. There is still some work that needs to be done the manhole it is starting to flip up so emergency services had to be done.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Brookes reported the discount period has passed for Borough Taxes, so now they are at face value. We have been receiving tax money at a good rate.

Councilwoman Brookes reported on the Fire Marshal's Report Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 9 calls during the month of March, 2013. During the month of March, 2013 Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 41 calls in the Borough of Aldan.

Dan Procopio asked for the current amount balances in the Reserve Funds; Councilwoman Brookes reported in the General Reserve we have \$127,731.37; in the Sewer Capital Reserve we have \$146,833.72; and in the Police Capital Reserve we have \$17,149.87. Dan Procopio asked if numbers announced for the Reserves and the Treasurer's Report are effective as of what date. Terry Quinn reported the Bank Reconciliation are as of March 20th, so the tax collectors report and everything received are as of that date. Other collections other than taxes and bills are as of last week.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Corrigan does not have a report tonight.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Coppola reported the Building Inspector issued 14 building permits with a construction value of \$28909.00; the Residential Inspector completed 67 transfers and mid-terms; and the Plumbing Inspector issued 1 plumbing permits with a construction value of \$1,850.00

Councilman Coppola introduced Ordinance # 511; An Ordinance requiring a permit be issued for the use of temporary storage containers, dumpsters and similar devices within the Borough of Aldan. Borough Council had determined that the temporary use of portable outdoor storage devices, dumpsters and similar devices causes of the appearance of blight in the Borough. Dumpsters filled with garbage, refuse or other solid waste, when not removed promptly, constitutes a public health hazard and nuisance due to the attraction of insects, vermin or other creatures. Councilman Coppola made a motion to adopt Ordinance #511 seconded by Councilwoman Owen. President Short asked if there were any questions or comments.

Dan Procopio asked about the language in the Ordinance not being able to used on Saturdays and prohibited being used on Sundays at all which Mr. Procopio thought to be overly restrictive, considering if talking about a noise ordinance we already have that and we do allow people to cut their grass. Dan did not understand the urgency of restricting the use on Sundays or holidays as indicated in the e-mail. People doing their own work might only be available to do it on weekends or holidays when they do not have to go to work themselves. One other issue is a restriction on One Way streets and was also wondering if you thought about car path width as opposed to street frontage. Maybe Shisler Avenue might be a problem if Emergency vehicles passing through because of the narrowness of the street but where the people might place those dumpsters if they have no driveway, front yards or other facility location. Mr. Seflin responded about the Sunday use. This is a quality of life ordinance, people can do work during the business week when most folks are not home. The concern that Borough Council had was there is a tradition in the Borough where certain organized sporting activities are not permitted on Sundays. The concern of Borough Council was they did not want the dumpsters to be emptied or used or placed during Sundays. This is a quality of life ordinance type ordinance and if somebody wants to do it themselves they can do it within the time frame permitted by the Ordinance. As far as the timing there was an amendment to that since you last looked at the ordinance which makes it clear that dumpsters are not permitted on public streets between the hours of 7:00 PM and 8:30 AM Monday through Saturday. Dan asked about the specific exempt of private haulers from the ordinance and what is the reason. Is that an attempt to that an individual would have to hire a company to come in and do the work. Mr. Seflin explained that private haulers were exempt from the time frames. This is not about trash hauling but Council wanted to ensure and on legal holidays but there might be some holidays, like 4th of July, when private haulers are going to be placing dumpsters, we did not want private haulers to be prohibited from placing dumpsters on days like the 4th of July. If there are holiday parades we did not want to restrict haulers from placing and removing dumpsters. Really the effect of the ordinance was to deal with long term dumpsters. Where someone is going to take it out for construction purposes for 30 days or 60 days and there is provisions in the permitting that an individual, home owner, property owner can have a rest period. They can take it out for 30 days, renew it for 30 days, then a 14 day rest period and then put it in for another 60 days, the 30 days and 30 days.

All we ask is for this rest period in the ordinance. Councilman Coppola commented there was also not attempt to discourage people from doing their own work on Sunday, the intent was to not allow servicing the equipment on Sunday, which typically would not take place but we didn't want people dropping off dumpsters or servicing equipment on time we discussed on Sunday. President Short explained we have a motion and a second on the floor to accept Ordinance # 511 dealing with the temporary storage units; this was voted on and unanimously approved.

Councilman Coppola introduced Ordinance # 512 an ordinance amending the code of the Borough of Aldan at Chapter 213 to provide for revised standards for the maintenance of sidewalks and curbs, the prohibition of placing ice and snow into a public street, and the regulation of objects placed into the street by property owners or occupants to "hold" parking space upon a public street. Also the ordinance amendment of the code of the Borough of Aldan prohibition upon placing grass and other foliage clippings into a public street and providing for the removal of grass and foliage growing in the street/curb joint. The residents would have to maintain the area in front of their property at the curb, to remove grass growing in the curb and not allow for blowing grass or leaves into the street. It has been a problem recently and the grass and debris ends up in our storm water collection which causes problems with overflows. Councilman Coppola made a motion to pass Ordinance # 512, seconded by Councilman Cosgrove. President Short asked if there were any questions. Dan Procopio asked about the grass clipping ordinance specifically states owners or occupants of the houses but does not necessarily cover Landscaping Companies. Dan said he understands the home owner is ultimately responsible but it does not seem to give any enforcement to stop a landscaper from blowing the grass in the street and walking away from it and the home owner to deal with the fines. President Short responded that company is an agent of the home owner and ultimately responsible for the property in front of his house. To make it strictly on the 2nd party coming in, the contractor would mean the Code Enforcer would have to be there at the time the work was being done. Dan responded if the Code Officer does see someone blowing grass in the street and the person is not a home owner or occupant it does not appear that they could stop them because they are not the parties mentioned in the ordinance to be enforced. President Short responded if they were told and did not do it and the home owner received a citation do you believe they would be back the next week. Dan's interpretation is the ordinance does not allow the code officer to stop a landscaping company from blowing grass into the street. Mr. Seflin commented to follow your interpretation of the law virtually every ordinance in every Municipality within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania would have to be re-written. The Code Enforcement Officer and the Police could tell the landscapers to stop doing that you are violating our ordinance and if they didn't the home owner could be cited and the agent could be told to stop by virtue of the fact there is agency. Dan had another point about snow removal and saving parking spaces and thinks the point of the ordinance is so people do not throw snow back into the streets after it has been cleared but was asking about Shisler Avenue where people don't have driveways or front yards where are they supposed to haul the snow away to if they clear off their car and put it at either end but according to my understanding of the ordinance because it is a public street they could still be cited for putting it into the street. President Short responded they could throw in onto the lawn like everyone else does. Dan commented there are a number of houses on Shisler Avenue that do not have driveways or front lawns. President Short responded everyone has a front lawn. President Short asked are you talking about the snow from the sidewalk going onto the grass or are you talking about something else. Dan responded he has seen some houses that have curb, sidewalk and 3 or 4 feet at the most then a patio or porch. If there is not a lot of room and there is a substantial amount of snow to remove.

Councilman Coppola we would allow some room for discretion during some heavy snowstorms, where we would take that into consideration and allow for exceptions. President Short commented the ordinance states a path of 24" along a sidewalk but Dan commented he was talking about removing snow from a car that is parked in the street. Most everyone has the capability of doing that but not everyone in town has that capability. Dan also commented if you read the ordinance under its strictest interpretation they would be cited if they brushed the snow off and it fell behind their car and they leave it there.

Bill Gallagher asked if his neighbor had a landscaper and they blew grass into the street and onto my property who should I call. Mr. Seflin responded the Code Enforcement Officer. Mr. Tartaglia, our Building Inspector, responded if the landscaper is still there call the Police Station and we will come down and give him, the landscaper a citation.

Keith Schwenki on the cul-de-sac at 224 E. Maryland Avenue commented we have one landscaping crew that comes in and cuts 4 different properties and blow grass into the street would you cite each individual home owner. President Short responded that would be up to the discretion of the Code Officer of who he would have to cite. Mr. Tartaglia commented now it stops, when you are passing an ordinance which allows us to go out there write a citation to a landscaping company. The citation will be \$25.00 the first time and \$300.00 the second time. This ordinance gives us the ability to go after the agent and the home owner. President Short explained these ordinances are all to give teeth to the Code Enforcement Officer to do things that have been a problem like the grass clippings, the snow in the street, and saving parking spaces. We did not feel we had strong enough ordinances to deal with these matters. That is why these new ordinances or amendments are coming up tonight to give the Code Department the necessary tools to enforce. Councilman Coppola commented that was the intent was to give Code Enforcement more enforcement abilities to go out and stop this. President Short said we have a motion on the floor and seconded to accept Ordinance # 512 this was voted on and unanimously approved.

Bill Gallagher asked who was in charge of the Cable Companies that come into town. Mr. Gallagher asked what the stasis of Verizon Fios is coming into town. President Short explained there are agreements we have with the different cable companies, Comcast, and Verizon. We signed that contract back in 2008 and they told us at that time Verizon Fios would be installed within 6 months. We called several times to find out where it is and they told us they have no intent at this time to run the cables through this area. Mr. Gallagher said, on Rosewood, Hazelwood, Birchwood and Elm Avenue a contractor came and installed conduit for fiber optics in September or October. President Short responded he did not know that. Mr. Seflin asked is that service available to you. Mr. Gallagher said, your asking me I'm asking you. Mr. McBlain talked to a long time resident of Aldan who works for Verizon and he indicated they sometimes do some preliminary work, pulling the conduit in some of the areas around here and believed that the entire area could be done with Fios by the end of the year. Mr. Seflin explained he talked to a Vice-President of Verizon back in July, 2008, I can't say this in public but I think you should be wired by October, 2008. Mr. Gallagher asked if we had any contact with them since then. President Short explained yes but they have not returned our calls. President Short responded it was explained to him you can tell when your town is being done. It has to be started in Lansdowne, so when you see Lansdowne starting to be wired it will come over from that way. At this point Lansdowne is not wired.

Mr. Gallagher responded as of this afternoon Lansdowne has fiber optics, Darby, Collingdale, Upper Darby and Clifton all have it and Aldan they are not coming in for some reason or another but it has to do with the Borough of Aldan. Councilwoman Brookes asked Mr. Gallagher when did they wire Lansdowne. He did not know he said a service man told him. President Short said he is looking at the Borough Manager of Clifton Hts. and it is not done. Mr. Gallagher asked if Council would try and get some information from Verizon to find out maybe when they are going to come to Aldan. President Short responded as soon as they answer my phone calls but I will call them again tomorrow.

Ed Lawless asked with the contract signed was there any performance they had to do. Mr. Seflin explained they refused to sign a contract with any dates in it. Mr. Seflin's concern 5 years ago was where they were going to choose to install Fios. They would install it in Communities they feel would order the Fios and in greater numbers. Mr. Seflin raised this issue on multiple occasions with Verizon, with their attorneys and they all assured me, no we are not going to do that. But what has happened there are areas of the Main Line that have been wired, areas of Northern and Western Delaware County wired but they have refused thus far to wire Lansdowne, the Central Office.

Harold Borders 503 W. Providence Road, commented we have been talking about Comcast and Verizon has there been any contact with RCN. President Short explained we first had an agreement with Comcast, Suburban Cable that was in place when RCN came in we tried to have them sign the same kind of agreement and they refused. They were sending us their agreement that was favorable to them and didn't give us the same benefits we were getting from Comcast. They refused to sign and walked away.

President Short commented on Lobbs Run and it is getting shabby looking in that area. On May 18, 2013 is Lobbs Run Clean Up Day. We are asking assistance from anyone who would like to help. Community Service will be there, President Short will be there along with Mr. McBlain, we will meet at 9:00 AM in the Pool parking lot and we hope to have a nice turnout to get that area cleaned up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building at and Council will meet on Wednesday, May 8, 2013 at the Reinl Recreation Building at 7:30 PM for Executive Session and General Meeting starting at 8:00 PM.

Mr. Seflin reported under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code Borough Council will be considering proposed Ordinance #513 on May 8th. This is required by the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code this is an amendment to the Aldan Borough Zoning Ordinance and terms of the Ordinance will be advertised twice later this month.

The amendment has to do with an expansion of the definition of accessory structures under section 256-6 of the Code of the Borough of Aldan as well as an amendment to section 256-18 of the Code of the Borough of Aldan in reference to accessory uses. There will be a hearing in 4 weeks on that subject. Mr. Seflin also reported a copy of the proposed ordinance has been delivered to the Delaware County Planning Department in accord with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning code there is a 30 day comment period by the County Planning Agency which in Delaware County is the Planning Department.

PRIVLIDGE OF THE FLOOR

Dan Procioio wanted to mention the Aldan Boosters will hold the Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 4th from 9 to 4 pm with a rain date of the next Saturday, May 11th in the Municipal Parking Lot at Providence Rd. and Clifton Avenue. The plants are from Hillside Nursery in Clifton Hts. We hope the residents will take the opportunity because it helps support the programs of the Boosters including the Easter Egg Hunt, Pony Rides on the 4th of July and a lot of the Christmas programs.

Dan also commented having worked in the cable business in multiple states in the past Mr. Seflin hit the nail on the head. Verizon came from a utility background where they could do whatever they wanted to do when they were a telephone company and when they had to move into the cable world where they were regulated differently , they didn't like it and they decided to do whatever they wanted to do until the courts told them they had to wire all these places but they have been dragging their feet in the areas where they do not want to serve because they want to make as much money as they can where they think they can make it. Dan remembers the Solicitor's reports with discussions with attorneys from Pennsylvania, Harrisburg and then they brought the heavy weights in from Washington DC to argue their case.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Owen seconded by Councilwoman Brookes and unanimously, approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

ATTEST

MARIE V. KAUT
Borough Secretary