

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

August 8, 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;  
J. Cosgrove; S. Oropollo

Council members absent: S. Coppola; R. Lowery

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

Officers absent: None

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by P. Brookes seconded by S. Oropollo minutes from the July 11, 2012, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

No written correspondence tonight.

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

No verbal correspondence tonight.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Hopely reported on the Police Department and the State Mandatory training that all the Police have to go to and our department is almost complete. They have completed the class room, CPR and First Aid and they are in Fire Arms now. These are things our officers have to renew and qualify for every year and our guys do very well.

Mayor Hopely also read a note from a resident Mr. & Mrs. Ressler, many thanks for checking our property while we were on vacation and for the follow up report. We are very appreciative of the dedication of your men in providing a secure environment in Aldan. Keep up the good work. Mayor Hopely explained we do get letters from residents thanking the police for checking their properties.

Dan Procopio asked it is his understanding that recently a police vehicle was involved in an accident and he hopes no one was seriously injured and is there a protocol as to who investigates the accident. Chief Coppola responded we use a supervisor from a surrounding police department. Mr. Seflin added or a State Trooper if available.

**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	\$ 482,225.17	\$ 61,207.97	\$ 227,272.02
Interest		\$	\$
Receipts for period	\$ 72,908.64	\$ 7.95	\$ 27,515.60
Expenditures Prior Month	\$	\$ (7,370.12)	\$ (9,477.75)
Add Sewer Interfund Transfers			
Net Checks	\$ (120,629.76)		\$
Loan Returned	\$		
Balance	\$ 434,504.05	\$ 53,845.80	\$ 245,309.87

Terry is asking Council’s approval to release check this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$ 139,668.60 and from the Sewer Fund a check totaling \$5,444.78 and from the State Highway Fund checks totaling \$6,868.12. 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 Councilwoman Owen and unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. Seflin reported on the 2011 Tax Delinquency Program. Today Mr. Seflin received the tax delinquent letters from the tax collector that went out in March. We have not been able to file liens against these delinquents because Pennsylvania law requires we put the date the folks were notified they were delinquent in the lien. We found out today what the dates were so by the end of this week or early next week that all the liens will be filed and Mr. Seflin will have a full report on this next month.

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported on our MS4 NPDS Storm Water Program as reported over the last few months we are required by PA DEP to renew our NPDS General Storm Water Permit by September 14, 2012. We are not alone all Municipalities in the state are going through this. The new permit will be a 5 year duration and that will take us from March, 2013 to March, 2018. The same annual reporting and implementation of the minimum control measures that we do right now, and there are some new responsibilities and reporting tasks. We do have a new application and an application fee so we will get this done and in on time.

Mr. Close has also been reporting on the DELCORA Act 537 Sewage Facility Planning Update. An Engineer from Kelly/Close's office attended the July 26<sup>th</sup> meeting at DELCORA. They presented and discussed the next two chapters #3 & #4. They also discussed information need from all municipalities, which is similar to what we provide every year in our Chapter 94 report and we will be working on that over the next few months. Mr. Close is going to attend a DELCORA sponsored seminar in November. This is regarding private lateral I & I rehabilitation programs. That is going to be an element they are going to consider as part of this plan and it can be somewhat controversial, so we need to stay up on that and understand what they are going to be proposing before we are OK with this Act 537 Plan Update. The estimated completion of this plan is spring or summer of 2013. Mr. Close will keep Council posted and updated.

Dan Procopio asked what the fee was for the MS4 Permit Application and is the seminar discussed open to the public. Mr. Close responded the fee amount is \$500 and the seminar is geared to Municipal Engineers, Elected Officials and people responsible for enacting an Ordinance Lateral Program but I'm not 100% sure if it is open to the public but don't see why it would not be. Dan also asked if the \$500 cover all 5 year of the permit or is that annual. Mr. Close said it is for all 5 years.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Owen reported that we have been informed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection that our application for the 2010 Performance Recycling Grant was awarded in the amount of \$3,121.00 for commercial and residential recycling in the amount of 525 tons for that calendar year. We have already received the application form for the 2011 calendar year. Councilwoman Owen will complete and submit the application by the end of September's due date.

Councilwoman Owen also reported it was brought to her attention a question in today's newspaper Sound Off section from a resident, Mr. Itchy, when the DEP would be spraying for mosquitoes in Aldan and Clifton Heights. Councilwoman Owen's response is the decision to spray is based on the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and Health. The decision is based on viral activity and surveillance data. The surveillance comes from the joint program with the Intermediate Unit at Penn State University who lays the Gravid and Light Traps along the corridors of Delaware County.

We have been told by our Health Officer at the July meeting that there have been no positive Light Traps detected in this Borough. At the present time there will not be any spraying but there was an article earlier this week that other areas in the County are being sprayed. We may be notified tomorrow that Aldan will be being sprayed but thus far there have not been any Light Traps to suggest that they should spray in Aldan. Also mentioned last month was a way to eliminate the source for collection of mosquitoes is to empty any collective devices such as tires, buckets, watering cans, trash cans, rain barrels, gutters, kiddie pools, and bird baths by turning them upside down so they don't collect the water and this should help the residents keep control of this matter on their own properties.

Dan Procopio asked if Councilwoman Owen had updated numbers on our recycling tonnage. Councilwoman Owen reported for the months of April and May we exceeded 40 tons each month and for July just less than 30 tons which was our average for previous months.

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilman Cosgrove reported Inconn has advised us that the Road Resurfacing Project will be done the last week in August.

Councilman Cosgrove also report the re-stripping of the 5 intersections in town is scheduled for this Sunday.

Dan Procopio asked if the Councilman had any figures on savings from the LED lights that were installed. Councilman Cosgrove responded the information we sent to PECO when requested was about 2 months ago. We are looking for that information when the bill comes but it is early in the month. Other savings are with our Maintenance Contract for Traffic Lights went down \$900 and around \$3,000 savings a year on the energy portion of lights themselves. We hope by next month to have the actual number of savings.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo had nothing new to report tonight there have been no incidents or problems.

Dan Procopio asked the Storm Water Remediation Project at Wayne and Clifton Avenues has there been any improvement with the situation in that area. Councilman Oropollo went to that area in the spring and talked with some of the home owners after the work was completed. There was some run off but unfortunately where the drains are there is no connection to any roads and the closest one is on Woodlawn Avenue and that is School District property and the way the field runs off, unless the School District is going to spend \$150,000 to redo the fields to drain a different way we will still get run off from that field. We have no jurisdiction to go across the field and that would be a major project. Mr. Close explained we did cut off a pretty good source the water coming off Clifton Avenue, so it is less volume of water that would be feeding that puddle that sometimes gathers when we get a real big rain storm. President Short commented with the large down pours it's not going to stop it from flooding. President Short has been out there when there have been large down pours and it does divert a lot of water to keep going down Clifton Avenue but with down pours we are still going to have a problem in that area.

## **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Brookes reported we received 2 checks from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania one for \$2,100 and one for \$1,285.28 both were for Act 147. The \$2,100 was for Post Retirement for Police and Firefighters and the \$1,285.28 was for Chapter 4 of Act 147 for Police and Firefighters and we do receive these funds annually.

Councilwoman Brookes reported that Founders/Safety Day is Saturday, September 22, 2012. Founders/Safety Day is always a good time and we will also still have the Flea Market.

Councilwoman Brookes reported for Councilwoman Lowery who is on vacation. The Fire Marshal's report for the month of July, 2012; the Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 5 calls in the Borough of Aldan with no report of damage. During the month of July, 2012 Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 34 calls in the Borough

Dan Procopio asked Councilwoman Brookes for the balances for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund accounts. Councilwoman Brookes reported for the General Reserve we have \$540,224.86 and for the Sewer Fund we have \$242,271.84.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Lowery is on vacation tonight. Councilwoman Brookes did read the Fire Marshal's Report in Councilwoman Lowery absence. If anyone has any questions we will handle them at this time.

## **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Coppola is also on vacation tonight. President Short reported the Councilman along with the Solicitor, Mr. Seflin are working on a project. When we adopted the Uniform Construction Code we had to set up a process for appeals. At that time we signed onto the County Board of Appeals by Resolution but the State has determined that a town of our size a Resolution would not suffice and it would require an Ordinance. With the Councilman not here tonight and we did advertise we would be doing something with it tonight. Councilwoman Brookes made a motion to table until next month Ordinance No. # 509, an Ordinance authorizing the Borough of Aldan to enter into an Inter-Governmental Agreement with the County of Delaware Whereby the Delaware County Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board would serve as the Borough's Board of Appeals, seconded by Councilman Cosgrove and unanimously approved.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business tonight.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building at 7:30 PM and Council will meet on Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at the Reinl Recreation Building at 8:00 PM.

**PRIVLIDGE OF THE FLOOR**

Dan Procopio asked if we had Councilman Coppola's Report. President Short report there were 22 Building Permits with a construction value of \$54,900.00; there were 68 Transfer and Mid-Term Inspections; and no Plumbing Permits.

Dan also noticed that Mr. & Mrs. Boarders did finally get a light in front of their property.

Bill McNally from Willows Lane commented that he reads the newspaper every day and all I see is shooting, drugs and robberies and with everything that goes on I don't see anything in Aldan we must have a good Police Department and Town Watch it is just amazing. Mr. McNally did say he does see over at the Giant Food Store some shoplifting other wise it's just amazing. President Short explained we have 2 officers on duty each shift and they do a fantastic job.

**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 8:30 P.M.

**ATTEST**

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MARIE V. KAUT  
Borough Secretary