

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

February 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; S. Coppola  
J. Cosgrove; S. Oropollo; R. Lowery

Council members absent: None

Officers present: T. Quinn, Treasurer; G. Kaut, Secretary

Officers absent: J. Hopely, Mayor; G. Seflin, Solicitor

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by R. Lowery seconded by S. Coppola minutes from the January 11, 2012, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

No written correspondence tonight.

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

No verbal correspondence tonight.

President Short announced we have a few plaques to present tonight, unfortunately the Mayor is not here tonight and he usually does the speaking. President Short called Michael Camarota to come up. President Short congratulated Mike on 30 years of dedicated service to the residents and borough of Aldan. Other than the Chief, Mike has been here the longest. President Short presented Mike with a plaque and offered our appreciation and thank you. Next President Short asked Mike Xavier to come up. President Short thanked Mike for all the time and effort he put in we will miss you and hope to see you back. President Short presented Mike with a small token of our appreciation, keep us in your mind you will always be in ours. President Short called up Ron Baker. Ron is a 20 year guy and we appreciate everything you did for the town and for Council. President Short presented Ron also with a plaque.

Ron commented he really enjoyed working for the Borough of Aldan; Council does a great job and I have not seen anybody do something that was not for the betterment of Aldan. Council does a fabulous job, they keep our taxes down, and they work overtime with all they do for the Borough. Thank you very much.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Hopely was not at the meeting tonight.

**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	\$ 298,282.60	\$ 10,671.23	\$ 43,697.74
Interest		\$ .68	\$
Receipts for period	\$ 112,203.12		\$ 7,223.51
Checks from Last Month	\$ 128,334.07	\$ 7,444.51	\$ 7,795.40
Balance	\$ 282,151.65	\$ 3,227.40	\$ 43,125.85

Terry is asking Council’s approval to release check this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$119,939.78, and checks from the State Highway Fund totaling \$ 3,217.23 and from the Sewer Fund \$669.25. 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 Councilmen Cosgrove and unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. Sefflin was not at the meeting tonight. If anyone has any questions we will try to answer them for you.

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported every year we do a Chapter 94 Report, Sewage Planning Report that we are required to do each year and submit it to the Department of Environmental Protection and that was finished up. This will be submitted to DELCORA, due next week, and DELCORA collects all those reports from member municipalities and they submit a master report to the state. The state is really trying to do is make sure the municipalities are keeping an eye on their sewage flows, roads in the community and making sure we can meet future needs. Aldan is a built out community so our report is usually typical each year.

Mr. Close reported we are part of Act 537 Plan Update. This is also sewage related and every municipality is required to and plan for and keep ahead of their sewage needs. We team up with DELCORA and the Delaware County Planning Department and they are preparing an update, the last one was done was in 2002. This is a 2 year process and they are in the beginning and the main reason they are doing this is because the prices are going up as a result of a re-negotiation agreement with the City of Philadelphia. DELCORA is looking at treatment options to be more economical. Right now our flow goes through an interceptor and is pumped to the Southwest Philadelphia Plant just off the old Penn Rose Bridge and they are looking at some other options that might be available to us in the future to keep the cost down. As said, this is the beginning stages and Mr. Close will keep us posted.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwomen Owen reported we did receive our Delaware County Waste bill and it is slightly less than we paid in January of last year; however we have not gotten the information yet from our trash hauler about our recycling. Councilwomen Owen will wait until we have the information take a look at all the data and present that at the next meeting.

Dan Procopio asked if there was a provision in the contract that the contractor had to provide those numbers to us by any specific date or time. Councilwomen Owen explained the hauler normally will give us our trash totals on a monthly basis and he will be doing that with the recycling totals also. Dan commented the tipping fees did not go up and the payment went down so it would appear our tonnage went down. Councilwomen Owen responded yes that is correct.

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilmen Cosgrove reported that after months and months we finally received an OK from Harrisburg about the change of scope for the LED bulb replacement program. This OK allows us not only to replace the red and green bulbs but also the yellow bulbs, the yellow turning arrows and the yellow flashers. The contract has been sent to Republic ITS in Massachusetts. Councilmen Cosgrove spoke with them and said we finally have the OK. So as soon as they sign off on the contract and get it back to us it will only be a matter of time. Councilmen Cosgrove would expect the spring time rather than within the next month or month and a half. So we expect within the next several months to be completed.

Councilmen Cosgrove also reported we received a check from Delaware County for County Aid for 2010 and 2011 totaling \$10, 936.00 and is part of the Road Resurfacing Program. We have also received the application for County Aid for 2012. Councilmen Cosgrove made a motion to allow the Borough Engineer, Mr. Close to complete and submit our application for County Aid for 2012, seconded by Councilwomen Brookes and unanimously approved.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilmen Oropollo reported he received his first call yesterday about a sewer problem. Councilmen Oropollo did talk with General Sewer, they did check it out and it is not our problem it is the homeowner's problem. The homeowner has been notified and General Sewer did give them a price to fix the issue. Councilmen Oropollo did speak with Mr. Close about the work on Wayne Avenue and see when we can get that started. Councilmen Oropollo asked if anyone sees any problems sewer backup or flooding please give him a call or e-mail he will get back to you. Councilmen Oropolla has a concern with the area at Sycamore and Providence with the flooding issue. This is State owned and they have to approve everything. Again if you have any suggestions or questions please call it is not a problem.

Dan Propocio question there looked like there was some storm sewer work done on drains near the entrance to the Swim Club maybe some new grates put in by the driveway and also some storm water in the sanitary pipes along Providence Road but where on Providence Road. Councilmen Oropollo responded that he walked all of Providence Road from Springfield Road to Oak Avenue and measured all the drains. Councilmen Cosgrove explained to Sal that if that is a water pipe, we had that problem in the past and we had call Aqua. Councilmen Coppola answered the question about Maryland Avenue by the Swim Club, we had a report from a Police Officer the storm drain was collapsing on Maryland Avenue, so we had A to U come out and repair it.

## **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Brookes reported the tax bills for the County and Borough taxes have been mailed out to the residents so we should start to see some money coming in within the next few months.

Councilwoman Brookes also reported we receive a check from Comcast for our Cable TV Franchise Fees for 2011 in the amount of \$73,622.34.

Paul Kruger, South Glenwood Ave. asked, three years ago we signed an agreement with Verizon do we get money from them even if they have not done anything. President Short commented no they have not run their lines in town yet and the fees we get are determined by the amount of business they do in town.

Paul Kruger also asked about the Police number in the budget indicates it went up 1.65% but on the tax bills it went up 48.5% what is the difference. Councilwoman Brookes explained the total amount of the Budget was reduced by the amount of the sewer funds so that is why the percentage is different. We had to split out our sewer budget from our general fund budget. Terry Quinn tried to explain the total amount of the sewer fund comprised of \$655,000.00 so we do not have that in the budget this year so the percentages changes were different this year than in previous years. In previous year everything pretty much stayed the same so there was a true determination of what was considered Police or General, now that the sewer was taken out we lost that money so the percentages changed because the Police takes up more and the total pot is less the police portion of that is more this year. Mr. Kruger said there are 4 things on the tax bill trash, sewer, general fund and police. You were talking about the sewer, why isn't that in the sewer number and not in the police. Terry Quinn explained it is in the sewer number but in previous years when we calculated the percentage of Police Funds and Sewer Funds we looked at the total amount on the budget.

We looked at the total income for the year and the total expenses which matched. For example say it was 1 million 2 and we took whatever the police portion was of that million 2 to come up with a percentage. This year the total budget is less because the sewer fund, which previously had been our general fund budget were removed so instead of having a million 2 we only have 6 hundred thousand and the police portion is still the same amount that it was so it is a larger percentage this year than it has been in previous years.

Dan Procopio asked if they had the reserve funds that are available for the General Fund and the Sewer Fund. Councilwoman Brookes reported the General Reserve is \$339,767.95 and the Sewer Capital Reserve is \$202,028.23.

### **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilmen Coppola reported there were 29 Transfer & Mid-Term Inspections by the Residential Inspector; and there were 17 Building Permits issued with a construction value of \$ 85,227.00.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building at 7:30 PM.; and Council will meet on Wednesday, March 14, 2012 at the Reinl Recreation Building at 8:00 PM.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilmen Coppola seconded by Councilwoman Brookes and unanimously, approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

### **ATTEST**

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MARIE V. KAUT  
Borough Secretary