

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

July 11, 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.

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: G. Sefflin, Solicitor; T. Quinn, Treasurer;
G. Kaut, Secretary

Officers absent: J. Hopely, Mayor

MINUTES

On a motion made by R. Lowery seconded by J. Cosgrove minutes from the June 13, 2012, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

No written correspondence tonight.

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

No verbal correspondence tonight.

President Short deviated from the meeting to take care of some business. President Short turned the meeting over to Councilwoman Lowery. Councilwoman Lowery introduced Josh Alexander. Josh is an 8 year Aldan resident, 2007 graduate of the Delaware County Christian School, graduate of Messiah College with a degree in Criminal Justice, and a recent graduate of the Police Academy. Councilwoman Lowery made a motion to hire Joshua Alexander as a part time police officer, seconded by Councilman Oropollo and unanimously approved. President Short swore in Josh Alexander as a part time police officer.

Councilman Coppola made a motion to appoint as Michael Camarota as Code Enforcement Officer for Aldan Borough, seconded by Councilwoman Brookes and unanimously approved. President Short swore in Michael Camarota as Code Enforcement Officer for Aldan Borough.

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	\$ 505,215.28	\$ 68,565.55	\$ 334,725.35
Interest		\$	\$
Receipts for period	\$ 102,009.94	\$ 12.54	\$ 43,260.78
Expenditures Prior Month	\$	(7,370.12)	\$ (150,714.11)
Add Sewer Interfund Transfers			
Net Checks	\$ (125,000.05)		\$
Loan Returned	\$		
Balance	\$ 482,225.17	\$ 61,207.97	\$ 227,272.02

Terry is asking Council's approval to release check this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$ 163,794.56 and from the Sewer Fund a check totaling \$9,477.75 and from the State Highway Fund checks totaling \$7,370.12. 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. Sefflin reported on the Tax Delinquencies for 2009 which are in bankruptcy. We did receive a check for \$34.12 for 31 East Wayne Ave and today received another check for \$34.13. For our 2010 Delinquency Program we had a number of hearings in April and May, the appeal periods have passed and no one appealed. So we are going to start execution proceedings against those delinquencies. For 2011 it was reported last week we just received the delinquency list it is still under review and have some items to discuss with the Tax Collector. By the next Council Meeting the complaints and liens will be filed for the 2011 delinquencies.

Mr. Sefflin also reported he is reviewing the Recycling Specification and hope to have the revisions completed for the end of next month or September.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported our 2012 CDBG project. This is our Playground and Paving Project by the Aldan Swim Club. President Short and Mr. Close attended a kick off meeting at the Office of Housing and Community Development on June 21st. This is the meeting where they confirm the budget, scope of work, and procedures. We are process of preparing the construction plans and the contract documents and we anticipate their notice to proceed sometime in September or October of this year. They have a number of procedures they have to follow before they approve the notice to proceed. The notice to proceed for us would be to advertise and bid the project. Mr. Close will keep Council posted on that.

Mr. Close reported the Borough is participating and part of a Sewage Facility Act 537 Plan Update that is being sponsored by the Delaware County Planning Department and DELCORA. Mr. Close attended a progress meeting on June 28th. They have done the first 2 Chapters of the Update and they will meet once a month until that is done and that will take about a year or year and a half until the update is done. Will also keep Council posted on that.

Mr. Close reported last month the solicitor reported on the new Borough Code that is being updated. Mr. Close believes that effective this Monday, July 16th and relative to what the Engineer does with contracts, there is a threshold amount that we have always lived by. When the estimate of construction is \$10,000 or above we always had to put the contract out for public bid that number now is going to be \$18,500 and another threshold amount was anything over \$4,000 but less than \$10,000 we had to receive 3 telephone bids before we could do the work and now the number is \$10,000. This gives us a little more flexibility than what we had before. Every year they are going to evaluate the Consumer Price Index and if there is a positive change that number will rise each year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Owen reported our Health Officer, Jim Maloney, is going to begin pool inspections this week checking the safety and security of the pools and the gates and all the requirements to keep the pools and the residents safe.

Councilwoman Owen also reported a note from Intercommunity Health regarding the 2012 West Nile Surveillance Program. They want to remind residents this is the prime time for mosquitoes and with that comes some diligence on part of the homeowners in order to keep their homes and properties free from the infestation of mosquitoes which are carriers of West Nile Virus. Some tips are to remove old tires from properties, buckets, watering cans, cover unused pools, rain barrels and trash cans that do not have drainage holes and clean out gutters, bird baths and kiddie pools.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Cosgrove reported on the 2012 Road Resurfacing Project. We are in receipt of almost all the paper work necessary and then the paper work will go to PennDot for review.

After the PennDot review we then can schedule the work to be done. That should be the mid to late August.

Councilman Cosgrove also report we have agreed on the re-stripping of the 5 intersections in town and this will be done before school starts.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo reported the manhole on Clifton Avenue and Springfield Rd was completed this week and this is no other reports of any other manhole or sewer problems.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Brookes reported nothing new on financial front.

Councilwoman Brookes as a member of the Aldan 4th of July Committee want to thank everyone who participated in our annual Independence Day Celebration. Once again it was an overwhelming success and a good time was had by all. Thank you very much to all our collector, Boosters who cooked, our parade participants and everyone who just showed up it was a great day.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Lowery reported for the month of June, 2012 the Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 3 calls in the Borough of Aldan with no report of damage. During the month of June, 2012 Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 30 calls in the Borough of Aldan.

Councilwoman Lowery commented on a commendation; a citizen was pulled over by one of our officers, Cyle Cavanaugh and he noticed she was upset, lost and confused. He was able to straighten and help her out. She was so happy about that she wrote us a letter saying thank you for pulling me over and helping her out and she promised not to be distracted driving any more.

Councilwoman Lowery also noted another commendation for a wounded and paralyzed veteran who was returning home and the police were part of a motorcade and wanted to say thank you to all who were there.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Coppola reported for the month of June there were 35 Building Permits issued with a construction value of \$51,671.00 and there were 33 Transfer & Mid-Term Inspections by the Residential Inspector and 2 Plumbing Permits issued with a construction value of \$9,900.00.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

President Short reported Council has applied for and received a grant from CDBG grant that was given to Aldan from County Council. County Council has been very good to us with grants. In the past we have been able to do large amounts of infrastructure in the area of Maryland Avenue. This time it will be above ground and we can actually see and be appreciated by the children in the area. We received a grant for \$150,000 for a new playground and parking lot repairs by the pool area. President Short would like to thank County Councilman John McBlain, who lives in Aldan. County Councilman John McBlain commented it was completely on the merits and on behalf of Council Council, Tom McGarrigle, Chairman; Mario Civera, Vice-Chairman; Colleen Morrone, David White and John McBlain wanted to make an effort this year to go out to the Municipalities that are awarded CDBG grants and talk to the Council members and announce the presentation. Mr. McBlain does think this is a really good project, and as a former member of Borough Council we were able to do things such as sewers and repaving streets and this portion of town does qualify for Community Development Block Grant funds. A playground in that area is something Council always had their eye on even before we entered into the agreement with the Swim Club. This is a needed area for a park and recreational equipment in that eastern part of the town. We have a very high percentage of recreational areas and playground equipment but they tend to be located in the center part of town and on the western part of town where our ball fields are. For the residents in the eastern portion of the town this will be something great for them to have in that area. Mr. McBlain give his thoughts on the Swim Club; when Council set out to purchase the property a few years back, many times it was said by different Council members this was not an effort to save the swim club, a lot of swim clubs in the eastern part of the county have had difficult situations and have gone out of business. Aldan Swim Club made a great commitment about 10 years ago to vastly improve their swim club by redoing the pool. They put in new infrastructure, new pipes, a new pool, new amenities, a big giant slide and all the rest of it. But that mortgage got more and more difficult as population of the pool did decline. We looked at it; this was during the last part of Mr. McBlain being on Council, and then this Council really took it up as what would happen to that property if it was out on the open market. From time to time builders tried to see how many home they could put there or commercial properties. Those 10 acres are the last real great open space in the Borough. When Council went through, and Mr. McBlain thinks it was a bargain in terms of the purchase price of the property, Council was able to secure that property for the Aldan residents forevermore as open space, as park land, and even more important what would happen with that land into the future. We are rest assured it will not be an industrial park or tracks of row homes. Many times it was said this was not done to save the pool but guess what as a result of it this Council did save the pool and that was a good by-product of that. Mr. McBlain also wanted to congratulate the Swim Club and its Board of Directors because they took that opportunity and they have really run with it. Their marketing efforts have been tremendous; it has paid off in terms of the development of the membership, the interest in the Swim Club again. Dave Heacock commented there are 70 new families this year. Any body that has been to the Swim Club and seen it is a new membership it is invigorated. They have a good staff there and a lot of people pulled together when they were experiencing tuff times and really did a great job and the community pulled together to preserve what was down there but also make it better. Mr. McBlain thanked everyone tremendously for that and looks forward to the next application. Mr. McBlain is happy when he gets to vote on these kinds of things at the County level. Congratulations to Council this will be a tremendous asset to the Community and have incidental benefits for the Swim Club. This is an organization that is a concrete part of our town; even in the 4th of July parade the Swim Team came in 3rd place for the Community Floats and Organizations. They participate in everything and are an important part of town. Congratulations again to Council.

President Short commented to give you an idea of the commitment we have 2 people here that have been running the pool for quite a while that are actually Maryland residents. They are former Aldan residents who come up from Maryland at least several times a week and let everyone know the commitment the staff of the pool has. President Short wants to say Thank You for getting the pool going and keeping the Aldan icon going. Aldan would not have been the same if the pool would have gone under. President Short said, thank you. Dave Heacock responded that Aldan is still home. President Short explained although we have been calling it the Pool Property this project will be for the neighborhood in that area. It will be accessible to the public from Maryland Avenue and it is for the residents of Aldan.

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building at 7:30 PM and Council will meet on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at the Reinl Recreation Building at 8:00 PM.

PRIVLIDGE OF THE FLOOR

Dan Procopio as President of the 4th of July Association wanted to thank Chief Coppola and the Police force with all their efforts helping us out on the day of the parade. Councilwoman Brookes talked about all our volunteers and collectors, County Councilman McBlain spoke about the volunteers from the pool and to para phrase our Secretary of State It takes a Borough, there is an organization that coordinates but it takes a lot of other people that participate including members of Council and audience members. Dan would like to note the Boosters, who used to run the event until 35 years ago and became too much for them to handle but they still are an intricate part, they run the pony rides and the Boys Club who handle all the races and they were also an original founding member of the 4th of July Association. They handle all the prizes the peanut scramble and we greatly appreciate another group of volunteers in town and look forward to another one next year.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Brookes seconded by Councilman Coppola and unanimously, approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

ATTEST

MARIE V. KAUT
Borough Secretary