

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

May 9, 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 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; T. Owen; S. Coppola
J. Cosgrove; S. Oropollo; R. Lowery

Council members absent: None

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

Officers absent: None

MINUTES

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

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

No written correspondence tonight.

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

Harold Borders, 503 W. Providence Road; about 1 year ago there was an accident in front of our house. Eventually Verizon replaced the poles that were damaged and on March 1st of the year PECO sent out a letter saying they were going to do some electrical work in the area. We assumed they were going to transfer the power from the old broken pole in the back yard to the new pole. We waited 2-3 days and nothing happened and we still do not have a street light there either. We are asking the Borough to try seeing if they can ask PECO to move this project to completion. President Short responded we will give PECO a call tomorrow.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hopely reported a few residents asked about the Police Bike Patrol which has been quite successful over the years. We will have the bike patrol again this year and we do have an officer in Police Bike Patrol training now. This will be the third Aldan officer trained and qualified. They will be patrolling around town during the early evening hours.

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	\$ 608,842.44	\$ 75,896.09	\$ 142,313.73
Interest		\$	\$
Receipts for period	\$ 253,299.34	\$ 14.52	\$ 139,360.15
Expenditures Prior Month	\$		
Add Sewer Interfund Transfers			
Net Checks	\$ (144,834.10)		\$ 50.50
Loan Returned			\$
Balance	\$ 717,307.68	\$ 75,920.80	\$ 281,623.38

Terry is asking Council’s approval to release check this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$ 284,504.18 and from the Sewer Fund a check totaling \$909.00 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 Councilmen Oropollo and unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Sefflin reported on Thursday, April 26th he was in court with Bob Park our Tax Collector for our 2010 Delinquency Program and the court entered 4 judgments in favor of the Borough. The court also found in favor of the Borough for a nuisance property which the Borough had to abate and we placed a lien against the property. The court entered judgment on the lien. There were 3 other hearings which the court did not hold because the folks were not found but we are still trying to find them but we do have liens against the properties. If the properties try to be sold the liens will be there and will protect the Borough.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported last month reported on our 2012 CDBG project status. Mr. Close has an e-mail into the Office of Housing and Community Development about the status of grant approval. Mr. Close did look on the County Council’s web site and believe they met today and the approval of the 2012 Action Plan was on their agenda but not sure of the actual decision but believe the projects were discussed. So now we are waiting for official word on that any day now so when we get that news I will report back to Council.

Mr. Close reported on the miscellaneous projects that we normally do; FEMA Ordinance update that we are coordinating with Mr. Seflin and is an ongoing project; the 2012 Road Program and we have a little sink hole developing on Woodlawn Avenue, we have our 2011- 2012 NPDS MS 4 Annual Report that is due in June, also with the MPDS MS 4 General Permit we have is set to expire next year so we have to submit a new application in the fall of 2012 so there are a few items we have to take care of and I will report more on that when it comes time in the fall. Mr. Close will be available during other committee reports for questions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwomen Owen reported on April 28th we held the Nationwide Prescription Take Program and our Borough was a host site. This was a successful event this being the fourth time. One of the School Districts in Delaware County had a school nurse who put out an e-mail to her colleagues in the other schools asking if there were any medications left behind by parents who did not collect them at the end of the previous school year. These medications were collected and brought to the event. The Sheriff's Office decided to hold a collection site at the Court House but they needed an official drop site to take the medications, so Aldan became the site. We had many more residents out this time so it sounds like the word is out and this has become a really great program.

Councilwomen Owen reported the Bulk Trash Collection for the West side of the Borough will be Wednesday, May 16th from Oak Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue. Wednesdays are also recycle days but we have good coordination with our hauler so there will be 2 separate crews going through the Borough.

Councilwomen Owen announced Memorial Day is Monday, May 28th trash will not be collected on Monday but will be collected on Tuesday, May 29th.

HIGHWAY

Councilmen Cosgrove reported on the 2012 Road Resurfacing Project. The streets selected this year are Walnut Avenue from Linden Avenue to Springfield Rd and Linden Avenue from Walnut to Rively Avenue. Our Borough Engineer, Mr. Close will prepare the specifications and the ad for the newspaper. The first ad will be on Monday, May 21st and the second ad will be on Friday, May 25th; we will expect to open the bids on Wednesday, June 6th and hope to award the project on Wednesday, June 13th. As in the past we would expect the job to be done by late July or early August.

Councilmen Cosgrove commented on some of the holes or cut outs showing up around town and also the paint markings. The process is when someone is planning to dig on the street they call PA 1 who then has the various utilities come out and mark the street with what is underneath, gas, water, electric or whatever. That is the reason for the various markings on the street. PECO has been out recently doing diggings for gas leaks. The round holes you see specifically in the 300 block of Aldan Avenue and a spot on Glenwood Avenue where they are working and also on Magnolia Avenue at Stratford Avenue.

There is a series of about 10 to 15 holes, a 1 sq foot patch, a 5 sq foot patch, and with the holes they dig they have a machine called a snifter and they put it in there and look at the readings for whatever concentration of gas there is. When they get a certain reading it necessitates them opening it up to a wider area. When they dig up bigger than the small hole they are fixing something, replacing a joint or a pipe or something. As we know the utilities in town are old so it is not surprising the underground pipes are wearing out. That is why you see all the holes, the cutouts, the lines and the paintings. Councilmen Cosgrove asked how long it takes before they get fixed and was told by a PECO foreman it could take as long as 60 days.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilmen Oropollo reported we are looking for the drain cleaning to start late spring or early summer. We are waiting to get some bids. Also want to mention the manhole problem on Woodlawn Avenue near Wayne Avenue. We have 2 quotes and we are waiting for more quotes to come in and then look at the best one possible to get that job done as well as the drain cleaning.

Councilmen Oropollo wanted to remind residents the Hero Bowl is May 31st at 7:00 PM at Widener University. This is an All Star Football Game that benefits police, firemen, paramedics and EMTs in Delaware County.

Dan Procopio commented that Mr. Close and Councilmen Oropollo mentioned the manhole at Woodlawn and Wayne there was work done there last year is there any relationship to the issue now. President Short explained the work done last year was on the line itself and the problem this year is a reconstruction of the manhole next to it. This is 2 different projects. Councilmen Oropollo had them use a camera and it revealed that the work done last year was not the cause of the sink hole this year. Councilmen Oropollo commented after talking with PJ if it is not done right we could have another problem in 6 months. The manhole has to be rebuilt.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Brookes reported we received a letter from PA Dept of Transportation: on April 3, 2012, Mr. Earl Helbing, Financial Consultant, conducted a monitoring review of the Borough's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund. This review was performed to verify that the Borough maintained and followed proper Liquid Fuels Funds procedures. The monitoring report indicates the Borough has taken the necessary steps to be in compliance. The reported Liquid Fuels Tax Fund balance of \$3,226.72 and Equipment fund Balance of \$3,226.72 are accurate.

Councilwoman Brookes also reported our tax receipts are about 60% which are the Borough Taxes and that is good for this time in the year.

Dan Procopio asked what the balances were in the reserve funds: in the Escrow Account we have \$36,679.31; in the General Reserve we have \$339,907.23; in the Sewer Capital Reserve we have \$242,138.80. Dan asked if the escrow was a new account. Councilwoman Brookes responded we don't usually announce the escrow; this is permit money that is going to be released soon for projects that are being done.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwomen Lowery reported for the month of April, 2012 the Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 3 calls in the Borough of Aldan all with no damage. We finally got the damage report for the fires in February and the total of the 2 fires was \$433,200.00. During the month of April, 2012 Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 29 calls in the Borough of Aldan.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilmen Coppola reported for the month of April there were 44 Building Permits issued with a construction value of \$269,000.00 and there were 51 Transfer & Mid-Term Inspections by the Residential Inspector.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, June 6, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building at 7:30 PM.; and Council will meet on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at the Reinl Recreation Building at 8:00 PM.

PRIVLEDGE OF THE FLOOR

Dan Procopio wanted to remind everyone this Saturday, May 12th is the Annual Boosters' Plant Sale from 10 to 4 at the Municipal Parking Lot. Also the Aldan Swim Club is having an Open House on Memorial Day Weekend on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4. Residents who are not members have an opportunity to check out the Swim Club

ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST

MARIE V. KAUT
Borough Secretary