

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

November 12, 2014

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. Rankin; J. White; S. Coppola;  
M. Xavier; S. Oropollo

Council members absent: M. J. Corrigan

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

Officers absent: None

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin seconded by Councilman Coppola the minutes from the October 8, 2014, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

No written correspondence tonight.

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Dan Procopio explained along with members of other Civic Organizations we are here to thank a very special person who has helped us for many years. Moved into town in 1971 and has been the Borough Secretary for over 16 years. They say Aldan is the Community of Holmes but it is really a Community of Volunteers and the volunteers need someone to help them out and that person is Ginger Kaut. With Dan tonight are representatives from all the Civic Groups in town and would like to say thank you very much because we know you are retiring at the end of the year. It won't be the same without you.

Dan introduced Sharon Faulkner, President of the Girls Club, Jen Marvil, President of Boys Club, Dave Heacock, President of Aldan Swim Club, Herb Hays, President of Townwatch, and Joe Cosgrove, President of Boosters as well as other Townwatch members and Swim Club members. Dan said we have a few things for you to take with you for your retirement and have some fun. Members of the Civic Groups thank Ginger and congratulation on your Retirement and presented tokens of appreciation. Ginger thanked everyone for all they have done.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Hopely introduced a new part time officer who the Mayor will swear in tonight: the Mayor introduced Joseph Spina. Joe is a graduate of Monsignor Bonner High School and the Delaware County Police Academy. Joe is also an Upper Darby Fireman. We also welcome Joe’s parents Kathy and Joe. Mayor Hopely did swear in Joseph Spina as a part time Police Officer for Aldan Borough.

**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 | \$ 583,178.28       | \$ 55,225.94              | \$ 182,910.48     |
| Interest                | \$                  | \$                        | \$                |
| Receipts for period     | \$ 43,926.11        | \$ 1.03                   | \$ 1,600.63       |
| Expenditures            | \$ 209,238.90       | \$ 6,568.37               | \$ 99,179.22      |
| Ending Balance          | \$ 417,865.49       | \$ 48,658.60              | \$ 85,331.89      |

Terry is asking Council’s approval to release check this evening; for checks from the General Fund totaling \$167,155.52 checks from the State Highway Fund totaling \$6,568.37 and checks from the Sewer Fund totaling \$809.55. Councilwoman Rankin 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 Xavier and unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. Seflin reported on our Delinquency Program and have 3 different years to report on. For 2012 we had 2 hearings in October both regarding the same property owner. At the second hearing the Judge finally entered a judgment in favor of the Borough. The owner had paid the 2013 taxes but not the 2012. We now have a judgment against the property at 60 S. Clifton Avenue for \$1,692.84 and there is also still a lien against the house. For 2013, the owner of the property at 29 S. Sycamore Avenue satisfied the lien against the property and we did release the lien. The owner of the property at 20 S. Woodlawn Avenue also satisfied the lien and we did release that lien. For 2009 we received a check for \$2,126.78 for the property at 329 Laurel Avenue so now that judgment is satisfied.

Mr. Seflin reported Councilmen White and Mr. Seflin are currently working on the contract for the Winter Season 2014-2019 for the winning bidder announced by Council. We should be sending the contract to them by the end of the week and under the specification for the Winter Services Agreement they are to return that within 7 days of receipt.

Mr. Borders asked the name of the winning contractor. Mr. Seflin responded A to U Services, Inc.

## **ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported on our 2014 CDBG Sewer Project from an email received on November 3<sup>rd</sup> from Bill Welsh from the Office of Housing and Community Development he hopes to issue our Notice to Proceed for the project next week. Upon receipt of that Notice to Proceed we can advertise the project and put it out for bid. Mr. Close will keep Council posted.

Mr. Close reported on our 2014 Road Program, with the work completed our last step is to process the PennDot completion report. This usually takes about a month or so and once approved we will receive our County Aid funding for this year's program which is about \$5,400.00 for our Road Resurfacing work and this year we had that special onetime pot hole funding because of the severe winter so another \$2,100.00 will come along then.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Corrigan was not at the meeting tonight.

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilman White reported the Grant request for the Aldan Borough Park Improvement unfortunately; they were unable to act favorably on our request for assistance at this time. The Authority did not have sufficient funds to assist all the worthwhile projects requesting grants.

Councilman White reported we are getting ready for the winter season: there is plenty of road salt available. The remainder of salt from last year's contractor will be transferred over to A to U Services, and we also have a truck load ready to be delivered and just waiting for A to U to sign the contract.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo did mention again we still have not heard anything about the Senate Bill for help with lateral repairs. When we hear anything we will keep residents posted.

Councilman Oropollo reported no major problems in the Borough this past month.

### **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Rankin is presenting the 2015 Preliminary Budget. We are still waiting on some factors such as our Tax Assessment and our Sewer Rent for next year but at this point we are close to the fact that we will have a \$ 0 increase in taxes next year. The Preliminary Budget will be available tomorrow at the Municipal Building. Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to accept the Preliminary Budget as presented, seconded by Councilman Xavier and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Rankin reported we will be in meetings for the next couple of weeks with the finance committee trying to make sure when we get the information needed we can keep the budget a \$ 0 increase.

Tom Morse asked if the Preliminary Budget will be on the web site or is that just the Final Budget. Councilwoman Rankin responded just the Final Budget.

Dan Procopio asked what the balances in the Reserve Funds: General Reserve \$456,248.25; Sewer Capital Reserve \$566,700.64; and Police Capital Reserve \$1,000.50. The reserves were reconciled on October 31, 2014.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilman Xavier reported the Fire Marshal's Report; Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 4 calls in the Borough for October, 2014 all resulting in no damage. During the month of October, 2014, Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 21 calls in the Borough.

### **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Coppola reported for the month of October the Building Inspector issued 23 building permits with a construction value of \$80,682.00; the Plumbing Inspector issued 1 plumbing permit with a construction value of \$6,966.00; and there were 30 Transfer and Mid Term inspections.

Councilman Coppola reported the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society has organized an effort to plant 10 trees in the park at the end of Shisler Avenue on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and will take about 2 or 3 hours. Any community residents, friends or relatives can volunteer.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building and Council will meet on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7:30 PM for Executive Session; and General Meeting starting at 8:00 PM. at the William Reind Recreation Building.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Dan Procopio reported the Boosters' along with Christine Helmandollar from Senior Community Services will host a free presentation of Aging at Home- A Community Network Neighbor helping Neighbor Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> for 10:00 – 11:00 am at the Reind Recreation Building on Shisler Avenue. Refreshment will be served.

Dan Procopio also reported the Boosters' Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony is Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at Aldan Historical Park rain or shine. The Santa's Mailbox and Cards and Letters to the Troops Mailbox will be out.

President Short asked what the topic of the seminar with the Friendship Circle. Dan responded the program is about what is available for seniors so they can stay in their homes longer. There are a lot of resources available and this is funded through the United Way and the William Penn Foundation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin and seconded by Councilman White 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