

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

October 8, 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 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. Rankin; J. White; S. Coppola;
M. Xavier; S. Oropollo; M. J. Corrigan

Council members absent: None

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 Oropolla the minutes from the September 10, 2014, 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 read a Proclamation October is Aldan Boosters Civic Association Month in the Borough of Aldan.

Boosters was founded in 1924, history shows that the Boosters, for the past ninety (90) years have continuously and unselfishly been instrumental in sponsoring many activities, as well as fathering many others that are now organizations in their own right, namely the Boys Club, Swim Club, 4th of July Association, etc. Aldan Borough because of the Boosters could possibly be the only community in the United States that has Santa Claus visit every child personally on Christmas morning; Boosters have given Aldan an annual Easter Egg Hunt, pictures with Santa and are planning to have more activities for the community in the future. Mayor Hopely proclaimed October as Aldan Boosters Month.

Mayor Hopely reported on Officer Coppola who was just moved to Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation and is doing very good. Mayor Hopely read a card that Officer Coppola received; Officer Coppola you probably don't remember me but you arrested me in January for robbery. I heard you sustained a head injury and needed prayers. I wanted you to know that I think of you and pray for you. I admire and respect what you do and how you do your job. You truly make an enormous difference in the lives of many people-even those you arrest. I will continue to pray for you, whatever you're going through right now I pray that you reach a full and speedy recovery. The world needs more police officers like you. God Bless.

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	\$ 629,141.05	\$ 61,795.10	\$ 182,930.34
Interest	\$	\$	\$
Receipts for period	\$ 87,482.08	\$ 1.21	\$ 1,602.43
Expenditures	\$ 133,444.85	\$ 6,570.37	\$ 1,622.29
Ending Balance	\$ 583,178.28	\$ 55,225.94	\$ 182,910.48

Terry is asking Council's approval to release check this evening; for checks from the General Fund totaling \$211,763.50 checks from the State Highway Fund totaling \$6,568.37 and checks from the Sewer Fund totaling \$99,179.22. 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 White and unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Seflin reported on a 2012 Delinquency at a property at 321 Laurel Avenue, the owner passed away in 2011 and no estate has been raised. However there is a mortgage on the property and we have been in communication for the past 7 months with the mortgage company and we are in negotiations with this mortgage firm. Mr. Seflin did speak to a representative of the mortgage company who said "no payments will be forthcoming" and refused to elaborate. Mr. Seflin checked with the Recorder of Deeds and they do have a mortgage on the property and an interest in the property but just letting it sit.

Unless directed by Council to do otherwise, when we commence our suits for 2013 delinquents that are still outstanding, and we are still working on the list, we will file suit against the Mortgage Company. They have an equable and beneficial interest in the property. Mr. Seflin reported on the 2013 Delinquents, we have made some progress: 29 S. Sycamore Rd. was paid off \$1,321.88; 224 Rively Ave. \$1,113.03; 313 E. Rively Ave. \$1,315.00 this was a payoff on a payment plan and we have removed the lien; 60 S. Clifton Ave. that was paid in lump sum and we have removed the lien with a note the owner is delinquent for 2012 and the owner attended the hearing 2 months ago and the judge granted a continuance, which will be next week, still not sure why 2013 was paid and not 2012; 31 Albert Ave. paid \$1,315.00 this was also a plan payoff and the lien was removed.

Mr. Seflin reported last week Council opened the Snow and Ice Removal Contract Bids for the coming year. Bids were submitted for 1, 2 or 5 years and Councilman White and his committee did review the bids and will award or reject the bids tonight. If a bid is awarded tonight Mr. Seflin will prepare a contract for the winning bidder within 5 or 6 days and get the contract over to whoever the winning bidder is.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on our DELCORA Act 537 Plan update; Mr. Close did reach out to Rob Powell from DELCORA inquiring on the status PA DEP approval of the plan. Rob indicated that progress has been very slow with DELCORA and there is a meeting scheduled for this month to meet with DEP to talk about time line and any concerns DEP may have. So something we were told was going to move very quickly has not. There is not much we can do but keep track and monitor the progress and will keep you posted.

Mr. Close reported on our Greenways Trails & Recreation Program Application, this is the application submitted for the proposed building and snack bar, we expect a decision from the PA Commonwealth Financing Agency at their November 20, 2014 Board Meeting and Mr. Close will keep us posted.

Mr. Close reported on our 2014 CDBG project, sewer work at our Meter #3 Collection System, we have submitted those plans and specs and bid documents and we expect approval in early November and once that happens we can put that out for bid. Mr. Close will keep Council posted.

Mr. Close reported on our 2014 NPDES MS4 Storm Water program: on Friday, September 19th, Rich Breitenstein from PA DEP visited the Borough as part of an inspection effort that they are doing with all the Municipalities. They come and talk to Councilman White, our MS4 Coordinator, Heather Gill and Mike Barnhart from Kelly/Close. They looked at our Borough records, they have a check list and making sure everything is up to par and then go out and do random inspections to get an understanding of the community and lay of the land. We received a very favorable report from them, no violations, our records were in order but there are some suggestions: they looked at our website, and a couple of the links we have to DEP storm water website are broken and asked us to refresh those so all is in order. There is something that is part of the program called illicit discharge detection and elimination, which is making sure there are no spills or illegal dumping into our inlets and streams. We have a process but they asked if we have a written plan, in the event of a spill what is the process and procedure. Mr. Close said we are going to work on that. That is the one item they asked us to prepare. They said our MS4 Outfall map is well done.

They did note in walking around there were a couple of items as to what was in the field and what was on the map is a little out of sync with each other and asked us to check that and fix on the map. As part of the walk through there is an inlet by the park near the swim club on West Maryland and it looks like someone dumped paint in the inlet and they brought this to our attention. Part of what we do is to be vigilant to protect the streams, if someone dumps oil, paint or dog droppings etc. this does not stop at the inlet box it makes its way down to the stream. When we see something like this we bring it to the attention of the Community and ask everyone to keep an eye on things and call the Borough if you see something going on. We will try to make this part of our MS4 website and use this as a teaching moment. As a follow up to that meeting we are asked to pull together talk with the Borough, Councilmen White, and the Chief and go through some of the recommendations and implement their suggestions so we can keep up on the program. We are trying to stay ahead of the curve with this program to keep in the good graces of DEP who oversees this program.

Dan Procopio asked what the total amount of the Greenway Trails application grant. Mr. Close responded \$203,500.00.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwoman Corrigan reported for Board of Health. Councilwoman Corrigan met with Jim Maloney, our Board of Health Officer, and he reported all pool inspections were completed and no violations. Mr. Maloney attended the Delco Board of Health Meeting with guest speaker David Lutz from Giant Food Stores, Director of Quality Assurance. The topic: Food recall related to allergens and Bacteria in Food. Mr. Lutz said what a great job Giant Food does in their overall food handling and how lucky we are to have Giant in our Community. The next Delco Board of Health Meeting will be on November 6th and the topic will be Bamboo Planting, Maintenance, and Removal. There are many Boroughs having problems with bamboo so they are adopting Ordinances prohibiting planting.

Jim Maloney also gave Councilwoman Corrigan information on Free Community Flu Shots, sponsored by Delaware County Council and the Department of Intercommunity Health. The place is Sellers Memorial Free Library, 76 South State Road, Upper Darby, PA. Date Friday, October 24th from 10:00am to 2:00 pm. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable food items to donate to our food drive.

Councilwoman Corrigan reported the next Board of Health Meeting in Aldan will be November 10th at 7:00 pm.

Councilwoman Corrigan reported the trash totals for August: 137.43 and September: 159.29 and recycling to have not come in yet.

Dan Procopio asked if the Councilwoman had the totals of drugs collected in the Drug Take Back. Councilwoman Corrigan responded for the Drug Take Back Program: 10 Boroughs participated. Aldan collected 15 pounds of unused prescription drugs, which is the second highest behind Upper Darby who collected 250 pounds. Last April Aldan collected 156 pounds and Terry Owen who continues to run the program relates our big turn out to the advertising we do with signs at Giant, on the LED sign and a large sign at the Municipal Building. Thanks to Terry for continuing the program.

President Short wanted to take the opportunity to thank Mr. McBlain and County Council for providing the free flu shots to our community. Mr. McBlain commented he will pass the thank you to County Council and continued to say the past couple of years we used Penn State Brandywine Campus so this year we wanted to have something in the Eastern Part and were able to get Sellers Library. There will be plenty of shots available.

HIGHWAY

Councilman White reported the bids were opened at Caucus for Snow Removal. Councilman White made a motion to accept the bid from A to U Services, Inc. Glenolden, PA for 5 years; the amount is \$74.00 per hour for the years 2014-2015; 2015-2016; 2016-2017; and a 3% (\$76.22) increase for years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, that is a one 3% increase on the 4th and 5th year, seconded by Councilman Xavier and unanimously approved.

Councilman White reported the Road Resurfacing for 2014 is completed but a very small punch list needs to be done before final payment is made and should be completed in the next few weeks.

Dan Procopio asked at Caucus last week there was a broken sewer line found when they did a walk around with the DEP. President Short reported it was not in our Borough.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

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.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Rankin wanted to thank everyone who participated in our annual Founder's Day on September 20th a good time was had by all, with great entertainment, delicious cupcake contest, and wonderful cooks providing great hot dogs and other treats, a good flea market and a special thanks to Bette Alburger for her newspaper coverage before and after the day's events.

Councilwoman Rankin commented we are happy to report we received 3 checks from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 1) dated October 1, 2014 for the 2014 Allocation for the General Municipal Pension System, this is our State Aid for MMO for the Police Pension Fund in the amount of \$38,726.80; 2) on October 1, 2014 received a check from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$25,146.46 this is our Firemen's Relief Allocation for 2014, this is a pass through and we accept it and are grateful for it and pass it through to our local Fire Companies for their service to our Borough. and 3) was dated October 6, 2014 in the amount of \$1,390.75 from the Commonwealth for PURTA (Public Utility Realty Tax) we get this tax every year.

Dan Procopio asked what the balances in the Reserve Funds: General Reserve \$456,189.32; Sewer Capital Reserve \$566,627.45; and Police Capital Reserve \$1,008.48. The Police Capital Reserve was reconciled on September 20th and the Sewer and General Reserves were reconciled on September 30, 2014.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Xavier reported the Fire Marshal's Report; Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 9 calls in the Borough for September, 2014 all resulting in no damage. During the month of September, 2014, Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 34 calls in the Borough.

Councilman Xavier wanted to thank Bette Alburger for her press coverage on Founders Day it was much appreciated.

Councilman Xavier commented with winter months approaching we want to remind residents to have their heaters serviced and cleaned. If you have a fireplace have your chimneys inspected and change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Coppola reported for the month of September the Building Inspector issued 19 building permits with a construction value of \$83,535.00; the Plumbing Inspector issued 1 plumbing permit with a construction value of \$2,400.00; and there were 27 Transfer and Mid Term inspections.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building and Council will meet on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 7:30 PM for Executive Session; and General Meeting starting at 8:00 PM. at the William Reinl Recreation Building.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tom Morse, our Tax Collector, explained before the end of the month he will send reminder past due bills to those who have not paid their Aldan Borough Taxes. Mr. Morse also explained that some resident have waited a month or two for their tax receipt, but they sent their self-addressed stamped envelope to the post office box where you send the check, then the post office box sends it to the School District, but the envelopes sat on the desk at the School District for up to 2 months. Mr. Morse will call the School District from now on to see if they have anything for him.

Councilman Coppola commented this Sunday, October 12, 2014 will celebrate 100 years in Aldan as a Sunday school and they have been a great part of our town and community for a very long time. On Sunday they will be having a combined service and a lunch. President Short said Aldan Union has been good neighbors.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilman Xavier and seconded by Councilwoman Rankin unanimously, approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

ATTEST

MARIE V. KAUT
Borough Secretary