

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

September 10, 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.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: H. Short; P. Rankin; J. White;
M. Xavier; S. Oropollo

Council members absent: S. Coppola; M. J. Corrigan

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

Officers absent: None

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin seconded by Councilman Xavier the minutes from the August 13, 2014, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

No written correspondence tonight.

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Styers 108 Birchwood Road and Kathi Damico 112 Birchwood Road, were at the Council Meeting about 110 Birchwood Road and wanted to thank Council because now the neighbor cuts the grass not as often as he should but it is better. The trash cans are still out front of the house. President Short said he did receive a ticket for the trash cans being out front of the house. Mrs. Styers and Mrs. Damico said he did move them now to the back door. President Short is in discussion with the Solicitor, Mr. Seflin and our Health Inspector to see what the procedure is be able to enter the inside of the house. Mrs. Damico explained when the Fire Department was there in April, 2013 if they had followed through with the Board of Health, we wouldn't be at this point now. Mrs. Damico did keep calling because of the mouse problem last summer and again this summer.

Mrs. Damico said you have done wonders but there is still a problem and I shouldn't have to live like this. President Short said we are not done and you should not have to live like that and we will have the Code Officer to continue to visit the property. Mrs. Styers and Mrs. Damico said thank you again.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hopely had nothing to report this month.

Steve Baldt, 20 Chester Avenue, how can we get handicap parking at the Municipal and Police Station? We explained to Mr. Baldt there is handicap parking down by the School Building because it is the School District's Parking Lot.

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 | \$ 719,190.51 | \$ 68,362.07 | \$ 178,387.55 |
| Interest | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Receipts for period | \$ 38,871.22 | \$ 1.40 | \$ 5,136.04 |
| Expenditures | \$ 128,920.30 | \$ 6,568.37 | \$ 593.25 |
| Ending Balance | \$ 629,141.05 | \$ 61,795.10 | \$ 182,930.34 |

Terry is asking Council's approval to release check this evening; for checks from the General Fund totaling \$138,602.03 checks from the State Highway Fund totaling \$6,570.37; and checks from the Sewer Fund totaling \$1,622.29. 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 our 2013 Delinquency Program we had a property at 31 Albert Avenue that was on a payment plan and they did conclude the payment plan last week and we are in the process of releasing that lien on the property. They did pay the full amount of the lien \$1,315.25. We are also in negotiations with Mortgage Servicing Company for a Collingdale property. Properties on West Rively Avenue are hooked into our sewer system and the folks at 224 West Rively Avenue abandoned the property. Mr. Seflin did find them and has been in contact with their Mortgage Servicing Company and we are negotiating on the amount that is currently due. Mr. Seflin reported the amount is \$1,118.60 and will keep Council updated on how that is proceeding.

Mr. Seflin reported he and Councilmen White worked on the specifications for the snow and ice removal contract and they have been completed. Advertisements will be published on Friday, September 12, 2014 and Friday, September 19, 2014. We are asking bidders to supply us with bids for 2014-2015 snow season or 2014 to 2016 snow season; or a 3rd or 4th season at the bidder's discretion. We are scheduled to open the bids on October 1st at Caucus and that would give Councilman White's committee a week to review and if Council decides to approve the bid at the Council Meeting on Wednesday, October 8th.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on our 2014 CDBG project Meter #3 Collection System Slip Lining. On August 27th we submitted the plans, specifications and contract documents for that work to the County. The next step; they will review the documents and we hope to hear from them in October or early November and once we get their OK we can put that project out for advertisement and bidding.

Mr. Close reported this month we also worked on our 2014 Road Program and our ongoing NPDES Storm Water MS4 program. Councilman White will give an update on the Road Program and Mr. Close will be available for questions.

Dan Procopio asked if Mr. Close heard anything from the DEP about the Act 537 Plan. Mr. Close explained no we have not heard anything on that.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwoman Corrigan is on her way or in Ireland with family.

HIGHWAY

Councilman White reported restriping of the crosswalks, the stop bars and arrows have been completed but there is a little bit of lettering to be done on the Police Spots in the parking lot.

Councilman White reported the Road Resurfacing for 2014 is completed but Mike Barnhart and Councilman White will do a walk around to create a punch list tomorrow.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

Councilman Oropollo did mention again that Senate Bill #1262 in Harrisburg is still in appropriations to set aside state money for Boroughs and Municipalities to help homeowners repair laterals but do not see anything happening with that till after the elections. When we hear anything we will keep residents posted.

Dan Procopio asked about the Stop sign that was missing from the intersection of Clifton Avenue at Magnolia Avenue was that an accident and when will it be restored. President Short we are checking the accident reports and will have it put back up ASAP.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Rankin reported we received a letter from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General, I am pleased to enclose your 2014 reimbursement in the amount of \$1,985.30. This reimbursement is to comply with the special ad hoc municipal police and firefighter postretirement adjustment payments, which are mandated by Chapter 4 of Act 1988-147, as amended by Act 2002-64. You are receiving this reimbursement because your Municipality had qualified retirees during the 2013 calendar year. It goes on to say how it was calculated and the State law requires that the municipal treasurer deposit this reimbursement into the municipality's general fund, which has been done. As a reminder, to continue to be eligible for this reimbursement you must complete the AG-64 form that you will receive in February 2015. The form must be returned to the Auditor General by April 1, 2015. In the past this has been used as part of a reimbursement of the Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) and they have informed us the last MMO that will include the cost-of-living- adjustments (COLAs) amortization Municipalities 2014 MMO. The result is that 2015 will be the last year municipalities will receive an Act 64 reimbursement.

Councilwoman Ranking wanted to remind everyone the Founders/Safety Day is Saturday, September 20th at Memorial Park on Providence Road between Clifton Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue. There is a Flea Market from 9 to 2, some Borough Organizations will have some booths, and there will be food, drink and music from Lukens Band and 2 for the Road playing throughout the day. We also will have our ever popular Cupcake Contest. Residents should be receiving a post card with information within the next week. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a very nice day.

Dan Procopio asked what the balances in the Reserve Funds: General Reserve \$456,132.30; Sewer Capital Reserve \$566,556.63; and Police Capital Reserve \$936.46. The Police Capital Reserve was reconciled on August 20th and the Sewer and General Reserves were reconciled on August 31, 2014.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilman Xavier reported the Fire Marshal's Report; Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 6 calls in the Borough for August, 2014 all resulting in no damage. During the month of August, 2014, Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 41 calls in the Borough.

Councilman Xavier announced that Aldan will again be participating in the National Drug Take Bake Event, at the Municipal Building on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 10 to 2.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Coppola is not here this evening.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building and Council will meet on Wednesday, October 8, 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

Steve Baldt commented is there any way we can come together with the other small areas like Yeadon and Secane and make 1 Municipal Building and 1 Police Station like a Unity Building. President Short explained that has been discussed in the past but it seems that it would be better for this community if we stayed as an individual department. Mr. Baldt asked who our representative to the William Penn School District is. President Short responded Bob Reardon. Mr. Baldt asked why we are paying for Charter Schools when we don't have any. President Short said because the state laws said we have to pay for the Charter Schools. Mr. Baldt continued to comment on Charter Schools in Philadelphia. President Short explained we are not paying for Philadelphia Schools; the money doesn't go outside the district. President Short asked Mr. Baldt if he attended any School Board Meetings to voice his opinion there. Mr. Baldt said he was going to Yeadon tomorrow because they are big on this right now. President Short commented we have control over the \$2,700.00 in Municipal Taxes you pay and you get Fire Protection, Police Protection, and your trash picked up. Mr. Baldt said I understand that but the School Taxes are killing us. President Short said but nobody goes to the School Board Meetings to complain. Councilwoman Rankin explained we have been mandated to be in that district. The Municipalities in our School District are Darby, Colwyn, Yeadon, Aldan, Lansdowne and East Lansdowne. Councilwoman Rankin commented we appreciate you coming and speaking your thoughts but the group you need to express these thoughts to is the William Penn School Board.

Dan Procopio reported the American Legion with help from the Boosters is having a fund raising event on September 27th a Beef-N-Beverage to help them continue to do improvement to the building. It is from 7 to 11 at the Memorial Post 1000 Building. The hope is they will be able to put an A frame roof on the building that is why the RAISE THE ROOF campaign will be the first of multiple events. If you can't attend they will be accepting donations.

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 8:35 P.M.

ATTEST

MARIE V. KAUT
Borough Secretary