

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

April 14, 2010

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 Center on the above date with Vice-President Xavier presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Vice- President Xavier.

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**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: P. Brookes; M. Xavier; S. Coppola  
T. Owen; J. Cosgrove; R. Baker

Council members absent: H. Short

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

Officers absent: None

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by P. Brookes seconded by S. Coppola minutes from the March 10, 2010, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved. Also a motion made by T. Owen seconded by R. Baker the minutes from the Special Meeting for the Purchase of the Aldan Swim Club meeting be presented and unanimously approved.

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**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

No written correspondence tonight.

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

No verbal correspondence tonight.

Vice-President Xavier turned the meeting over to Mayor Hopely. Mayor Hopely was joined by Chief Coppola who presented a Commendation of Valor to Sergeant James Fink. Mayor Hopely and Chief Coppola recognizes and commend Sgt. James Fink for his courage and valor when he took an armed felon, who had just robbed the Sunoco A-Plus convenience store, into custody. These actions by Sergeant Fink reflect greatly upon himself and the Aldan Police Department through his training and courage. The Mayor and Chief of Police join with Aldan Borough Council in presenting this Commendation of Valor this Fourteenth day of April 2010. Chief Coppola wanted to add it is one thing to get a radio call and make an arrest like this. It is another thing to have the instinct to feel that something is wrong and zero in on that person. This was a really a nice job. Thank you and congratulations.

Mayor Hopely presented a Commendation of Bravery to Keith Fenwick for assisting Sgt. James Fink in apprehending an armed felon, who had just robbed the Sunoco A-Plus convenience store. Mayor Hopely, Chief Coppola joins with Aldan Borough Council in presenting this Commendation of Bravery this fourteenth day of April, 2010. Mayor Hopely commented it is actions like this that give us hope there are people out there willing to help others.

Councilmen Cosgrove acting as an Aldan Booster explained the Boosters are involved with Christmas activities, 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities, Easter egg activities and other activities include acting as Guest Chef at the Ronald McDonald House feeding the children and their parents and the 2 previous years we held Senior Luncheons. This year we are making contributions to various groups in town. As Treasurer of the Aldan Boosters, Mr. Cosgrove, made a presentation check to the Aldan Historical Commission for their LED fund to replace the lights on the Trolley Stop. Peggy Brookes along with Paul Kruger are here tonight, so on behalf of the Aldan Historical Commission want to thank the Aldan Boosters very much for the donation.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Hopely read a Proclamation to proclaim the month of April, 2010 Aldan Girl’s Club Month. Aldan Girls Club will also be holding their annual Door to Door collection in April.

**TREASURER**

Terry Quinn read the Treasurer’s Report:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>State Highway Fund</u>
Balance of cash on hand	\$ 278,020.54	\$ 98,010.38
Receipts for period	\$ 740,175.82	\$
Interest		10.78
Expenditures Prior Month	\$ 251,101.92	\$ 37,241.92
Balance	\$ 767,094.44	\$ 60,779.24

Terry Quinn asked Council’s approval this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$437,785.98 and checks from the State Highway Fund for \$14,910.56. Councilmen Baker made the motion to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented and authorize her to release the checks as indicated on the bills list, seconded by Councilmen Coppola and unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. Seflin reported on the 2008 and 2007 Tax Delinquent Program. There are three non resident property owners from 120 West Providence Road; 119 South Woodlawn Avenue; 108 West Maryland Avenue, who have been unresponsive to judgments entered against them. We have taken the judgments and moved them to their Home Counties and have asked the Sheriff of each of the Home Counties to go out and levy upon their personal property and dwellings. We are waiting to hear and will report back on that matter. One of those properties 120 West Providence Road there was a judgment outstanding from 2007 and we have also filed that in Chester County and will be getting this to the Sheriff.

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported on our NPDS Storm Water Management General Permit we are preparing and finalizing our 2009 annual report that is a requirement of this permit. We also attended on March 31, 2010 the Eastern Delaware County COG meeting for a status update of the joint efforts being coordinated by this group. They received a grant for \$180,000.00 to hire a temporary coordinator and attorney to assist with some group efforts sharing some resources to help us satisfy the requirement of our permitting. There is a lot of paper work, educational and public awareness type of task we have to fulfill as part of this. The coordinator is basically preparing those things that can be used by all the members of the Eastern Delaware County COG and we can use that as part of our report. This should save us a little bit of money by not having to do this individually for each Municipality. This is a pilot program that will last for 2 years. The permit will be renewed next year and the criteria will be more severe; more reporting; more things we will have to do but Mr. Close will keep Council posted.

Mr. Close commented on the H2O PA Grant Application that was submitted last year and was initially denied but they asked if we are willing to enter into a second consideration which we did. We sent a letter saying yes we would like to keep our application active and it will be reconsidered at the November, 2010 meeting at the state.

Dan Procopio commented he also attended the meeting in March and does think it is a very valuable project because there are representatives from the DEP as well as EPA. They are using the Southeastern Delaware Group as a template for future use so we would be in line for future grant money. This is the second grant this group has gotten. Dan asked Mr. Close if there was any additional information that had to be supplied to keep our application active. Mr. Close responded we did not have to submit any additional information. There was a small check list asking if everything was still relevant. We provided that check list and a cover letter so the application is still active. Dan asked if they said how much money might be available in this grant. Mr. Close answered there was no indication of that information.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****PLANNING COMMISSION**

John McBlain reported he did not attend the Planning Commission meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> but they did look at an Ordinance that dealt with Street Openings. This has been an issue of late because of all the work Aqua has done. They were taking a look at the Ordinance but there was no formal action taken.

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Councilwoman Brookes commented the Historical Commission is very grateful to the Boosters for their gift to start our project for LED lights to outline the Trolley Stop. We will meet next week and start the process, we did get a couple of prices and we will be talking to Bob Reardon and the Recreation Board to see if we can coordinate some of the people who work with the Rec Board.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Owen reported there will be another House Hold Hazardous Waste Collection event on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. This event will be held at the Emergency Services Training Center in Sharon Hill from 9 to 3. The items they will collect include flammables, pesticides, caustics, toxics, household batteries, lead-acid batteries, and cell phones. This event and the remaining two for the year will include computers, printers, fax machines and small portable TV but is limited to 3 items per vehicle. There was a fire at this location but will not effect the event, because it is being held by the County and will be held outdoors.

Councilwomen Owen reported on other collection dates to report will be for Bulk Trash. This is an annual event and is the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The first one will be Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> for the East side of the Borough which includes Clifton Avenue to Springfield Road and Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for the West side of the Borough which includes Oak Avenue to west of Clifton Avenue. Items that can not be collected are on our web site or call Councilwomen Owen.

Councilwomen Owen reported the Health Officers will soon be having their Quarterly Meeting with Inter Community Health. This is the time of year when a representative from the State comes to discuss plans about mosquito surveillance and spraying for West Nile prevention for this year. Councilwomen Owen will report back with this information.

## **HIGHWAY**

Councilmen Cosgrove reported on an up date to the snow reimbursement situation. We have had 3 significant snow falls during the year. The first one Delaware County met the threshold limit for snow fall but the State did not, therefore there was no snow reimbursement money. The second snow fall on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 27 counties had significant snow fall in the amount of \$36 million in clean up cost and that was well over the 15.9 threshold limit. The anticipation would be there would be money coming back. The stasis is there was a FEMA recommendation and they are waiting Presidential declaration to declare an emergency and then proceed with reimbursements to individual counties. We are hoping to get this reimbursement. We have had 4 communications from FEMA in the last 3 weeks and included are various forms to be filled out and also pass a Resolution identifying an agent to act on behalf of the Borough for filling out forms and signing. Councilwomen Owen made motion to adopt Resolution 2010-03 to appoint Joe Cosgrove as authorized to execute for and in behalf of Aldan Borough for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, seconded by Councilwomen Brookes and unanimously approved. With the Resolution approved Councilmen Cosgrove is able to deal with the forms required to get return of reimbursement money. Councilmen Cosgrove commented our bill for the February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> snow fall was \$16,700.00. There is another date February 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> we have also submitted bills as requested by FEMA and could be repeating this process again.

Dan Procopio asked do you know the amount of the reimbursement. Councilmen Cosgrove asked that same question to Lee Fulton, County of Delaware Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, and his response was it would be the full cost. In our case it would be \$16,738.00. Dan asked if that money does materialize is there any possibility of doing street work that was canceled. The Councilmen explained that we have been doing pot holes, about 9 so far, and Phillips has another list of about 7 more. There are intersections that require work and if we had additional money that where it would go.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilmen Coppola reported the Lobbs Run Interceptor Phase I Project is going to be starting soon. Members of Council, Kelly/Close and No-Dig Pipe Liners met this week and went over the details of the project. Residents of Maryland Avenue and Willows Lane will see a construction presence in their neighborhood. This project is being funded by a CDBG grant that was acquired by the Borough in the amount of \$275,000.00.

Councilmen Coppola also reported that Aldan Borough was listed as a candidate for another \$275,000.00 grant and that would fund Phase II of Lobbs Run. If that comes through, and it does look promising, the money would be used for Phase II and hopefully would complete the Lobbs Run Project. Final applicants for those grants will be approved in May so we should know next month.

Councilmen Coppola reported he received a note from Aqua PA. Aqua has been working in the southern end of town but for resident's information Aqua will be working in the Priscilla Lane, Woodlawn Avenue, Bonsall Avenue, Chester Avenue, and Merion Avenue, areas doing work on curb boxes, service renewals and valve installations. After that work is completed the actual project is tentatively scheduled to begin the end of August with more construction presence. The other work in town is on going and has been going smoothly.

Dan Procopio asked if April 19<sup>th</sup> is still the scheduled start date for the Lobbs Run Project. Councilmen Coppola explained it is not on because the pipe has not come in, it has been ordered but the contractor has not seen it yet because of the way the economy has been but we are hoping for early May. Dan commented you also discussed the possibility of using the parking lot of the No Name Store for the large cut they need to start, has that materialized. Councilmen Coppola explained there will be a very minor inconvenience at the No Name Store and the way they explained it, they will only need 1 parking spot to put some equipment. They will be installing some lines behind the No Name Store and down along the creek. There doesn't look there will be much of a problem with traffic or access to the Store or anything in that area. Dan asked if they will be using the Aldan Swim Club lot. The Councilmen explained they will be using a few spots in the far corner of the Swim Club parking lot where they will be putting some pipe together in the lot and then take it across Maryland Avenue into the wooded area and then into the sewer line. There may be some equipment stored in the Swim Club Parking lot but hope to be out of there by Memorial Day.

Dan also asked if the project in the Priscilla Lane area will be similar to East and West Magnolia Avenue over the last 6 months or are they going to be running above ground water lines and digging out the street and replacing it. The Councilmen explained he received an e-mail today and said the early work will be done by Aqua and is lead up work, then the contractor will come in later. We are not sure exactly what the extent of the work will be but as we hear more details we will inform the residents.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY/ HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Councilwomen Bookes reported our Police Force is currently participating in State mandated training. They are taking 4 courses in the class room at the Police Academy as well as additional courses in CPR, fire arms, and first aid. In addition to the state required courses work we are constantly sending our Police Officers to training over and above the state requirements, which is a true benefit to our residents.

Councilwoman Brookes reported on the Fire Marshal's report for the month of March. Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 4 calls in the Borough during the month of March, 2010. During the month of March, 2010 Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 29 calls in the Borough of Aldan.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE and BUILDINGS**

Councilmen Baker reported we made some repairs on the Rec Building last month. We fixed the drains and leaf guards, which had been pulled off with ice coming off the roof. Also repaired was the phone line which had been hanging off the pole in the back of the building.

### **FINANCE**

Councilmen Xavier has a report for New Business.

### **LAW, ORDINANCE & BUILDING**

President Short did not give Vice-President Xavier anything new to report for tonight for his committee.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no unfinished business this month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Vice-President Xavier reported Caucus will be Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the William Reim Building with a special meeting to adopt the Lease with the Aldan Swim Club beginning at 7:00 P.M.; and Council will meet on Wednesday, April 12, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in an executive session and regular session at 8:00 P.M. at the William Reim Recreation Center.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Charlie Duffy is pleased to announce Aldan Town Watch will be back in service next month. Our members are looking forward to patrolling each weekend. We are always looking for new members, it is for the town and it is giving back for a few hours.

Dan Procopio commented it was his understanding the lease agreement was going to be voted on tonight is there any reason why it was delayed until next month. Vice-President Xavier explained no particular reason we just chose to have it next month.

John McBlain wanted to give congratulations to Councilmen Coppola and Mr. Close on the Community Development Block Grant. It was announced we received \$275,000.00 last year and \$275,000.00 in the announced plans for 2010 but that is quite an accomplishment. It speaks well to the application, and Mr. McBlain did have a chance to speak to some of Planning Department folks and the way it was presented and they recognize not only does it benefit the Borough but also Clifton Heights and Upper Darby because those town feed into that line. It is a project where we could get other funding. It was presented in a phased way so that it could be done partially in a logical step by step manner and if we complete Phase II that would complete the project. This is something the Planning Department looks for when they spend their money that the job gets done and moves along in a timely basis. This is quite an accomplishment to receive those funds and get the project done. This is a huge project that is complicated by the sewer line being underneath a creek.

Mr. McBlain also wanted to congratulate Charlie Duffy, a member of Darby Creek Joint Authority, he and some of the other members had to undergo their own little delinquency collection program because unfortunately some Municipalities are not as good as others in paying their bills. DCJA stepped up their effort and forced the payment of large sums from delinquent towns and that benefits Aldan. It is only fair that those Municipalities pay their fair share. When DCJA hit Aldan with big increases, several years ago, we stepped up and unfortunately we had to pay more but we paid our bills. Mr. McBlain wanted to thank Mr. Duffy for all his efforts with DCJA. Vice-President Xavier also thanked Mr. Duffy for all his does.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilwomen Brookes seconded by Councilmen Baker and unanimously, approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

### **ATTEST**

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MARIE V. KAUT  
Borough Secretary