

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

February 10, 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 Municipal Building on the above date with President Short presiding. Because of the inclement weather the meeting could not be held at the William Reintl Recreation Center.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by President Short.

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**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: H. Short; P. Brookes; M. Xavier;

T. Owen; J. Cosgrove;

Council members absent: R. Baker; S. Coppola

Officers present: J. Hopely, Mayor; T. Quinn, Treasurer

G. Kaut, Secretary

Officers absent: G. Seflin, Solicitor

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by P. Brookes seconded by T. Owen the minutes from the January 13, 2009, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

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**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

No written correspondence tonight.

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no verbal correspondence tonight and there was no attendance other than Council. President Short commented that anything of any importance at this time will postpone until the following Council Meeting. We will go through the Officers Reports.

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**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Hopely reported Officers Colligan and Ziviello attended the FBI Inter-County Detective School. This is a one week school that deals with the latest in investigative techniques. The Police Department continues to work the various 15 MPH School Zones. Mayor Hopely asked please remember that our ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared of snow within 24 hours of the last snowfall. Also, chairs and trash cans etc., are not permitted on our streets to hold parking space.

**TREASURER**

Terry Quinn read the Treasurer's Report:

General Fund State Highway Fund

Balance of cash on hand \$ 145,595.59 \$ 4.17

Receipts for period \$ 41,804.05 \$ 30,000.00 (Transfer from General Fund and be returned when Liquid Fuels funds come in)

Interest 2.49

Expenditures Prior Month \$ 181,374.80

Balance \$ 6,024.84 \$ 30,006.66

Terry Quinn asked Council's approval this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$130,929.31 and checks from the State Highway Fund for \$7,241.92. Councilmen Xavier 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 Councilwoman Brookes and unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. Sefflin could not attend the meeting tonight because of the inclement weather but is available by phone for any questions.

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close could not attend the meeting tonight because of the inclement weather but is also available by phone for any questions.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

Nothing new to report at the meeting tonight.

### **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Councilwoman Brookes will report for the Historical Commission during her Committee Report.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Owen reported it has been a quiet month and nothing new to report tonight.

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilmen Cosgrove reported on the snow fall of 12-2009 and the associated costs and since then we have had February 5, 2010 snow of about 28 inches; two dustings of about 1" each and today we have about 18 plus inches. Phillips Enterprise has been working morning, noon and night to clear the roads and have done a great job at a significant cost to us. We have had a lot of good comments from residents as far as how well they did. Someone stopped Councilmen Cosgrove in Giant Food Store and has lived here for 35 years and this is the best he has ever remembered the roads. We have had some calls for things other than the roads one being a driveway and were able to accommodate them. One resident called because his street was not wide enough for 2 cars to pass. We tried but the snow was piled to high to move the whole pile but he did appreciate the fact we went over there and talked and tried to move the snow. Everyone Councilmen Cosgrove has spoken to has been complementary to what they have done and the Councilmen thinks they have done a good job.

Councilmen Cosgrove also reported there was potential for a rebate based on the fact that Aldan for Delaware County met their hurdle and then it was onto the State to see if the State met their hurdle. It turns out that Pennsylvania did not, so there is no rebate for the December snow fall. Tonight we received another letter again asking for our cost for the 28" snow on February 5, 2010, so we will get those figures together again and if the state makes their hurdle, it is in the millions, we could get a rebate. All the snow storms are individual and the costs can not be combined for a total for the season. Councilmen Cosgrove explained, given that the Governor declared a State of Emergency on Saturday, Councilmen Cosgrove e-mailed Mr. Sefflin and asked as a result of that is there any potential for any funds back to the Borough for our costs. Councilmen Cosgrove looked today and could not find anything to do with clean up as a rebate in the clean up cost based on the fact we had a State of Emergency. President Short commented the last State of Emergency he remembers was a hurricane and we did get money from FEMA for clean up of the fields. Councilmen Cosgrove does not know the answer but if there is we will pursue that. Maybe if more of the State got snowed upon on February 5<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania may have made the hurdle this time. They gave no indication of how much the rebate might be. President Short asked Councilmen Xavier if it would be worth calling Sue Kelley, our Emergency Management Coordinator, and ask her if she is aware of any programs. Councilmen Cosgrove will call Sue Kelley.

Councilmen Cosgrove reported on the costs about \$20,000.00 in January; since then we have had 2 dustings and just received the bill from February 5<sup>th</sup> which is \$15,800.00 and another \$1,200.00 in salt, Councilmen Cosgrove calculations are about \$39,000.00 excluding today and if today is another \$16,000.00 we are at \$55,000.00 and it is early February. As a result of that, the 2010 formal Road Program is postponed until 2011. There is nothing urgent in the 2010 program repair, there were some potholes and some intersections that need work but they are on a case to case basis. We will take another look closer to spring and maybe get one or two done because they are bad enough that they need it but the formal program is on hold till 2011.

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### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilmen Coppola is not here tonight he is at work until midnight.

President Short did talk with P J earlier today we still do not have a start date for the Lobb's Run work we are waiting for the County's approval and the pre-construction meetings. President Short's guess is nothing will get started till the snow gets cleared up. Councilmen Cosgrove commented his guess the work that Aqua is doing is also on hold but they were spraying the snow where the gas line is located.

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

Councilwoman Brookes reported Sue Kelley our Emergency Management Coordinator came to Caucus last week and is going to work with us in making sure our Borough is in compliance and that we have a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in place.

Councilwoman Brookes reported on the Fire Marshal's report for January. Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 7 calls in the Borough during the month of January, 2010. During the month of January, 2010 Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 40 calls in the Borough of Aldan.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE and BUILDINGS**

Councilmen Baker was not at the meeting tonight at a family function and not able to get back.

Councilmen Baker is still looking into to resolve the problem of the moss condition on the roof at the Recreation Building and has talked to a couple of roofers. Mayor Hopely commented that Councilmen Baker said he did get

into under the roof area and does not see anything moisture wise that we would have to do anything immediately to the roof.

### **FINANCE**

Councilmen Xavier wanted to further respond to Dan Procopio's question about the possibility of amending the budget or making a change to the budget and it was determined after meeting that we are not going to make a change and we are not going to amend the budget. The reason we were even considering making the changes were because of the transfer fees for the tonnage of the trash at the Marple Transfer Station. That is based on an estimate and when we looked at the difference in the amount of units we were assessing it at the difference was less than \$3.00 per household. It doesn't make sense to make a change for less than \$3.00 per household especially when we are actually working off of an estimate. We did not have a full year of historical data as we were going into December on an annualized basis because December could have been heavier, so we are not going to make a change.

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

President Short reported for the Month of January we had 23 Mid-Term/Transfer Inspection; we had 21 Building Permits with a construction value of \$44,368.00; and we had 5 Plumbing Permit with a construction value of \$11,079.00.

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### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no unfinished business this month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building; and Council will meet on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in an executive session and regular session at 8:00 P.M. at the William Reintl Recreation Center.

**PRIVELIGE OF THE FLOOR**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by M. Xavier seconded by T. Owen and approved unanimously, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

**ATTEST**

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MARIE V. KAUT

Borough Secretary