

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

July 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 President Short presiding.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Council members absent: None

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

Officers absent: J. Hopely, Mayor

MINUTES

On a motion made by P. Brookes seconded by T. Owen minutes from the June 9, 2010, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

No written correspondence tonight.

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

No verbal correspondence tonight.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

MAYOR

Mayor Hopely was not at the meeting tonight. Councilwomen Brookes will report for the Mayor during her report.

TREASURER

Terry Quinn read the Treasurer’s Report:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>State Highway Fund</u>
Balance of cash on hand	\$ 993,337.57	\$ 38,429.01
Receipts for period	\$ 126,723.11	\$
Interest		5.70
Expenditures Prior Month	\$ 120,534.30	\$ 7,455.28
Balance	\$ 999,526.38	\$ 30,979.43

Terry Quinn wanted to note one of the receipts we had this month was for an open 2009 receivable for a Police Officer Grant we received for \$25,000.00.

Terry Quinn asked Council’s approval this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$259,852.25 and checks from the State Highway Fund for \$7,455.28. 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 Councilmen Coppola and unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Seflin reported on the 2009 Tax Delinquency Program. We have filed 20 liens so far with one more being filed tomorrow. Since they were filed in late June Mr. Seflin has received many phone calls from folks asking, what was going on. Mr. Seflin reported to Council that many residents have payment plans or agreements with the County for the payment of Real Estate Taxes and Mr. Seflin is trying to convey to them that these delinquencies are different and not collected by the County. We hope that some of these folks will be getting back to Mr. Seflin within the next few days regarding a payment plan for their own delinquencies here in Aldan. We do have 3 plans in progress already and we have received \$500.00 from each of those folks. One property owner has paid the lien in full. We have received about \$2,810.00 so far.

Mr. Seflin reported on 2008 Tax Delinquents and we still have 3 delinquents, all of which are non-resident property owners. One house going up for Sheriff’s Sale belongs to a non-resident property owner and was transferred and we are looking to see if the new owner, Fanny May, would be interested in paying this lien because they will never be able to sell it or do anything with it until the lien has been discharged. We are working on all three; 2 folks are from Chester County, 1 is married so all the assets are being held up because the spouses objected to the Sheriff executing on the property and the other 1 the owner doesn’t have any assets that we have found as yet. The 3rd we are waiting for the Philadelphia Sheriff to levy on the home in the North East. We are still working on these and hope to have reports in the near future.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on the Lobbs Run Phase II Project, as reported last month the County has approved our \$275,000.00 grant. President Short and Mr. Close attended a kick off meeting at the office of Housing and Community Development on Wednesday, June 23rd and everything is a go on the project. The sub-recipient agreement and environmental clearances will all be prepared and completed by OHCD over the next few months. We are in the process right now of conceptual design, plan specifications, the bid documents will be ready by fall of this year and the construction for the next phase will be in the winter of 2010 or 2011. Mr. Close will be available during Councilmen Coppola's report for questions on Phase One Project.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Owen reported pool inspections are under way and if your pool has not been inspected yet it will be in the next 1 to 2 weeks weather permitting.

Councilwoman Owen reported in regards to recycling; some residents have inquired about having a recycling program. We have a well established recycling program in place. Most of the requests were about curbside recycling. Aldan is exempt from having a State mandated program because our population is less than 5,000 residents. Because of the convenience of such a program will not be free and we are currently doing a feasibility study to decide if the cost is worth the decision to implement the program. More information will be disseminated to the residents as we complete those meetings in the future months.

Mike Ceci commented to Councilwomen Owen if you need any help doing leg work please let Mike know he would be happy to help. Research on feasibility can be time consuming so please call if I can do anything and also may be able to recruit others to help.

Dan Procopio asked when the trash contract with the current contractor is up. Councilwomen Owen responded it is up the end of this year.

HIGHWAY

Councilmen Cosgrove reported on an up date on the work that Aqua is doing in Aldan. When Councilmen Cosgrove reported on this last he reported they would be finished in May but they are not finished. They are at the point where they do have a contractor to do the repaving and we had a meeting scheduled for this week but because of weather we got rained out. We do have to walk the streets and the meeting is re-scheduled for Monday at 11:00 AM. Aqua is in the process of doing the work, we do not have a time yet but all the digging and patch work is done now it is a matter of repaving. We will be getting together giving input and agreeing what need to be done and doing it.

Dan Procopio asked what the status is of the next phase of Aqua's project. Councilmen Cosgrove did not know at this point but expects to find out at their meeting.

Dan Procopio asked if Councilmen Cosgrove has set up the PECO audit he talked about at Caucus. The Councilmen did not set that up yet. This is to do with the availability from PECO of doing audits and providing other moneys and or ways to save with regards to energy, energy costs, metering and many offers. One offer is to come into a town and make an audit of their electrical system, electrical bills, lighting, heating, and air conditioning. If they offer we are going to take them up on this offer.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilmen Coppola reported an update on Phase I of Lobbs Run Project. The contractor is in town and has set up temporary pumping station by the No Name Store. This is all in place and could start this week or next Monday because of the recent rain the contractor is leaning to Monday making it a full week of installing the new pipe line. Everyone in town that has been affected has been very cooperative. The No Name Store has given up a few parking spaces because the pumping station is in their parking lot. The people most affected are Aldan Swim Club and there have been a few minor things happen but they have been very cooperative. Things have been resolved by Kelly/Close and Council members responding we have been able to make progress. President Short gave Dave Heacock a call to thank him for the cooperation he has given us and he has been in constant communications with Councilmen Coppola and Terry Gallagher from Kelly/Close. Councilmen Coppola has also been in contact with Anthony Buoni, from Aldan Swim Club, a few times.

Dan Procopio commented about the two parking spots taken up by the pumping station at No Name Store is there any thought of easing parking restrictions along Maryland Avenue. Councilmen Coppola responded it has not been a problem but if there is the Councilmen will talk with the Chief. Dan asked how long it would take to completion. Councilmen Coppola and P J commented about another 6 weeks, weather permitting. P J also commented it is rough business pushing that pipe through. You try all your planning and contingencies but you are going to run into some problems here and there but you deal with them as we go but 6 weeks is a good estimate. Dan asked if the pumping station scheduled to be running from the time they start for 3 or 4 weeks. Yes that is correct. Dan asked if there was any provision in the bid specks for the in kind service that could be provided to the Swim Club or the No Name Store for the inconvenience of losing parking spaces and in the No Name case having the pump running. Councilmen Coppola commented we will certainly acknowledge at the end of the project the No Name Store and the Aldan Swim Club for their cooperation during the project.

PUBLIC SAFETY/ HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Councilwoman Brookes reported for the Mayor tonight. Residents are reminded to stop at the Municipal Building prior to going on vacation. A police officer will check your home while you are away. In addition to state mandatory training all of our police officers are regularly scheduled for seminars on a variety of law enforcement issues. The police department would like to thank both the Aldan Boosters and the Aldan American Legion for their generosity in providing water, soda, sandwiches, etc. to police officers who worked the parade detail. We appreciate what both organizations do for the police and the community in general.

Councilwoman Brookes reported on the Fire Marshal's report for the month of June. Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 16 calls in the Borough during the month of June, 2010. During the month of June, 2010, Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 45 calls in the Borough of Aldan.

The Fire Marshal updated regarding the fire at 114 Beech Avenue last month, the fire victim that was burned is still under an induced coma and is listed in critical condition. Damages to this fire are listed at \$10,000.00 building and \$2,500.00 contents.

ADMINISTRATIVE and BUILDINGS

Councilmen Baker had nothing new to report tonight

FINANCE

Councilmen Xavier had nothing new to report tonight.

LAW, ORDINANCE & BUILDING

President Short reported for the month of June we had 31 Building Permits issued with a construction value of \$118,290.00; there were 28 Mid-Term/Transfer Inspections; and 1 Plumbing Permit issued with a construction value of \$3,500.00.

President Short commented we are started sidewalk inspections in the North West quadrant of town. You may notice orange marking on items that need to be replaced. This will be followed by a letter explaining the procedure and what needs to be done.

Dan Procopio asked what the time frame for the work to be done on sidewalks, curbs and aprons. President Short reported the letter explains 60 days. Dan asked is there a time for the entire borough to be covered by the inspectors. President Short explained it is in according to how much they will need to mark and this is the first year with these two inspectors, so it is like a work in progress. Dan asked if the inspectors were part of our existing Code Office. President Short explained, yes they do inspections in town.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business this month.

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building at 7:30 PM.; and Council will meet on Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. in an executive session and regular session at 8:00 P.M. at the William Reinl Recreation Center.

PRIVELIGE OF THE FLOOR

Dan Procopio commented as President of the 4th of July Association what to thank residents in town, the member groups, members of Council who help participate, and the secretaries, who handled numerous phone calls, copies and mail. Dan has said it before, it's not just one small group, it takes a lot of people and if you don't have people helping you can't get it done and if you don't have people participating you can't have a parade, and if you don't have anyone watching, what's the point. Dan thanked everyone for their participation and look forward to having it on the normal day, Monday, July 4th. Thank you again.

Councilmen Baker commented we had a real nice turn out on July 4th and it was a beautiful day. President Short also commented it was with it being an extended weekend, usually if it is Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday parades are much better attended then extended weekends parades. This year's parade had a nice crowd. Councilmen Baker told Dan he did a good job.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilmen Xavier seconded by Councilmen Baker and unanimously, approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

ATTEST

MARIE V. KAUT
Borough Secretary