

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

July 13, 2011

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.

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**ROLL CALL**

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

Council members absent: None

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

Officers absent: J. Hopely, Mayor

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by P. Brookes seconded by S. Coppola minutes from the June 8, 2011, Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

No written correspondence tonight.

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

There is no verbal correspondence tonight.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Hopely was not at the meeting tonight.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS****TREASURER**

Terry Quinn read the Treasurer's Report:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>State Highway Fund</u>
Balance of cash on hand	\$ 630,586.27	\$ 62,722.66
Receipts for period	\$ 71,646.67	
Interest		\$ 11.65
Expenditures Prior Month	\$ 111,692.13	\$
Balance	\$ 590,540.81	\$ 55,172.30

Terry is asking council's approval to release funds from the State Highway Fund totaling \$ 7,550.36. Terry is also asking Council's approval to release check this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$278,599.30. Councilwomen Brookes 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 Councilwomen Owen and unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. Seflin reported on the 2009 Sewer and Refuse Collection Program. There are still a fair amount of delinquents outstanding, we started out with 21 fourteen months ago and we are now down to ten and 2 are in bankruptcy. Mr. Seflin is pleased to report we did receive a check from one of the bankruptcy property at 31 East Wayne Avenue, the check was for \$25.19. The Bankruptcy trustee has now received some funding and they are starting to send checks to work off the delinquency. Mr. Seflin gave the check to our treasurer. As far as the others are concerned there are a fair amount of judgments outstanding and we have asked District Court to levy on 9 of the properties and we are still waiting for the Court to do that. Mr. Seflin has offered correspondence to the Judge asking him to ask our Aldan Constable, Jason Haley, to move forward and issue those levies. Constable Haley is exceedingly diligent in his job. Or have the Constable the Judge appointed move forward because it is already 2011 and these are from 2009. As far as the 2010 program about 2 1/2 weeks ago we received Mr. Park's final report for 2010 we are currently processing that and would hope by next Caucus to have a full report for Council on the liens that were filed and the amounts that are owed to the Borough.

Dan Procopio asked what the number of delinquents for 2010. Mr. Seflin responded he did not have the exact amount but is about 19.

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported we have been working on a number of ongoing projects; the DELCORA Act 537 Plan update; NPDS Storm Water Program; the 2011 Road Resurfacing Program; the Lobbs Run Phase II closeout paperwork. Nothing new to report tonight but will be available during other committee reports for any questions or information.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Owen reported pool inspection are going well so far but there are still more to be inspected. The Health Officer will be around to inspect the rest of the pools in the Borough to complete the 2011 inspections.

Councilwoman Owen received the totals for the Bulk Trash Collection for 2011 and made a comparison from last year. The East side of the Borough had 1 more ton of bulk items that were collected than last year, the number from 2010 was 6.95 tons and this year was 8 tons. The West side was aware the east side was having the Bulk Collection so the west side had 8.73 tons. This is still a worthwhile service we offer for our residents and this was our 30<sup>th</sup> year of Bulk Trash Collections.

Councilwomen Owen reported on the Igloos that are in the rear of the Giant Food Store are now single stream recycling. Residents can deposit glass, plastic, aluminum, and bi-metal containers. There was some fencing around the igloo area because of the Septa project going on but this fencing has been removed for access to the igloos. Please deposit your items in the igloo containers to keep the area uncluttered and safe. We have noticed the commodity value for paper and cardboard has been climbing since March and right now the commodity is \$75.00 a ton. This has translated into for the first time since October of 2008 we received a check instead of a bill

Councilwomen Owen announced the Recycling Grant Check has arrived. We will be designing a program that will be ideal for the Borough and take the next steps required. We are eager to implement a program.

Dan Procopio asked how frequently the Igloos for glass, plastic and aluminum are collected and also what was the total of the Grant. Councilwomen Owen responded she did not know how often the igloos are emptied but they are quite large and hold a lot of items and there are 2 igloos on location. The Councilwomen can find out and let Dan know. The Grant total is \$24,990.00

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilmen Cosgrove reported we also received a check from Pennsylvania Grant for \$22,976.00 and that is for the replacement of the incandescent traffic bulbs to LED modules. We are presently in the process of getting specifications for contractors, next will be the advertising, and at August Caucus opening the bids and awarding if all meets our specs.

Councilmen Cosgrove reported on the 2011 Road Program, we had changed the scope to the project, based on the list before it was prioritized. We revised the scope of streets and intersections to be done and sent it to Harrisburg and this may take a 2 week delay in hearing back from them.

Councilmen Cosgrove commented that PJ and Terry Gallagher from Kelly/Close our Engineers, are still working with the bid winner Kehoe Construction, and we are still planning to do this work in July or August and before school starts.

Councilmen Cosgrove reported there were 34 pictures added to our web site from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. If you were not able to see the parade or just want to see the pictures they are on the web site.

Dan Procopio commented he did notice Aqua was in town doing some work but it looked like previously finished work in the North Elm, North Linden, East Wayne area that was boxed out is there a schedule when they are coming in to do that work or finish doing the work and are they complying with the new Ordinance in doing the work. Councilmen Cosgrove reported when we reviewed it with Aqua both by e-mail and in person they had no problem with doing that work. They will do that when they do the resurfacing work in the borough which was planned for July or August.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUILDINGS**

Councilmen Baker had nothing to report tonight.

### **FINANCE**

Councilwomen Brookes reported we were very happy to receive the 2 checks this month for the Grants we applied for and would like to personally thank Councilwomen Owen and Councilmen Cosgrove for all the hard work in applying for these grants. It really helps us because we would not be able to think about having these programs if it were not for the grants.

Councilwomen Brookes thanked all the residents who participated and supported our 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities. Thanks to all who helped at the grounds and those who cooked behind the grills. You can also check out the pictures of the days events and see the good time that was had by all.

Councilwomen Brookes will have a meeting next week with the Historical Commission and they are starting to work on Founders Day. Founders Day is September 17, 2011 and they will be working with the Police Department for the Founders/Safety Day event. There will be a Flea Market, demonstrations, lots of food, music and a wonderful cake contest.

Dan Procopio asked a few months ago you gave a comparison as to where we stand with collections of taxes is there an update on that and also what the Reserve Fund balances were at this time. Councilwomen Brookes responded the tax receipts are coming in but they are still slow. Right now we are about 62% in the Sewer Rent and 60% on our Real Estate Taxes. We are going through all our records to make sure everyone that should pay is paid and if not we will be turning them over to Mr. Seflin. In the Reserve funds the General Reserve is \$540,916.00 and the Sewer Reserve is \$298,608.72.

### **LAW, ORDINANCE & PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilmen Xavier read a note sent to the Police Department thanking the Police for checking their home while they were on vacation. This is a great service provided and made them feel safe and more comfortable being away knowing their home was being checked. Please pass on sincere thanks to all the officers. The Scanlan Family.

Councilmen Xavier reminded everyone to take advantage of this service

Councilmen Xavier reported on the Fire Marshal's Report for May and June. The Fire Marshal's Report from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 3 calls in the Borough of Aldan. Also during the month of June, 2011 Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 31 calls to the Borough of Aldan. During the month of May Collingdale Fire Companies #1 and #2 responded to 4 calls in the Borough of Aldan. During the Month of May Collingdale Ambulanc/Parmedics responded to 29 calls in the Borough of Aldan. All Fire Company calls resulted in no damage.

Councilmen Xavier reported for the month of June, 2011 we had 58 Building Permits issued with a construction value of \$317,775.88 and there were 26 Mid-Term/Transfer Inspections; there was 1 Plumbing Permits issued with a construction value of \$3,500.00.

Dan Procopio asked if there was a scheduled date for the sidewalk inspection to start or have they already started. President Short responded we spoke to the Code Department and they are setting this up but we have not received an exact date yet but should have that shortly. Dan commented that last years inspections caused a bit of upset with some of the residents. Is there a follow up program for residents who requested and were granted an extension? President Short responded as the extension dates come up the Code Department follows up through the year depending on the amount of time the people requested.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilmen Coppola had nothing new to report tonight.

Dan Procopio asked about the Borough re-coating the No Name Store's parking lot from the work that was done in that area last year and if there was a scheduled date for that work. Councilmen Coppola responded we have received a few prices and we are working on a few more and that should be scheduled soon.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

President Short wanted to congratulate the 2 Councilpersons, Terry Owen and Joe Cosgrove for the work they did in achieving the grants. The Recycling Program we would not have gotten off the ground without the grant and we would not be able to update our lights to LED and save quite a bit of money through the next several years. Thank you for that and all the work you put into acquiring these grants. We also want to thank Representative Micozzie's office for all the work they did in securing these grants.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building at 7:30 PM.; and Council will meet on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at the Reinl Recreation Building at 8:00 PM.

## **PRIVELIGE OF THE FLOOR**

Herb Hays received correspondence from Dave Heacock, who apologies he could not be here tonight, concerning the Aldan Swim Club he would like Herb to read tonight.

The swim club is now well into its second successful season since the Borough purchased the property. Membership numbers are up, but there is plenty of room for additional members. We will be offering mid season discounts for new members which means it is never too late to join. There's still a lot of hot weather ahead.

We are honored to be hosting the DELCO Swim League Division Championships this year. This is a profitable event for our club and gives us lots of exposure to potential future members. The event is open to the public and will be held on Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00A.M. The pool will be closed for normal activities during the event.

We are holding our annual "FLICK n FLOAT" NIGHT OF Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. This is our annual movie night where a kid's "flick" can be watched while floating in the pool on a raft. The movie is "Partly Cloudy with a chance of Meatballs" and we will be offering spaghetti and meatballs meal to go along with the movie. This event is open to the public; tickets are \$5 at the door. Spaghetti dinner is optional and extra.

We will be hosting the Aldan Boys and Girls Clubs on August 6<sup>th</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee and Aldan Townwatch on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendars now for our big splash party featuring Mike Xavier and Mojo-13. This is an over 21 event to be held on Saturday, August 20 and is open to the public. Tickets are \$15.00 at the door and include dinner.

Pool members can also enjoy such events as "Make your own Sundaes on Sundays", Family Barbeque Day, Membership Appreciation Day and the Swim Team Banquet.

As always, thank you for our support of the Aldan Swim Club.

Mr. McBlain commented he heard there were over 60 new families that have joined the pool.

Dan Procopio commented he wanted to eco Councilwomen Brookes comments and thank everyone for a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Even though the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Association coordinates the celebration it takes hundreds of people to help bring the day about and celebrate. With the people here tonight there are 3 collectors, at least 3 parade participants, 3 program book sponsors, also the Chief and the Police Department. We did miss 1 person this year for the first time in 60 years Marie Pilla miss the parade because Marie was with her daughter for the weekend. Residents did miss Marie because they commented on her not being there. Dan said thank you very much and see you on Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> next year.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ATTEST**

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MARIE V. KAUT  
Borough Secretary