

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

March 9, 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 Reindl 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. Brookes; T. Owen; M. Xavier;
J. Cosgrove; S. Coppola

Council members absent: R. Baker

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

Officers absent: None

MINUTES

On a motion made by P. Brookes seconded by S. Coppola minutes from the February 9, 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 presented a Proclamation; The Month of March is dedicated to Aldan Town Watch. Aldan Town Watch is celebrating their 37th Anniversary and has become one of Aldan's most contributing Civic Organizations. Aldan Town Watch not only views itself as a crime deterrent, but also as another avenue where citizenry of our fine community can get to know each other better. Herb Hayes accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Townwatch and thanked Mayor Hopely and Borough Council. Charlie Duffy commented that Herb Hayes has been President of Town Watch for 18 years.

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	\$ 47,587.31	\$.03
Receipts for period	\$ 386,930.13	
Interest		\$.00
Expenditures Prior Month	\$ 148,355.83	\$
Transfer from General Reserve	\$ 200,000.00	
Balance	\$ 486,161.61	\$.03

Terry Quinn wanted to mention in addition to the transfer from the General Reserve to the General Fund, this was a temporary loan of \$200,000.00, this month we also separated our General Reserve and created a Sewer Capitol Reserve. This was created based upon the 2009 DCEP reports provided by our auditors Leitzell & Economidis. Once the 2010 report is completed then the transfer for that year will be made from the General Reserve into the Sewer Capitol Reserve. At this point the amount that was transferred was \$298,345.00. Also this month we received a refund of our Fuel Tax for the gallons used in 2010 of \$1,857.71 and we also received our Comcast Franchise Fee \$ 70,279.93, this represents an increase of over \$5,000.00 from the 2009 refund. Terry Quinn is asking Council's approval to release check this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$485,357.39. The actual cash outlay is only \$173,756.94 because of the checks moving between funds. 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 Councilmen Xavier and unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR

Mr. Seflin reported on the 2009 Tax Delinquency Program. We have 3 people on a payment plan and we did receive \$1,500.00 over the last month. \$500 from the owner of 413 E. Rively Avenue and still owes approximately \$700.00 and \$1,000.00 from the property at 60 S. Clifton Avenue, and that owner still owes approximately \$202.00. We have 6 other delinquencies that are currently waiting levy by the constable and we have 2 folks in bankruptcy and we are waiting for those bankruptcies to resolve.

Mr. Seflin reported on our trash hauler. Mr. Seflin was contacted by them over the last month, Suburban Waste Management Services; they were concerned about \$47,000.00 in their collateral that was tied up for a Surety Bond from the last contract. Mr. Seflin had some communication with their former Bonding Surety Company and it is an understanding that collateral has been released and the situation has been resolved.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported our Lobbs Run Phase I project is complete but there are some punch list items to be completed. The contractor is supposed to be out on Monday to finish the fence repair at the pool. Once that is done to our acceptance we will release the final retainage and close out the project.

Mr. Close reported on Lobbs Run Phase II Project at last months meeting the project was awarded to Tri-State Grouting for \$197,199.00 and we have received all the required documents for the contract. Those executed contracts will be submitted to OHCD tomorrow and they will arrange a pre-construction meeting and we will be able to get started on Phase II of the project.

Mr. Close reported on our MPDS MS4 Storm Water Program. We perform something called illicit discharge detection outfall testing. We have about 7 or 8 outfalls within the Borough and we are required under our permit to test samples from them every 2 to 3 years. All the initial tests came back OK, so there are no pollutants. The one test we are waiting on is to see if there is sewage somehow getting into our storm sewer. All the testing we have done since we started the program in 2003 we have never had a problem but it is required that we do this to make sure nothing is getting into the streams.

Mr. Close has been reporting we have been attending the Eastern Delaware County COG meetings. There was a meeting on February 23rd and they are proposing an Inter Governmental Agreement to get the 11 Boroughs in Eastern Delaware County COG to work together on some of the minimum control measures. There are some edits to that agreement that are being finalized and we expect this to be submitted within the next couple of weeks. Sometime within the next month they are going to ask each member borough to consider that agreement. When that comes in we will take a look at the agreement and make a decision.

Dan Procopio asked what does OHCD stand for. Mr. Close responded the Office of Housing and Community and Development and that is out of Delaware County.

Dan Procopio asked about the Phase I Lobbs Run Project being finished and he understood there was some parking lot work that had to be done at No Name has that work been finished. Councilmen Coppola responded, we asked the contractor to improve on some of the repairs he made in the parking lot of the No Name Store and those repairs were made but the Borough is going to seal the parking lot at our expense. Dan asked if there is a time period. Councilmen Coppola commented as soon as the weather permits.

President Short asked P J if we have the name of the contractor who will fix the fence for No Dig Contractors. P J will get the name but it is a fence company and No Dig will pay them.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilwoman Owen reported Delaware County will hold their Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, April 9th at the Emergency Services Training Center on Calcon Hook Road in Sharon Hill from 9 to 3 rain or shine. They will be collecting flammables, pesticides, caustics, toxics, household batteries, and cell phones. This will also be a collection they will accept computers, scanners, printers, fax machines and portable TVs that are 27" or less. They will hold another collection in the spring and 2 more collections in the fall.

Councilwoman Owen reported Bulk Trash Collection for 2011 will be the East side of the Borough from Springfield Road to Clifton Avenue will be May 4th and the West side of the Borough from Oak Avenue to Woodlawn Avenue will be May 18th. These will be the first and third Wednesdays in May. Councilwomen Owen will report next month on items that can and can not be put out.

Councilwoman Owen reported the Public Health Committee in partnership with our Public Safety Committee will be a host site for the second National Take Back event scheduled in April. Back in September this was called the National Prescription Drug Take Back event to get unwanted medications and controlled substances out of peoples homes and prevent them from getting into the wrong hands or the water streams. The event will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011 from 10 to 2 at the Municipal Building. This is a good location through the parking lot where residents can drive into the parking lot and hand their bag of whatever they collected out the car window to a representative from Council or a Police Officer who will be on duty the entire 4 hours, which is required by the Drug Enforcement Agency. There will also be a field representative from the DEA that will be making a stop. The last event that was held there was a removal of 120 tons of unwanted medications and substances throughout the United States. This is a very worthwhile event and we hope it has the same response this time.

Councilwomen Owen completed the annual report of the Local Board of Health and Health Officers for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. In doing this report it came to light that Jim Maloney has been our Health Officer since March 11, 1998. Councilwomen Owen wanted to congratulate Jim on 13 years of service in Aldan; he has been an asset to the Borough and a pleasure to work with and look forward to having more meeting with him for a long time.

Dan Procopio asked since they changed the name of the Take Back event will the same materials be collected. Councilwomen Owen replied, yes it is still the same; out of date prescriptions, unwanted medications, prescription medication no longer needed, and controlled substances, that can be very dangerous if they get into the wrong hands. There is still a large population of people that feel the appropriate disposal is flushing down the toilet. So this will also keep the medication out of the water streams. No questions asked.

HIGHWAY

Councilmen Cosgrove reported we have received the review from our maintenance contractor for the traffic light and signage. We are reviewing that now and may result in some expenditure of dollars for repairs.

Councilmen Cosgrove reported with the approval of the PA Grant for \$100,000.00 we will be able to have a full Road Resurfacing Program this year. Terry Gallagher, from Kelly/Close Engineers, and Councilmen Cosgrove will be looking to create a report on roads and intersections for our 2011 Road Resurfacing Program.

Councilmen Cosgrove reported we have received a commitment from Delaware County for the Liquid Fuel money for 2011. The award is for \$5,468.00 and since we did not use our money last year now we can use it this year, so we have an additional \$5,468.00 from 2010. That makes the total \$10,936.00 to go with the \$100,000.00 grant, so we should have a good Road Resurface Program this year.

Mike Ceci asked if this is only roads that are not State Highways. Councilmen Cosgrove responded no it is the entire town. We will do a review and have a scale of good, bad and indifferent and those that are the highest need of repair would be the one we would recommend to have done. We look at streets and intersections, so we have 2 categories of repair, we will make a recommendation then discuss it and from there a bid, an award and a contract. It should be a good year with the additional money and the \$10,000.00 from Liquid Fuel this is more that twice what we usually spend.

Herb Hays asked if we will be checking with Aqua and PECO before the start of resurfacing. Councilmen Cosgrove responded PECO has asked us to give the report as soon as we are finished because they have some work in mind and Aqua we always contact because there may be something on the list for 2011 but they may know in 2012 they will be doing work in that area and we would back off even if it is higher on the list than something else but it would be unreasonable to fix it and they come and dig it up next year.

Dan Procopio asked if the \$100,000.00 grant is in hand. Councilmen Cosgrove responded no. We do not have the check but we have a letter of approval.

Dan Procopio asked where does the grant stand for the traffic lights. Councilmen Cosgrove explained we do not have that check either but we will be talking to Signal Service and get an update on the bid even though it is probably a 99% chance that this will have to go out for bid we will ask for an update to the costs so we can get a better idea if we can cover it or not.

Dan Procopio asked about the Service Provider for electric for Aldan Borough have we decided on a company. Councilmen Cosgrove answered yes we have decided on Exelon as our supplier, they are low cost and they are fixed and signed on for 2 years. Now we can budget for 2 years. They were the second to the lowest on the list we looked at, and a lot were looked at, but the lowest was not a company we were comfortable with. This will start in the April schedule.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilmen Coppola reported we received an e-mail from Linda McErlean from Aqua about the 2011 Main Rehabilitation. There will be work done on South. Glenwood Avenue from East Providence Road to East Magnolia Avenue; South Linden Avenue from East Providence Road to East Magnolia Avenue; Aldan Avenue from South Glenwood Avenue to Springfield road; and Walnut Avenue from South Glenwood to Springfield Road. Residents will receive letters explaining the work to be done. Aqua has been very good with the residents informing them of work to be and the contractors as well. Residents should be aware that Aqua will be in town again to do Water Main Rehabilitation.

Councilmen Coppola reported our Engineer PJ Close did a Flow Meter Analysis for us for Meter 2 and 3 for our sanitary sewers. This is a good early report it shows that Meter 2, the Rively Avenue, Linden Avenue area, sanitary flows have remained steady and there is actually a 6% decrease in flows from last years period 11/01/2009 to 3/7/2010 to the same time period this year 11/01/2010 to 3/7/2011 shows a 6% decrease in flow. If you go to meter 3 which includes the Lobbs Run Interceptor, where we did the work, those flows for the same time period have decreased 25%. So far in an early report, it appears the work we did on Lobbs Run Phase I has shown a substantial decrease in flows. We hope the Phase II will show the same kind of improvement and more savings for us. This was a good report and well prepared from P J and thank you for that.

Dan Procopio commented he lives on Aldan Avenue and they did receive letters from Aqua regarding the work to be done in that area. Dan also noticed they were doing work on North Glenwood area and they also cut across Springfield Road is that included in the letter and work to be done or left over work from last year. Councilmen Coppola commented he was not sure what they were doing but this is the early work like locating certain boxes and shut offs and they come back later and start the actual rehab work. Dan commented to feel free to pave his street.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUILDINGS

Councilmen Baker was not at the meeting tonight but one item he was going to report on was the repair of the Recreation Building. It appears the repairs are close to being completed however they have not been inspected as of today and have not released the funds.

Dan Procopio asked if the Borough Groups would be able to start using the Rec Building again. President Short responded, yes they can use the building.

FINANCE

Councilwomen Bookes reported in addition the checks and money, Mrs. Quinn reported we received and are happy to report we did receive the check for \$40,000.00, in hand, for the Playground Equipment and it has been deposited into the General Fund.

Councilwomen Bookes reported the Historical Commission will meet next week and announced that Founders Day will be Saturday, September 17, 2011.

President Short commented with the Grant for the \$40,000.00 and the Insurance that took care 100% of what the new and improved playground cost us to install.

Dan Procopio asked is that the grant that has been carried for the last two years on the budget. Councilmen Xavier explained this is a grant we have been waiting for but not carried on a budget.

Dan Procopio asked about the Treasurer's Report what is in the General Reserve after the transfers. Terry Quinn responded \$340,456.31 and \$200,000.00 coming back once our tax receipts build up. Dan asked about the money singles out, the Comcast amount and the refund of the fuel were included in the General Receipts but just broken out to tell us. Terry Quinn responded yes they were part of Miscellaneous Receipts. Dan asked where the refund for the fuel come from. Terry answered it is a State Refund.

LAW, ORDINANCE & PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilmen Xavier reported on the Fire Marshal's report for the month of February, 2011. During the month of February Collingdale Fire Companies #1 & #2 responded to 7 calls in the Borough. Collingdale Ambulance/Paramedics responded to 32 calls in the Borough.

Councilmen Xavier reported for the month of February, 2011 we had 31 Building Permits issued with a construction value of \$210,397.91; and there were 14 Mid-Term/Transfer Inspections.

Dan Procopio asked if there is a start date for the sidewalk and curb inspections. Mr. Tartaglia responded there is no date set yet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There is no unfinished business this month.

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building at 7:30 PM.; and Council will meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at the Reinl Recreation Building at 8:00 PM.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mike Ceci asked if Aldan was able to get FIOS cable. President Short explained we did sign an agreement with Verizon but we have not had any communication with them on when the installation of the cable would start.

Dan Procopio commented that yesterday was the filing date for the up coming election and two of our Council Members are not running again Mr. Xavier and Mr. Baker. Dan thanked them for their years of service and patiently answering his questions.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilmen Xavier seconded by Councilwomen Owen and unanimously, approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

ATTEST

MARIE V. KAUT
Borough Secretary