

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

September 9, 2009

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 Reinf Recreation Center 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; M. Xavier; S. Coppola

T. Owen; R. Baker; J. Cosgrove

Council members absent: None

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

G. Seflin, Solicitor

Officers absent: G. Kaut, Secretary

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by P. Brookes seconded by S. Coppola the minutes from the August 12, 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.

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**REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**MAYOR**

Mayor Hopely reported Pastor Landosky and the Aldan Union High School Youth Group have volunteered to paint the snack bar and garage at the Woodlawn Avenue Soccer Fields. These buildings had been vandalized with graffiti. Delaware County's Community Service work crew under the direction of Walt Omlor removed the graffiti last week. Mr. Omlor's crew is very helpful in cleaning our baseball and soccer fields as well as our parks throughout the year. We appreciate their work on our behalf.

Citizens Bank in the Providence Road Shopping Center was robbed for the third time in 9 months. Our police department conducted an investigation and the suspect was arrested within a week. Officer Steven Ziviello

conducted the investigation along with the FBI. A special thanks to the Delaware County Daily Times as they printed a video surveillance photo in their paper which led directly to the arrest.

## **TREASURER**

Terry Quinn read the Treasurer's Report:

### **General Fund State Highway Fund**

Balance of cash on hand \$1,027,020.37 \$ 35,457.32

Receipts for period 98,703.02 6.40

Expenditures Prior Month 192,646.58 14,483.84

Balance \$ 933,076.81 \$ 20,979.88

Terry Quinn asked Council's approval this evening for checks from the General Fund totaling \$216,277.02 and from the State Highway Fund \$7,241.92 M. 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 T. Owen and unanimously approved.

## **SOLICITOR**

Mr. Seflin reported he filed with the Delaware County Tax Claim Bureau, The Up Set Price Sale, Aldan had 3 properties with 5 liens on them. 2 of the properties had liens from 2007 and 2008 and 1 had a lien from 2008. For the 2008 Tax Delinquent Program we filed 9 law suits with District Court. Hearings are set for October 29, 2009 at 1:00 in front of Judge Perfetti at 1550 Garrett Road, Upper Darby.

Mr. Seflin did prepare for Council's review a new and updated Borough of Aldan Policies and Procedures for the Receipt and Response to Requests Pursuant to the Pennsylvania Open Records Law. Council will review this Resolution and consider adoption in October, 2009.

## **ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported on the NPDES General Storm Water Project. This project was extended for an 8<sup>th</sup> year to March 9, 2011.

Mr. Close commented he will be available during other Committee Reports if anyone has any questions.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilwoman Owen reported on Mosquito surveillance for West Nile Virus especially after the amount of rainfall we had this spring and properties with pools and areas with standing water. Mrs. Owen reported in March the State Department of Environmental Protection met with health officers and Borough Managers to discuss the blue print for mosquito control this summer. They decided there would be no aerial surveillance, spraying or mass spraying in any of the Boroughs in the state this year. There would be spraying but limited to the areas that had high volume of light traps testing positive. They would send out a news release to those Boroughs within 48 hours of spraying. This was very little time for Boroughs to act on if they so desired. Aldan's Board of Health met and decided to respond to the news releases when we got them. We put up signs and posters in the Borough in the areas that were going to be sprayed for our residents to know that was coming and take precautions as identified on the posters. Recently Eden Cemetery in Collingdale has had positive testing for their light traps and the Borough was notified on July 17<sup>th</sup> that spraying would be done on July 21<sup>st</sup>. This is more than 48 hours later however July 17<sup>th</sup> was a Friday and the Borough was notified at 3 PM. We did move quickly got the posters together and put them out over the weekend.

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilmen Cosgrove reported on the LED sign. The manufacture's problems have been resolved and we expect the sign to be installed soon.

Mr. Cosgrove also reported a letter to advertise for the Winter Storm Snow bids has been written and specifications are available at the Municipal Building. The advertisement will run in the paper on September 21, 2009 and September 28, 2009. Sealed bids will be opened at Caucus on October 7, 2009.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilmen Coppola had nothing new to reported tonight. Dan Procopio asked about the Lobbs' Run Project. Councilmen Coppola responded President Short and the Councilmen met with Kelly/Close, our Engineers, and discussed Lobbs' Run be done in three a (3) phase approach. We are still working on the specifications and the figures but will keep Council updated on the progress.

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY/ HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Councilwoman Brookes did not have the fire Marshal's report tonight.

Councilwoman Brookes reported for the Historical Commission. Safety/Founders Day to be held on September 19, 2009 from 11:00 to 3:00. We will be having a Flea Market as well as crafts and our annual cake contest. We will also be working with the Police Department. There will be a lot going on so residents please come out and have a nice day with the rest of the community.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE and BUILDINGS**

Councilmen Baker reported the pole at the back of the Recreation Building has been installed and the electric has been reconnected removing the hazardous condition.

## **FINANCE**

Councilmen Xavier had nothing new to report for the Finance Committee.

Councilmen Xavier also wanted to thank President Short and Councilmen Cosgrove for their help with going around delivering the Parking Permit Applications and this was well received by the resident. Enforcement will start after the signs are installed on about October 1, 2009.

Dan Procopio asked Councilmen Xavier about the article in the newspaper on Police Pension Plans. Council Xavier responded that he could not comment because he did not see or read the article but Aldan's obligation has always been met.

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

President Short reported during the month of August, 2009 there were 40 transfer and mid-term inspections performed by our Residential Inspector; there were a total of 18 Building Permits issued with a construction value of \$38,969.00; there were 2 plumbing permits with a construction value of \$10,500.00.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There is no unfinished business this month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Short announced that Caucus will be Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building; and Council will meet on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in an executive session and regular session at 8:00 p.m. at the William Reini Recreation Center.

**PRIVELIGE OF THE FLOOR**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by T. Owen seconded by S. Coppola and approved unanimously, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

**ATTEST**

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MARIE V. KAUT  
Borough Secretary