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**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

April 13, 2016

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; S. Oropollo; P. Rankin;  
S. Durso; S. Urban; M, Corrigan

Council members absent: C. Maniaci

Officers present: J. Perks, Asst. Borough Secretary; P. Close, Engineer;  
J. Hopely, Mayor; J. McBlain, Solicitor; J. White,  
Borough Manager

Officers absent:

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin seconded by Councilman Durso the minutes from the March, 2016 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Jean Maniaci, on behalf of the Aldan Swim Club, announced their Open House on April 30<sup>th</sup> where residents can come to visit the facility as well as an Open House for the general public on May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> for a fee of \$10 in an effort to increase membership.

Aldan Council along with the Mayor recognized and presented Richard J Garrish with an award for his honorable achievement of becoming an Eagle Scout. R. J. was accompanied by his parents Rob and Cheryl Garrish.

Council President Short on behalf the Mayor, Borough Council, and the citizens of Aldan recognized and congratulated Bob Reardon with some honorable words and a token of appreciation upon his retirement as Aldan's School Director at the William Penn School District and, as the Chairman of Aldan's Recreation Board.

Bob Reardon moved to Aldan with his wife Irene in the early 1990's from Northeast Philadelphia looking for a break from city life and immediately plunged himself into our community and has not rested since.

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Bob first became involved with the Aldan Girls Club helping to coach his daughters, Kate and Mary. In 1995, frustrated with ever-increasing school taxes, Bob became a vocal leader in the Concerned Citizens For Aldan, a grassroots community group seeking a better education for our children and the fiscal responsibility on the part of the school district. The involvement spread where Bob accepted the challenge of involvement on various Aldan boards and committees.

More than 12 years ago, Bob answered another call and sought election for the position of School Director in the William Penn School District. Over the past twelve years, Bob was always a voice for the taxpayers of the school district and challenged administrators to get the job done for our students. Bob always wanted to ensure that each student was afforded the education that he or she deserved. Bob's leadership was recognized by his colleagues when they elected him as President of the Board for multiple terms.

Merely seeking the suburban life, Bob came to Aldan to get away from it all – and Aldan is much the better place because Bob came here and most certainly DID NOT gets away from it all.

On behalf of a grateful community, we thank Bob for everything he has given to Aldan these past 25 years and wish Bob the best as he retires to the water's edge in Maryland.

### **MAYOR REPORT**

Nothing to report.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER**

Mr. White announced April 30<sup>th</sup> Aldan Boosters will hold their annual Plant Sale in the municipal lot and on the same day in the municipal lot is the Drug Take Back event 10am-2pm.

### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

#### **TREASURER**

Mrs. Quinn read the Treasurer's Report:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>State Highway Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>
Balance of cash on hand		\$ 228,085.39	\$
		33,179.47	\$ 88,396.74
Receipts for period		\$ 425,363.71	\$
		.55	\$
		151,180.56	
Expenditures Last Month		\$ (129,294.76)	\$
		(6,552.26)	\$
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$ (78.75)
Ending Balance	\$ 524,154.34	\$ 26,627.76	\$ 239,498.55

Mrs. Quinn asked for council's approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$311,886.94, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,552.26, and from the sewer fund totaling \$170,448.50.

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to pay the bills, seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan and unanimously approved.

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**SOLICITOR**

Mr. McBlain reported on a meeting held with law and ordinance committee chair, Ms. Urban to address several outstanding code enforcement matters, in particular three problem properties (S. Woodlawn Ave, Sylvan Way, Stratford Ave.). These properties have been addressed previously with code enforcement actions including criminal citations to the owners but for various reason those actions have not remedied the situations. The discussion of options going forward and agreement of proceeding with civil remedies with the hope this will correct the deficient conditions with these properties. Regarding outstanding 2015 code enforcement issues for 4 properties, notices were sent to Merion Ave, S. Linden Ave., Birchwood Road, and 55 S. Oak Ave., which were properties where the borough was forced to remediate nuisances such as cutting grass, snow removal, etc. If no response is made in 30 days liens will be placed on those properties.

The solicitor has intervned in tax assessment appeals for two properties in Aldan and will keep council advised as those matters progress through the year.

The borough did approve the FOP contract with the full time civil service officers previously and have received the contract back from the FOP and the agreement is in place through the end of 2019.

Mr. Morse has sent a copy of the 2015 delinquent sewer/trash notice letters sent to 37 properties where residents have failed to pay those fees for 2015.

Mr. McBlain along with John White and Anthony Tartaglia met with representative of Penndot and the contractor performing the work for Penndot on site at the five point intersection on Springfield Road regarding the incomplete concrete work at that location. All the concrete work will be completed before the end of the month and a promise was made by Penndot that within the week after that the landscape work will be complete.

Mr. Short thanked Mr. McBlain for stepping in and assisting council in working with Penndot to get this work completed in a timely manner.

## **ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported relative to 2016 Road Program earlier this week a draft map and list of nine roads to be considered for this year's road program was provided to Mr. White and Councilman Maniaci. Mr. Close would like to finalize the list in order to advertise the project for bidding. The goal is to seek council's authorization to advertise project at the May council meeting. Secondly, regarding the 2016 CDBG project for the NE quadrant of borough roads; on March 31<sup>st</sup> the Delaware County Fiscal Year 2016 Housing and Community Development Action Plan proposed list of activities was advertised in the Philadelphia Inquirer and the good news is our proposed project was included on the list for the full grant request amount of \$151,000. Mr. Close anticipates the County Council will consider and approve the final list in May and hope that we will get approved at that time. Although this is a 2016 program the work would most likely begin in early 2017.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilman Durso reminded residents that if they are not able to make the Drug Take Back Day on

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April 30<sup>th</sup> there is a box that is always available in the municipal building for prescription drop off.

Mr. Durso met with Health Code officer, Jim Maloney who informed Mr. Durso that food license inspections are under way and going well thus far. Pool inspections letters will be going out and those inspections will begin shortly after applications and fees are returned to the borough office.

The county has received its grant money from the state to continue the West Nile Virus monitoring program. The Zika Virus mosquito population is being monitored as well. All residents are reminded to check their properties to address standing/stagnant water as this is a breeding ground for mosquitos.

Waste totals for the month of March were 122.76 tons of collected trash, recycle total was 30.94 tons. Suburban Waste has committed to begin the trash pickup routes on Woodlawn and Clifton Avenues due to some problems on those streets.

Dan Procopio (Walnut Ave) asked if there was a known total for how many pounds of prescription drugs have been collected from the collection box in the borough office. Dan was informed that the borough is not given a report of what is taken from the box.

### **HIGHWAY**

Due to Councilman Maniaci's absence; no report.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo reminded residents to please call if they see storm drains backing up to have those cleaned out as soon as possible. Also, councilman asked to please not discard any drugs down sinks or toilets, please use the box in office and events held throughout the year.

## **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Rankin thanked the tax collector, Tom Morse for taking the time to be available Monday nights during the month of March to collect taxes in the borough office.

Ms. Rankin reported the following balances, general fund \$201,535.28, sewer reserve \$335,607.30, police capital reserve \$1,701.41.

Mr. Morse commented that the borough has collected approximately 90% of the borough taxes due.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Corrigan reported on the Fire Marshalls findings; for the month of March there were 4 fire call responses as well as 20 ambulance and paramedic's calls in the borough.

Mrs. Corrigan reported on the continuing training that various police officers have attended such as Active Shooter Training, Juvenile Training, and Crime Scene Management. All officers will attend the 2016 in-service training; this consists of 16 hours classroom training along with pistol qualifications, CPR and First Aid.

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## **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Urban reported there were 34 building permits issued in the month of March with a total construction value of \$188,736. Thirty five transfer and mid-term inspections were made by the residential inspector and the plumbing inspector issued 2 permits in March with a total construction value being \$4,395.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Short reported Caucus will be Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 7:30 PM for Executive Session and General Meeting starting at 8:00 PM at the William Reinl Recreation Building.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Dan Procopio asked what the borough is doing in regards to animal control as he read that Chester County SPCA is being dissolved as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, also is there any money that is due back to the borough since it did not carry through the full year. Chief Coppola responded that Delaware County Animal Control will provide service to Aldan going forward. Mr. McBlain responded that any monies paid the Animal Protection Board will be refunded to the borough.

Keith Kosich (W. Wayne Ave.) questioned the schedule for meeting the building inspector to discuss

projects he would like to complete at his home. Mr. Kosich was informed the inspector was in attendance and he could speak with him following the meeting, also he could schedule a time to meet by calling the borough office.

Carol Murray (S. Woodlawn Avenue) asked the results of the concrete issues of Woodlawn Avenue pertaining to the Septa project. Mr. Short notified residents of a meeting that was held with Septa where they walked the street and pointed out cracks and crumbling of concrete. Septa representatives were taking the information back to their office for discussion and we have not heard back at this point. Ms. Murray also informed council of cracking inside residents homes on Woodlawn Avenue.

Bill McNally (Willows Lane) asked council for an update of the traffic light timing on the five point intersection at Springfield Road. Mr. White responded that Penndot is aware of the issue and will address the problem within the next two weeks.

Joe Cosgrove (Beech Avenue) addressed council regarding the missing signs that were on Woodlawn Avenue for Duffy and Volunteers Fields; are there plans to replace the signs. Mr. Short informed residents that the wood signs were deteriorating and were removed for safety reasons and that there are no current plans to replace the signs, not to say that they will not be replaced in the future.

Jerry Springer (W. Wayne Avenue) asked if the Giant store hours are regulated by borough ordinance. Council confirmed that yes the ordinance pertains to the hours of operation but not mandated days for closure, i.e. holidays.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin and seconded by Councilwoman Urban, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

## **ATTEST**

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Jennifer Perks  
Asst. Borough Secretary

