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ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

July 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.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: H. Short; P. Rankin; S. Durso; S. Urban; C. Maniaci

Council members absent: M. Corrigan; S. Oropollo

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 Councilman Durso seconded by Councilwoman Urban the minutes from the June, 2016 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Hopely presented to Dan Procopio a Proclamation proclaiming July 2016 the Aldan 4th of July Association month in the Borough of Aldan. The 4th of July Association is celebrating their 37th year of community service in the borough. The Mayor and Council congratulate all the members of the 4th of July Association for years for their outstanding service. We also thank the residents of Aldan who have generously supported the 4th of July Parade and its activities both financially and in person.

Dan Procopio accepted the Proclamation and thanks all persons present for their help over the years in various aspects of the 4th of July activities.

BOROUGH MANAGER

Nothing to report

Jerry Springer (W Wayne Avenue) asked if part time police officers are provided health insurance by the borough, Mr. White responded only full time officers are offered health insurance in the police contract.

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		\$ 968,058.74	\$
		117,052.60	\$ 330,634.44
Receipts for period		\$ 68,526.83	\$
		1.93	\$ 26,002.47
Expenditures Last Month		\$ (130,430.73)	\$
		(6,552.26)	\$ (2,326.00)
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 906,154.84	\$ 110,502.27	\$ 354,310.91

Mrs. Quinn asked for council’s approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$168,529.62, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,551.35, and from the sewer fund totaling \$171,694.75.

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

SOLICITOR

Nothing to report

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported first regarding the 2016 Road Program, the award notice was submitted to the Charlestown Paving and received all required documents and in turn submitted those documents to Penndot. Work should begin late July early August and should take about a week or two.

Secondly, Mr. Short and Mr. Close attended a kick off meeting regarding the 2016 CDBG project and all went well.

Lastly, Mr. Close noted lateral sinkhole issues on Walnut and Aldan Aves in the 300 and 400 blocks between Linden and Springfield Road. General Sewer ran a video camera in the main on those blocks to verify there weren't any issues with the main and found the main was sound. Therefore it was determined that somewhere between the main and the houses is the cause of the issue, several sinkholes were found to be in the area of the trap on the homeowners property and usually this indicates a break in the lateral. Not really knowing what is causing the issues Mr. Close and the Mr. White will continue to research possible causes and notify homeowners of their findings in the near future.

Dan Procopio (Walnut Avenue) noted that he has heard in other communities the main has dropped and caused breaks in the laterals. Mr. Close replied that there was no evidence of this found with the main,

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the elevation was sound and the clay was intact showing the laterals connection to the main looked good as well. Mr. Procopio continued that a few years ago Aqua did some work on those areas on Walnut, could Aqua possible damaged the laterals when they did their work. Mr. Close again explained that they do not know exactly the causes and will contact Aqua to discuss their work at that time. Mr. Close did note however that there are sinkholes on properties on the opposite side of the street from where Aqua worked. Mr. Close continued that issues in the area of the trap can be common on pipes 70 plus years old.

Bob Martin (Walnut Avenue) expressed his concerns with the damaged laterals and the potential Aqua could have damages the laterals and wants to make sure and all efforts are exhausted in trying to determine the cause before he incurs the \$5000-\$7000 to make the repairs to his property. Mr. Close reiterated that they will continue to research and look for evidence of possible causes where ever they may come from.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilman Durso met with the health officer Jim Maloney and 2nd letters will be sent to those pool owners who have not responded to the first notification. Jim Maloney hopes to complete the pool inspection by mid-August.

West Nile and Zika mosquito monitoring is continuing.

Trash totals for June; garbage 177.70 tons and recycle 31.45 tons.

Dan Procopio asked how many pool letters were sent originally, Councilman answered approximately 60

letters were sent.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maniaci noted the Aldan Boys Club will be playing in the Championship baseball game this week.

PUBLIC WORKS

In Councilman Oropollo's absence-nothing to report.

FINANCE

Nothing to report

Dan Procopio asked for the fund balances, Ms. Quinn gave the following fund balances, general fund \$501,641.71, sewer reserve \$635,764.58.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

In Councilwoman Corrigan absence-nothing to report.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Urban reported on the plumbing inspector, there were 6 plumbing permits issued in the month of June with a total construction value of \$35,436; the building inspector issued 26 permits in June with a total construction value of \$95,289.23. Ninety five transfer and mid-term inspections were made by the residential inspector.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, August 10th, 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 if there were reports for absent council members. The fire marshal's report was read; 5 fire calls and 27 ambulance and paramedic calls in the month of June.

Tom Morse, tax collector announced the school taxes were sent by the school district and he will have Monday evening hours from 7-9pm in August for collection at the municipal building.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Rankin and seconded by Councilman Durso, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary