

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

August 10, 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; S. Oropollo

Council members absent: M. Corrigan

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

Officers absent: J. White, Borough Manager

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilman Maniaci seconded by Councilman Durso the minutes from the July 13, 2016 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

None

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

President Short interrupted the normal meeting agenda to introduce Vince Giacobello who was recently hired as a part-time Aldan Police Officer and is being sworn in this evening by Mayor Hopely.

Councilwoman Rankin made a motion to appoint Vincent Giacobello as a part time police officer in Aldan, seconded by Councilwoman Urban, unanimously approved.

Vincent is a graduate of Strath Haven High School and currently is a full time student at Penn State University. Vince graduated Cape May County Police academy in May of 2015 and Delaware County Community College Police academy in June 2016. Vince worked for the North Wildwood Police Dept. for two previous summers. Vince is here tonight with his mother Donna, sister Dana, Aunt Joan and Uncle Tony, godson Benjamin and girlfriend Jamie.

MAYOR REPORT

Nothing to report

BOROUGH MANAGER

In absence, no report

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	\$ 906,154.84	\$ 110,502.27	\$ 354,310.91
Receipts for period	\$ 37,954.13	\$ 2.20	\$ 1,616.38
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (142,537.36)	\$ (6,551.35)	\$ (171,694.75)
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 801,571.61	\$ 103,953.12	\$ 184,232.54

Mrs. Quinn asked for council's approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$136,310.94, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,548.11, and from the sewer fund totaling \$4,570.

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

General progress, no action items to report.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported relative to Lobbs run interceptor, Mr. Close walked the line to look at the general surface conditions and there were no visible problems and all appear to be in order.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

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Councilman Durso presented a Resolution prohibiting tobacco products use in Aldan public parks and playgrounds. Appropriate signage shall be posted to designate said tobacco free areas; resident of the Borough of Aldan shall be notified of this Resolution and the designation of the tobacco free zones as stated in the resolution. Any person in violation of the Resolution shall be subject to the procedure and penalties relating to Nuisances as set forth in Chapter 167 of the Aldan Borough Code and Borough Council hereby authorizes its elected and appointed officials to make periodic observations of tobacco free areas to monitor compliance and promote awareness of this Resolution, resolved August 10, 2016,

seconded by Councilwoman Rankin, unanimously approved.

Councilman Durso reported 14.34 tons of e-cycle material collected during the previous e-cycle event held in Aldan.

July trash totals 139.81 tons.

Jerry Springer (W. Wayne Avenue) asked the specific penalties associated with tobacco use in Aldan parks as stated in the previously presented Resolution. Councilman Durso was not in possession of the Nuisance ordinance this evening but explained to Mr. Springer that the penalties would be the same as any other public nuisance violation. Being a smoker, Mr. Springer expressed his unhappiness with the resolution and questioned the spending of money on such an issue. Mr. McBlain, borough solicitor, explained this resolution in more detail and its foundation supporting the resolution to Mr. Springer. No borough funds will be used for signage as it will be funded by the state, per President Short.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maniaci reported on the 2016 Road Program and its completion of road paving. The championship Boys Club team will be recognized at the next council meeting.

Dan Procopio (Aldan Ave.) questioned a discussion at caucus regarding a street that was substituted in the 2016 Road Program due to Aqua work; Sylvan Way was substituted with Pennsylvania Avenue was confirmed. Dan asked when Sylvan Way would be completed. President Short stated; the borough is looking into piggy backing with Aqua when their work is being completed. Aqua would partially pave the cul de sac and the borough would pave the remainder.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo had nothing to report but wanted to remind residents that police in the United State have come under attack by various groups recently and wanted to ask residents to support the police and be a second set of eyes when issues arise within the borough as a form of protection for our officers.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Rankin reminded residents of the tax collector hours on Monday nights in August for collection from 7 to 9pm.

September 17th 2016 has been designated for Founders Day which is held on the school grounds W. Providence Road. The cupcake contest will be held once again.

Dan Procopio asked for the fund balances, Ms. Quinn gave the following fund balances, general fund \$501,706.51, sewer reserve \$635,846.70; \$1,701.57 in the police capital reserve.

PUBLIC SAFETY

In Councilwoman Corrigan absence-no report.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Urban reported on the plumbing inspector, there were 6 plumbing permits issued in the month of July with a total construction value of \$20,142; the building inspector issued 27 permits in July with a total construction value of \$488,772. Forty six transfer and mid-term inspections were made by the residential inspector.

Dan Procopio questioned the high balance of the permits this month, President Short relayed there are two Septa projects that are included in the balance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Short reported Caucus will be Tuesday, September 6th, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, September 14th, 2016 at 7:30 PM for Executive Session and General Meeting starting at 8:00 PM at the William Reint Recreation Building.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dan Procopio questioned a comment Mr. White made at the caucus meeting this month regarding the 300 block of Aidan and Walnut Avenues and the large number of lateral issues, did Aqua respond to this issue? Mr. Close stated that Aqua responded by providing the borough with an email where they notified the borough before they did their work of the sinkholes and in their opinion it was a pre-existing condition. Mr. Short added that the borough is in the process of completing a letter to go out to the residents on those two streets.

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 8:28 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary