

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

November 9, 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 Council President Harry Short.

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**ROLL CALL**

Council members present: S. Durso; C. Maniaci; S. Urban  
S. Oropollo; M. Corrigan; H. Short

Council members absent: P. Rankin

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

Officers absent: J. Hopely, Mayor

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Councilman Maniaci seconded by Councilwoman Urban the minutes from the October 12, 2016 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Charles Duffy addressed council and residents with a few words about the Aldan American Legion and the positive presence they have held in the borough. Mr. Duffy pointed out their various contributions to Aldan and its residents over the years. There are two WWII veterans who are members of the Legion, one of which is an Aldan resident, Fred Howell. Mr. Duffy asked if council would recognize Fred Howell and the Aldan American Legion organization with a Proclamation during the December council meeting.

Mr. Duffy announced the American Legion will be offering a Pancake Breakfast December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 11 am; cost of the ticket is \$5 and will be sold at the end of the meeting in the rear of the council room.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MAYOR REPORT**

In Mayor Hopely's absence John White gave the Mayors report. Reminder to residents the annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 6:30 pm, the event includes Christmas carols, refreshments, tree lighting and a visit from Santa.

Mayor Hopely and the Police Department want to thank Russ Carlson and BeneServe Corporation for its generous donation to the police department this year. Russ Carlson grew up in Aldan and each year gives back to our town, thanks again to Russ for thinking of us again this year.

Dan Procopio (Walnut Ave) added the tree lighter selected this year is Mayor Hopely who is a 50 year member of the Boosters organization.

**BOROUGH MANAGER**

John White asked for all fees for use of Aldan Elementary School by any committees in town to forward bills to borough office so they can be paid.

Signs were placed at E Wayne and Clifton Avenue directing children to cross at Crossing Guard intersections only. Also, signs were placed at the exit of Aldan Union Church parking lot on Providence Road directing residents to cross at crosswalks only.

**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	\$ 593,853.89	\$ 90,861.10	\$ 183,811.93
Receipts for period	\$ 46,081.48	\$ 1.82	\$ 1,212.23
Expenditures Last Month	\$ (151,661.63)	\$ (6,548.24)	\$ (88,399.25)
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 488,278.74	\$ 84,314.68	\$ 96,624.91

Mrs. Quinn asked for council's approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$178,364.01, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,548.03, and from the sewer fund totaling \$3,764.06.

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

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. McBlain reported on a code enforcement matter; a property on S Woodlawn Avenue began working on a garage in the absence of permits. Code enforcement and inspectors addressed this issue with the residents who were uncooperative and unwilling to obtain permits and comply with inspections at that time. Ultimately citations were issued to the residents and appeared in court with the District Justice and were found guilty, after which the residents appealed the decision to the Court of Common Pleas.

After several scheduled court dates that the residents failed to appear for and the courts leniency in giving the residents the opportunity to reschedule they were ultimately found guilty again and were fined in the amount of six thousand dollars.

Secondly, at last month's council meeting council signed an agreement to transfer the Refuse and Recycling contract from Suburban Waste to B&L Services due to Suburban Waste going out of business. Septembers' payment to Suburban was held due to the necessary cleaning of various streets in the borough that were stained by a leak from one of the Suburban trucks prior to closing business. A contractor will be hired to clean those streets and the cost will be deducted from that amount.

### ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported relative to the 2016 Road Program, paperwork was completed and submitted to PennDOT and will receive approximately \$10,800 which is two years' worth of County Aid funds.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

#### PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilman Durso reported during the month of October 162.13 tons of trash and solid waste were collected and 25.38 tons of recycling.

#### HIGHWAY

Councilman Maniaci reported he spoke to A to U Services regarding this year's plan for winter services and will be ready to go when necessary.

Dan Procopio asked if there is a salt supply already in stock and where it is stored. Councilman Maniaci answered that there is salt stored at A to U facilities but that we are required to order a specified amount of salt each year and those orders will be placed in the near future.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo spoke about an incident on the grounds of Colonial Playhouse where someone dumped dirt into the sewer drain located there and cleanout was necessary by General Sewer. Reminder not to dump in the sewers and if seen please contact police or borough immediately.

Mr. Harold (W Providence Road) noticed residents are piling their leaves in the streets at the curb line; Councilman Oropollo said he was aware and will address it with those residents.

#### FINANCE

In Councilwoman Rankin's absence the treasurer announced the reserve fund balances; general fund \$501,898.87, sewer reserve \$636,090.50; \$1,701.69 in the police capital.

President Short announced each year council is required to pass a preliminary budget. However this time of year there are funds that have not been received yet but are still required to present the preliminary budget. There is an increase of approximately \$30,000 from last year's budget. If the preliminary budget passes this evening there will be copies for review at the Municipal Building.

Once the outstanding receipts are received those amount will be updated on the preliminary budget and will be available for review.

Councilwoman Urban made a motion to accept the preliminary budget as submitted, seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan, unanimously approved.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Corrigan reported there were 8 fire calls and 31 ambulance/paramedic calls in Aldan in October.

October was fire prevention month, Collingdale Fire Companies I & II visited the Aldan Elementary School and presented a fire safety demonstration and conducted an inspection of the school.

The Fire Marshall, Bill Garrity asked residents to inspect and maintain their heaters and fire places and to change batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

### **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Urban presented the inspectors report for the month of October; 25 building permits were issued with a construction value of \$65,412, 6 plumbing permits issued with a value of \$20,100, and there were 33 mid-term and transfer inspections.

Lastly, a Petition of Appeal to the Zoning Board was received on or about October 24<sup>th</sup> from Charter School Property Developments for a special exception allowing for the use of 1 Merion Avenue as a charter school including before and after school programs. A hearing date is forth coming; when the date is scheduled residents will be notified by letter so anyone wishing to attend to voice their support, concern, or objections can do so at that time.

Dan Procopio asked where 1 Merion Terrace is exactly. Which building in the industrial park are they referring too? Mr. McBlain explained there have been no formal plans submitted but that 1 Merion Terrace is identified as Roddy Products building which has several business's located in that building. The hearing is to be scheduled within 60 days of the receipt of the letter of appeal.

Ms. Harrold asked if this Charter School has been approved by the William Penn School District, Mr. McBlain explained the charter school management company has not listed the exact school seeking this special exception. The borough has received very limited information in the appeal request.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Caucus will be Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 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**

Resident (12 Ridley Avenue) asked if council is aware of any organization or Fire Company that gives smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to Aldan residents. Dan Procopio, from the audience, noted in the past there have been events where the fire companies distributed detectors to residents and that if she contacted the fire house they may be able to accommodate her.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Urban and seconded by Councilman Durso, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

**ATTEST**

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Jennifer Perks  
Asst. Borough Secretary