

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

March 8, 2017

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.

ROLL CALL

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

Council members absent: S. Durso

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

Officers absent: J. Hopely, Mayor

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilman Maniaci seconded by Councilwoman Rankin the minutes from the February 2017 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS

President Short presented to Herb Hayes of Aldan Townwatch a Proclamation declaring the month of March Aldan Townwatch Month. Aldan Townwatch was founded in 1974, and has unselfishly given of their time, effort and money in helping maintain the tranquility of Aldan. Aldan Townwatch not only views itself as a crime deterrent, but also as another avenue where citizenry of our fine community can get to know each other better.

WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE

President Short read aloud three resignation letters to council and audience. Correspondence was received by the borough from Mrs. James Hopely advising of official resignation of Mr. James Hopely as Mayor of Aldan effective immediately. The decision was not an easy one to make but was necessary due to Jim's ongoing health issues. Mrs. Hopely thanked all who served with, for, and alongside Jim and asked to please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Councilman Maniaci made a motion to accept Mayor Hopelys resignation, seconded by Councilwoman Rankin; unanimously approved.

The second letter of resignation was from the Treasurer, Terry Quinn. Terry thanked council for the opportunity to work with both council and to serve the residents of Aldan. Councilwoman Urban made a motion to accept Terry Quinn's resignation as Treasurer of Aldan Borough, seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan; unanimously approved.

Lastly, Councilwoman Peggy Rankin submitted resignation from her position effective March 8, 2017. Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion to accept Councilwoman Rankin's resignation, seconded by Councilman Oropollo; unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Urban made a motion to appoint Peggy Rankin as Treasurer of Aldan Borough, seconded by Councilman Maniaci; unanimously approved.

VERBAL CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MAYOR REPORT

None

BOROUGH MANAGER

John White thanked Community Service for the cleanup performed in Aldan recently at the parks within the borough. Mr. White announced the newly established Aldan Youth Club will conduct their annual Cleanup Day of the fields within the borough.

American Legion will host a Pancake Breakfast fund raiser on Saturday March 25th from 8am-11am, \$5 per person. Aldan Booster Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday April 8th at noon.

Reminder to turn clocks forward this Saturday and to change batteries in smoke detectors.

Charlie Duffy added Mr. Durso will be chairing the Easter Egg Hunt, and announced that he will have tickets on sale at the back of the room tonight for the Pancake Breakfast.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

TREASURER

Mrs. Rankin read the Treasurer's Report:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>State Highway Fund</u>	<u>Sewer Fund</u>
Balance of cash on hand	\$ 282,780.96	\$ 64,674.95	\$ 24,342.91
Receipts for period	\$ 143,845.90	\$ 1.23	\$ 57,586.35
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 146,797.52	\$ 6,548.23	\$ 1,137.50
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 279,829.34	\$ 58,127.95	\$ 80,792.09

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$198,669.12, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,547.07, and from the sewer fund totaling \$515.25.

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

SOLICITOR

Mr. McBlain noted the borough will contact the bonding company tomorrow, Resolution indicates the treasurer's appointment is contingent upon entering the bond which requires a call to the bonding company to transfer the existing bond. Once that is completed Mrs. Rankin will sign the oath of office and she will officially take on her duties as treasurer.

Mr. McBlain reported in regards to the Charter School Zoning Hearing Board's application being continued until further notice; we have not heard back in terms of rescheduling so the application remains open. This will not remain open indefinitely; contact has been made to their attorney. Once we know of a reschedule date we will notify residents by mail, on borough website, and posting on sign board outside Municipal Building.

Regarding 23 S Woodlawn Avenue and the ongoing issues regarding work being done at that property without permits, thankfully the property owner has obtained an attorney who has contacted the Building Code Official and we should be on the right track now with that property.

Mr. McBlain reported on tax assessment appeal matters. Two appeals are pending, both 2015 appeals and have gone through the board of assessment process and ultimately appealed to the Court of Common Pleas. On February 16th we appeared for the property 101 Stratford Avenue seeking to lower the assessed value. The borough and school district opposed and the ultimate decision was a fair market value. There was an almost \$45,000 difference between what the tax payer sought and what we were able to obtain. We consider that to be a successful outcome and will let borough know if there is an additional appeal. The other property, 27 Ridley Avenue, is scheduled for arbitration for May 24th.

Finally, Giant Supermarket has been collecting petitions for potential liquor referendum in the borough, council asked that the petitions be examined to ensure it is within the requirements and take whatever action might be appropriate if not and this matter will be reported on at next months meeting.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on three items; first relative to the 2016 CDBG program, February 10th OHCD issued letter approving award to the contractor and documents have been requested. Expected beginning of construction is April. Second, relative to 2017 Road Program, currently coordinating program with Borough Manager and Highway Chairman and will report back about that program. Finally, NPDS MS4 program, current permit expires March 15, 2018, however there is a lot required for the new permit cycle. Notice of intent to continue coverage under the permit is due 9/16/2017 and we are required to submit that notice of intent. As part of the public education and outreach component of the MS4 project, Mr. Close announced on Saturday April 22nd, Earth Day, there is a 20th Annual Chester Crum Ridley Creek Streams Cleanup from 9am-11:30 am followed by a family picnic in Ridley Creek State Park. Last year 7 tons of trash was removed during last year's event over the previous years over 310 tons of trash have been removed from these three streams.

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NEW BUSINESS

Caucus will be Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, April 12th 2017 at 7:30 PM for Executive Session and General Meeting starting at 8:00 PM at the William Reintl Recreation Building.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tom Morse announced the March tax collector office hours will be Monday evenings from 7-9 pm.

Mr. Morse also asked in regards to the Mayor's resignation, is the position vacant until the new Mayor is elected or is someone named to fill the position for the remainder of the term? Mr. McBlain answered the borough code provides that council has 30 days to fill the vacancy of the Mayors position; this person will serve for the remainder of the term which ends at the end of 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilman Maniaci and seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary