

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

April 12, 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: S. Durso; S. Urban; S. Oropollo; H. Short; M. Corrigan

Council members absent: C. Maniaci

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

Officers absent:

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Urban seconded by Councilman Durso the minutes from the March 2017 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion to approve Resolution # 2017-05 to appoint Joseph C Blackburn Jr. to office of Mayor of the Borough of Aldan; seconded by Councilman Oropollo.

Joe Blackburn grew up in Aldan and has been a resident for the past 34 years. He was an active participant in Aldan Boys Club, spent his summers at the Aldan Swim Club, attended Aldan Elementary School, and is a graduate of Penn Wood High School. After graduation Joe joined the Delaware County Domestic Relations Warrant Division. Subsequently he joined the Sheriff's Office and eventually headed the Warrant Division. Joe rose through the ranks, promoted to sergeant, then lieutenant, then Chief Deputy, where he was responsible for oversight of all daily operations of the Sheriff's Office.

During his time in Sheriff's Office, Joe earned his Associate Degree in Administration of Justice from Delaware County Community College and his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from West Chester University. Joe is a graduate of the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy.

Joe was unanimously appointed by the Delaware County Council in 2013 to the Office of Sheriff of Delaware County, to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of the former Sheriff. After completing his term as Sheriff, Joe accepted a position at PECO as Senior Security Specialist, where he serves as an investigator, assisting law enforcement and with employee matters.

In addition to his duties at PECO, Joe is a Certified General Instructor for the Pennsylvania Municipal Police Officers' Education and Training Commission and an instructor at the Delaware County Police Academy. Joe has worked as a police officer on a part-time basis; for 10 years Joe served as a part-time member of the Aldan Police Department.

Joe has attended the Command Institute of Law Enforcement Executives; the FBI's Law Enforcement Executive Course; the Penn State Justice and Safety Institute High Impact Supervision Course and has been certified by the Pennsylvania State Police as a hostage and crisis negotiator.

Joseph Blackburn's education, background, involvement in Aldan, law enforcement and executive experience make him exceptionally qualified to assume the duties of Mayor of Aldan.

Motion was unanimously approved; Councilwoman Urban abstained from the vote due to personal relationship.

Mr. Blackburn, accompanied by his uncle John Perfetti, took the oath of office administered by Judge Kelly Micozzie-Aguirre.

Councilman Urban made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-06 for the appointment of Joseph Connelly to Borough Council to fill the unexpired term of Margaret Rankin.

Joe Connelly grew up in nearby Yeadon and is a graduate of Penn Wood High School. Following high school he entered the apprenticeship program for IBEW Local 98 and successfully became a journeyman electrician. He has proudly remained with the IBEWE for the past 27 years and remains an active participant in the IBEW's volunteer program to provide electrical service to nonprofit and needy organizations.

Joe moved to Aldan 22 years ago. Joe and his family have been active and involved members of groups and organizations in and around Aldan for two decades. As his sons became involved in sports and activities in Aldan, Joe stepped forward to take leadership roles in those groups coaching and a position on the Board of the Boys Club for four year term. Joe was the director of the Baseball Tournaments here in Aldan and was elected President of the Aldan Boys Club for three terms.

Joe sought appointment to the Aldan Recreation Board where he served for five years and was appointed to be a member of the Aldan Zoning Board.

Motion was seconded by Councilman Durso, unanimously approved.

Joseph Connelly, accompanied by his wife, took his oath of office administered by Judge Kelly Micozzie-Aguirre.

MAYOR REPORT

Nothing to report.

BOROUGH MANAGER

John White reminded residents to be aware of scams that are being reported. Specifically IRS and credit card scams. IRS will only contact you by mail. Call the number listed on the back of your credit card to confirm any received calls before giving out any of your information.

On Saturday May 6th the Aldan Boosters will have the Annual Plant Sale from 9-4 in the Municipal lot.

Carol Murray (S. Woodlawn Avenue) noted another scam she was involved in regarding a Health Care Company. Ms. Murray reported the issue to the police and contacted Verizon who instructed her on how to trace the number and Verizon will keep a record of the number.

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	\$ 279,829.34	\$ 58,127.95	\$ 80,792.09
Receipts for period	\$ 486,809.76	\$ 1.14	\$ 205,041.60
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 141,082.77	\$ 6,547.07	\$ 515.25
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$ 100,000.00
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 625,556.33	\$ 51,582.02	\$ 385,318.44

Mrs. Rankin asked for council’s approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$323,508.22, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,546.99, and from the sewer fund totaling \$166,711.00.

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

SOLICITOR

Mr. McBlain reported the rescheduled hearing in the application for the Charter School Management Company is now scheduled for Thursday April 27, 2017 at 7pm. This is the third Zoning Board hearing for the application. The borough has taken the position of opposing the location of the proposed Charter School in the Industrial Park on Merion Ave. It is anticipated that the testimony will wrap up at the hearing on the 27th and then the board has some additional time to make a decision on the matter.

As previously reported, a petition referencing a liquor referendum had been filed with the Delaware County Bureau of Elections. The signatures were scrutinized on the petitions and only half of the required signatures were valid and ultimately the filing was withdrawn from the Bureau of Elections and the referendum will not appear on the ballad this year.

Mr. McBlain pointed out that at the beginning of the year due to a realignment of the District Courts and after the retirement of Judge John Perfetti, who well served Aldan for over 30 years as District Judge, we were very lucky that the Supreme Court reorganized and placed Aldan into the Magisterial District of Judge Kelly Micozzie-Aquirre who was present to administer the oath of offices earlier in the meeting.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported in regards to the 2016 CDBG for street improvement in the NE Quadrant, the OHCD held a pre-construction meeting on March 24th. The contractor was issued a notice to proceed letter for April 3rd. The roads were marked and a pre-construction video was taken. Contractor started work and hopes to complete paving next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Relative to the 2017 CDBG application, Mr. Close recently received a notice from OHCD that Aldan's application has been included on the Delaware County Fiscal Year 178 Housing and community Development Action Plan for proposed list of activities. County Council will receive comments on their April 19th meeting and then mailed, telephoned, or email comments can be received up May 1, 2017. Mr. Close hopes to receive a decision sometime in May and will keep Council posted.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilman Durso reported the trash totals for March were 113.49 tons.

April 29th at the Aldan Municipal Building there will be an E-cycle and Drug Take Back Event. Also, May 3rd is bulk trash on the east side of the borough and May 17th for the west side of Aldan.

We are approaching the mosquito season and the Delaware Intercommunity Health Organization will take part once again in West Nile tracking and if necessary will set traps to catch and test mosquitos for West Nile. The borough will be notified if traps are set in Aldan and if there are any findings.

HIGHWAY

Absent, no report

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo reported on an issue with an old lateral at Walnut & Linden Aves which has been addressed by the Borough. Also, the main in the NE section of town has been cleaned by General Sewer as general annual maintenance.

Call borough if you notice backups at sewer drains and we can get that cleared as soon as possible. Call 911 if you see anyone dumping anything in the sewer drains.

Aldan Swim Club will have an Open House April 29 & 30 1pm-3pm.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Corrigan reported on the Fire Marshall's report; there were 5 fire calls and 22 paramedic/ambulance calls for the month of March.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Urban reported there were 25 permits issued in March for a total of \$105,951; 2 plumbing permits issued for a total of \$9,819, and 28 transfer and midterm inspections made by the residential inspector.

FINANCE

Councilman Urban gave the following fund balances; general reserve \$242,416.13, sewer capital reserve \$453,055.01, police capital reserve, \$17,081.09.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing outstanding

NEW BUSINESS

President Short announced the revisions to the Council Committee Chairs; new finance chair, Councilwoman Urban; new Law and Ordinance Committee Chair, Joe Connelly.

Councilman Durso made a motion to appoint Councilwoman Urban Vice President of Council, seconded by Councilman Oropollo, unanimously approved.

Caucus will be Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, May 10th 2017 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

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Urban and seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary