

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

May 10, 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 Reindl 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; 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; P. Rankin, Treasurer

Officers absent:

MINUTES

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

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Councilwoman Urban made a motion to appoint Lawrence Todd as part time non civil service police officers in the Borough of Aldan, seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan, unanimously approved.

Lawrence is a graduate of Haverford High school class of 2009 and graduated the Delaware County Municipal Police Academy Class #148 in December 2016. Lawrence was a deputy Constable for Haverford Township from 2012 thru 2015 and also served on the County's Constable Transport Team. Mr. Todd is currently employed by Mainline Health System as a security officer.

Here with Lawrence tonight is his mother Nancy, father Sgt. Larry Todd of the Haverford Township Police Department and his wife Audrey.

Mayor Blackburn administered Lawrence Todd the oath of office.

Borough Council recognized Collingdale Fire Company #2 for 100 years of service to the community. Officers in attendance were Chief William Wentzel, President Patrick Mckeeon, and Deputy Chief Brian Fish. Mayor Blackburn presented Chief Wentzel with a plaque to express Aldan's sincere appreciation to all the volunteers of Collingdale Fire Company #2 for 100 years of service and dedication to our community. Any incident in Aldan from fire, car accidents or other emergencies we can always count on the Collingdale Fire House #2 to assist our residents, there are truly no world to express our gratitude.

Mayor Blackburn presented the Aldan Citizens Award to Brian Fish a lifelong member of the community who started at a young age volunteering as a referee for Aldan soccer games on Saturdays. Brian's progression as a volunteer lead to a position as a volunteer fireman for Collingdale #2. He furthered his dedication to the community by becoming a part time Police Officer in Aldan.

President Short introduced Steve Maiden, Vice President of the newly formed Aldan Youth Club. Steve spoke to council and residents and explained the former Aldan Boys Club and Aldan Girls Club have dissolved and the new Aldan Youth Club was formed which has yielded a much larger group of volunteers and a more concise effort towards developing the Aldan youth. Steve thanked those who have volunteered their time in the past to the athletic clubs and looks forward to seeing many of our residents on the fields.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Blackburn reported the Delaware County Planning Department is working to develop a master site plan for the county's newest park on the recently acquired Little Flower Manor property located in Darby Borough and Upper Darby Township. There will be a meeting on May 31st at 7pm in our building to discuss the plans for the park.

All Aldan officers are attending the annual Act 180 training including legal update, CPR, range training etc. Additional seminars are being attended by various officers based on their schedules to further their training.

BOROUGH MANAGER

John White asked residents to be patient when it concerns vacant homes in the borough regarding grass and maintenance issues. There is a process that must be followed and takes some time but the borough is aware of the vacant homes and is on top of getting those properties maintained.

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	\$ 625,556.33	\$ 51,582.02	\$385,318.44
Receipts for period	\$ 228,612.61	\$.98	\$380,467.37
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 144,632.00	\$ 6,835.57	\$
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$		\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 709,536.94	\$ 44,747.43	\$765,785.81

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$139,350.90, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,535.57.

Councilman Maniaci 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 testimony in the Zoning Hearing Board manner involving the application of the Charter School for the property 1 Merion Avenue was heard and concluded a couple weeks ago, the board gave both parties 2 weeks to file written briefs or arguments and the board will meet again on Monday June 5th 7pm to render its decision.

There is one pending tax assessment appeal for a property on Ridley Avenue. The borough is contesting the assessment appeal and Mr. McBlain will continue to keep council updated.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported relative to the 2017 Road Program, Mr. Close has been working with the borough representatives to finalize the roads for this year's program and preparing the plan, contract, and bidding documents. Due to the CDBG funding we received this year and hopefully for next year for other paving projects we were able to reduce the budget this year and the focus will be three roads where Aqua is working on Wayne and Sycamore. We are proposing the other halves of those roads. Second, relative to the 2016 CDBG project the paving work was completed on April 18th a punch list was prepared and the contractor has submitted a first payment request. Once the punch list is completed and the contract closeout paperwork is finished then Mr. Close will recommend the final payment for the 10 percent retainage that we normally retain.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

John White gave the report for Public Health in Councilman Durso's absence reported the trash totals for April was 153.54 tons; recycle 22.81 tons.

Reminder to resident's pool inspection will begin in June.

West side bulk trash is Wednesday May 17th.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maniaci recapped 2017 Highway Winter Report; 72 tons of salt were purchased, five snow/ice events were serviced for a total expense of \$9,775.30.

Councilman made a motion to approve the Borough Engineer to advertise bid request for the Road Program work, seconded by Councilman Oropollo, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo reminded residents not to blow grass clipping into streets and to remind their landscapers as well.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Corrigan reported on the Fire Marshall's report; there were 7 fire calls and 20 paramedic/ambulance calls for the month of April.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Connelly reported on the Borough Inspectors reports; 35 building permits were issued in the month of April for a total construction value of \$115,000, 3 plumbing permits issued with a construction value of \$15,843, and 54 mid-term and transfer inspections conducted in April.

FINANCE

Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing outstanding

NEW BUSINESS

Caucus will be Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, June 14, 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

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Urban and seconded by Councilman Maniaci, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary