

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

June 14, 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 Vice President Urban presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Council Vice President Sandra Urban.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: C. Maniaci; S. Urban; S. Oropollo; J. Connolly; M. Corrigan; S Durso

Council members absent: H. Short

Officers present: J. Blackburn, Mayor; 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 Councilman Durso the minutes from the May 2017 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carol Murray, S. Woodlawn Avenue addressed council regarding the trash service, specifically the bulk trash pickup in May. Ms. Murray was not happy with the issue of the trash service not taking all the items placed out on Woodlawn Avenue. Apparently the residents laid the trash on their front lawns due to those blocks not having a grass space curbside and the men did not take the trash from the lawn. In the forty years of living in Aldan this is the worst company she has experienced. Also she noticed they are now placing stickers on the trash they are not taking, wondering what this is about. Councilman Durso explained that the stickers are something new that B&L Service is using to notify residents of items they are not obligated to remove with the trash collection. Councilman Durso is going to arrange a meeting with B&L to discuss the issues as well as the new sticker procedure.

Sue Borders, W Providence Road asked council whether the Borough has plans to reinstall the basketball nets. It is summer and there needs to be somewhere for the kids to play. Councilman Maniaci explained the nets were taken down due to negative activity taking place on the courts. Councilman Maniaci will look into the matter and whether those courts can be put back into place. Mr. White added that the main problems were due to non-resident youth and adults taking over the courts and not allowing the Aldan kids to play there as well as drug activity, profanity complaints, public urinating etc. Therefore, the Borough currently has no plans for putting the nets back in place.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Blackburn reported the Aldan Elementary School kindergarten class came to visit the police station and had some great questions for Officer Ziviello and Officer Coppola who were on duty that day. Mayor noted the importance of the children's interaction with the police at that young age. Mayor Blackburn presented the thank you cards made by the kids to the police officers.

BOROUGH MANAGER

John White announced the Aldan 4th of July Celebration will begin at 11 am Tuesday July 4th. Registrants should begin to assemble at 10:45am. Pre-registration will be held Saturday July 1st at the Reinl Recreation Center from 1-3pm and Sunday 1-3pm at the Aldan Swim Club.

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 \$165,546.30, from the state highway fund totaling \$6,835.57. Councilman Maniaci 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 tax assessment matter for a property on Ridley Avenue. The property owner appealed the increase tax assessment to the Board of Assessment and further appealed to the Court of Common Pleas. This property was sold as either an estate or short sale and was in disrepair when purchased. The new owner made significant improvements to the property in the area of \$30,000 and then filed the tax appeal. The borough contested the proposed assessment the owner wanted. The school district negotiated a settlement, however after evaluating the settlement we disagreed with the property owner and school district as to the value of the property based on comparable sales in the area. After remaining firm in our decision, ultimately the property owner withdrew the appeal leaving the original assessment in effect.

There was an amendment to the Police Pension Ordinance based upon the collective bargaining agreement that was negotiated with the FOP for the current term. The amendment is addressing two minor manners that align with the State Law changes and therefore the ordinance requires the updates to match those changes.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on Tuesday, June 6th bids were received for the 2017 Road Program and he will be available to answer questions regarding this matter during the committee chairman's report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilman Durso reported trash totals for the month of May; trash 207.12 tons, recycling 23.18 tons. Mr. Durso noted during the meeting with B&L Services he will discuss the new sticker procedure with the company as well as why they are not picking up items out with trash such as the pallets mentioned earlier in tonight meeting. Mr. McBlain noted to council and a resident that the contract with B&L is for residential trash service and is paid by the pound. There are items that are not contracted to be picked up such as building material and such. Pallets would not be normal residential trash.

On July 22nd there is an e-cycle and shredding event being held in Clifton Heights Municipal lot from 9am to 1pm.

Councilman wished a Happy Flag Day!

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maniaci made a motion to award the 2017 Road Program to Charlestown Paving with the bid amount of \$47,284 which was the low bid. The bids were publically opened at the caucus meeting along with the proper bid bonds. After received they were forwarded to the engineer for review of companies and Charlestown Paving was their recommendation. Mr. Close noted Charlestown Paving did the 2016 Road Program and did a nice job and they are also the paving contractor for Aqua. The motion was seconded by Councilman Durso, unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo announced Penndot cleaned out the storm drains at Providence Road and Oak Avenue and reminded residents to call if drains backup during rain storms so they can be cleared out.

Councilman mentioned to residents to call police for any suspicious activity they see in the neighborhood. We all need to take a part in keeping Aldan safe.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Corrigan reported on the Fire Marshall's report; there were 2 fire calls and 31 paramedic/ambulance calls for the month of May.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Connelly reported on the Borough Inspectors reports; 32 building permits were issued in the month of May for a total construction value of \$84,418, 3 plumbing permits issued with a construction value of \$5,900, and 31 mid-term and transfer inspections conducted in May.

The borough is currently abating 10 vacant properties in Aldan, we are caring for their lawns and will lien the property and recoup the money at the time of sale. Councilman mentioned that if you are maintaining the front of a vacant property near your home the borough may not be aware of their being an issue and therefore will not address the other property maintenance issues that may exist there. Instead of taking on the responsibility yourselves please call the borough office so they can take care of it.

FINANCE

Councilman Urban happily reported all bills for the month were paid and noted there were two grants received, one being a recycling grant and a second for the highway program. Councilman Urban deferred to the treasurer for information on those grants. Mrs. Rankin reported a check in the amount of \$108,345.80 was received from the State for the highway program and for the Recycling Act 101 a grant was received for 2017 in the amount of \$10,337.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing outstanding.

NEW BUSINESS

Caucus will be Wednesday, July 5th, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, July 12th, 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 Councilman Maniaci and seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary