

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

July 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 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;
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Council members absent:

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 Councilwoman Corrigan the minutes from the June 2017 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Herb Hayes announced on behalf of the Legion Post there will be a fundraiser this September for building improvements on the Legion Hall, specifically building a peaked roof. Herb will be available for ticket sales at the upcoming council meetings.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Blackburn commented on the large police presence at the 4th of July Parade & Events, directing traffic, assisting residents and attending to two police calls during the event.

BOROUGH MANAGER

John White thanked all those who helped with the 4th of July parade and events and commented on the strong turnout. Mr. White announced there will be an initial planning meeting for Aldan's 125th

Anniversary celebration held on July 19th and emailed invitations will be sent our shortly.

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	\$ 709,536.94	\$ 51,582.02	\$385,318.44
Receipts for period	\$ 228,612.61	\$.98	\$ 18,092.27
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 109,082.45	\$ 6,835.57	\$160,400.00
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 829,067.10	\$ 44,146.38	\$243,010.71

Mrs. Rankin asked for council’s approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$109,082.45, from the state highway fund totaling \$7,436.62, and from the sewer fund totaling \$160,400. Councilwoman Urban made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented and to pay the bills, seconded by Councilman Maniaci and unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR

Mr. McBlain reported on the legal matter of the Charter School application, there has been no formal appeal to date and we have recently received the transcripts. The School has 30 days after the receipt to file an appeal. Mr. McBlain will keep council posted on any new developments regarding this matter.

Regarding the recent house fire at 4 Bonsall Avenue, several borough officials met with the home owner to review the issue of remediation of the remaining debris and maintenance of the property. Once the police investigation is complete and the scene has been released the owner will have 45 days to level the debris and lay grass seed. Failure to take these steps will result in the borough issuing an Order of Abatement, completing the work and placing a lien on the property. The owner is agreeable to the borough holding partial insurance funds in escrow as per Ordinance.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported the 2017 CDBG award letter has been issued for the \$150,000 for work in the northeast quadrant of the borough. The OHCD required documents will be provided to the Manager for execution and return to the county. Approximate time for work to begin is March 2018, Chestertown Paving was awarded the work and they will coincide with the Aqua work allowing for the entire streets to be paved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilman Durso announced a change to the location for the July 22nd E-cycle and Shredding Event, the event will be held in the Aldan Borough Municipal parking lot due to ongoing construction in the Clifton Height parking lot. Also new to the event details is that ID of residency will be necessary for TV

drops as the borough is now going to be charged a fee per TV and the event is limited to Aldan and Clifton Heights residents.

Borough officials met with the owner of B&L Services to discuss service issues and resident complaints pertaining to the trash pickup such as missed houses during pickup and items being left curbside after pickup. The borough will continue to work together with B&L to correct the issues going forward. Residents should continue to contact the borough office or the councilman with any problems or concerns.

June trash totals; 168.94 tons of trash and 31.04 tons of recyclables.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maniaci read a quote from the local newspaper regarding the Aldan Boys Baseball team's success this season.

The Road Program work has been completed in the borough and a reminder to residents to sweep and clear the curb lines as part of the regular property maintenance.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo notified residents of a sink hole developing on S Woodlawn Avenue, because of the holes location several residents in the area were notified to call for a plumber to camera their line to detect which lateral had the issue. The borough is continuing to work with the residents to remedy the situation.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Corrigan reported on the Fire Marshall's report; there were 3 fire calls and 23 paramedic/ambulance calls for the month of June.

Councilwoman reported of a house fire which destroyed the entire home at 4 Bonsall Avenue on the evening of July 3rd. The fire is still under investigation and will have an update at the next council meeting.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Connolly reported on the Borough Inspectors reports; 49 building permits were issued in the month of June for a total construction value of \$408,828, 2 plumbing permits issued with a construction value of \$24,104, and 51 mid-term and transfer inspections conducted in June.

Councilman Connolly spoke to council and residents about solicitors in town going door to door to sell energy service. The individual the councilman encountered misrepresented himself as being from Peco and asking to see the Peco bill for the residence, the gentleman was very persistent and would not take no for an answer. If you answer your door to a solicitor ask to see the Aldan Borough issued ID. Solicitors who have passed the approval process through the borough are issued an ID. They are only allowed to solicit between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday thru Saturday. If at any time you feel uncomfortable contact 911 for the police to respond and address the problem.

FINANCE

Councilman Urban thanked all those who helped to make the 4th of July celebration a success once again.

Councilwoman happily announced all the bills were paid this month including the large 2nd quarter payment to the Darby Creek Joint Authority.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing outstanding.

NEW BUSINESS

Caucus will be Tuesday, August 1st, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, August 9th, 2017 at 7:30 PM for Executive Session and General Meeting starting at 8:00 PM at the William Reiml Recreation Building.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilman Maniaci and seconded by Councilwoman Urban, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:34 pm.

ATTEST

Jennifer Perks
Asst. Borough Secretary