

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

August 9, 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 Reintl Recreation Building on the above date with President Short presiding.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and led by Council President Harry Short.

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**ROLL CALL**

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

Council members absent:

Officers present: J. Blackburn, Mayor;; P. Close, Engineer; J. McBlain, Solicitor; J. White, Borough Manager; P. Rankin, Treasurer

Officers absent: J. Perks, Asst. Borough Secretary

**MINUTES**

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

**RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Convery (Stratford Avenue) voiced concerns about a neighboring property and work being performed without permits. Also whether there is an Occupancy Certificate issued for the property. Both John White and John McBlain informed Mr. Convery of the upcoming appointments scheduled for the owner and the Building Inspector to meet and the process that will be taken to make sure everything is done legally and properly.

Mr. McNally (Willows Lane) updated council regarding a previous matter regarding being double billed for ambulance service; the bill was taken care of by Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital.

Mr. Convery spoke a second time regarding cars speeding down Stratford Avenue to bypass the traffic light at Providence and Woodlawn Ave. Mayor Blackburn will speak to the Police Chief about having a police vehicle sit and monitor the traffic for a bit on the street.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Blackburn reported on ongoing training and re-certification of the police officers specifically pertaining to DUI and officer safety issues. In light of the event that occurred in Collingdale where an officer serving a warrant and was ignited on fire by a weapon thrown from inside the property the Mayor stressed the importance of the continued training in the area of safety.

**BOROUGH MANAGER**

John White reported the borough will begin to get fields ready for fall sports.

Mr. White once again notified residents that the IRS scams are continuing to go on and to not be taken by anyone claiming to be from IRS, the actual Internal Revenue Service will not make contact by phone.

**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	\$ 30,971.72	\$425,405.63
Receipts for period	\$ 28,912.61	\$ .66	\$ 1,211.19
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 144,632.00	\$ 6,674.19	\$
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 709,536.94	\$ 24,598.19	\$426,616.82

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$139,882.02 and from the state highway fund totaling \$6,374.19. Councilwoman Urban made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to pay the bills, seconded by Councilman Connolly and unanimously approved.

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. McBlain reported there are approximately 25 properties in collections for 2016 delinquent trash and sewer fees, this represents only 1.25% of all the properties in Aldan. This number has remained steady the last couple of years. There are 9 property maintenance liens where the properties are vacant and the borough is taking care of the grass cutting and snow removal, etc.

The Police have released the property at 4 Bonsall Avenue which was a total fire loss on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was insurance for the property and the clean-up and damaged home removal will begin within the next week or so. We have asked that the owner continue to maintain the grass at the property.

Regarding the Getty on Oak Avenue, citations are being issued weekly due to the conditions of the property. Ramaco Fuels, the owner of the property began working to change the underground tanks and ran into some problems getting the new tanks, as well as changed the scope of the project to include removal of the canopy and changes to the signage which delayed the project. We had to insist they put a

fence in place due to the safety concerns with leaving the area open, and have revoked the Occupancy Certificate for the business until the work has been completed and inspections have been made. We will continue to monitor their progress and continue to place fines and if necessary abate the property and place liens for any cost incurred by the borough for maintenance.

## ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported the 2017 CDBG Borough executed the agreement and was submitted to the OHCD last month. Draft contract documents and construction plans were prepared and submitted to OHCD for review and approval. Anticipated completion of their review and approval is around September or October.

Relative to the 2017 Road Program, received Penn DOT approval for the contracts and documents. A notice to proceed was issued to the contractor. They are planning the week of August 28<sup>th</sup> weather permitting to begin work.

Lastly, relative to 2017 MPDS MS4 general permit; Mr. Close presented a new element to the permit called a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). The storm water MPDS permit is required to be renewed every five years with the next cycle being due March 2018, the permit renewal has to be submitted 180 prior. With this permit cycle the PA DEP has an additional requirement for the storm water program. Mr. Close presented a display demonstrating the different water sheds the borough is a tributary to; Darby Creek Watershed, Muckinipattis Watershed, Hermesprota Watershed. DEP has determined the surrounding streams are impaired and has required the municipalities to come up with a plan to try to reduce pollutant loadings that are causing the impairments to these streams. The impairment per the DEP is caused by runoff of sediment and siltation from run off from the storm sewer systems. DEP has tried to facilitate meeting a goal of reducing pollutants and have provided a formula to estimate the total pollutant load from the area of the borough based on the amount of grass, wood, and impervious cover. There is a total pounds per year estimate based on that fact. Using this information their requirement is for the borough to implement **Best Management Practices (BMP)** to reduce 10% of the calculated loading that is going to the streams. We are given a tool box to try to achieve these reductions. The Borough has to come up with a conceptual plan of how we think we want to try to achieve these goals. This is submitted with our package and the DEP will review and let us know if they are in agreeance and once the issuance of the March permit comes out the borough will have 5 years to physically implement the Best Management Practices that are proposed to reduce the 10% goal. The areas that are municipality or school district properties we are prosing 4 Best Management Practices to reduce the loads. Within the Darby Creek Water Shed there is about 16 thousand pounds of sediment per year estimated as the 10% requirement we are prosing 375 foot of stream restoration along Lobbs Run on the Aldan Swim Club property. There is a calculation for each linear foot and an estimation of how much pollutants would be removed so that is how we meet that requirement. In the Hermesprota Watershed we are prosing rain gardens, one in the Mayor Edmundson Park, one in Jeffery Road Park, and 6 strategically located inlet sediment bags to remove sediment before it gets into the inlets. The calculation yields about 35 hundred pounds per year so these Best Management Practices in theory would remove the required loading. As part of Aldan Borough we are able to parse out storm sheds within Penn DOT jurisdiction and sewers leading up to Penn DOT roads so we are simply calculating Aldan Borough storm sheds when we are calculating these loadings. Some rough cost estimates at this point for the stream bank restoration work are approximately \$75,000 plus the cost for engineering and permitting, for the rain gardens approximately \$30,000, and about \$3600 for the filter bags. This is a first step conceptual plan. We would have the ability once the permit is issued to change course if we want to utilize different Best Management Practices. We have the flexibility to do that and coordinate that with DEP. At some point during that 5 year period the borough would have to utilize Kelly

Engineers to come up with a design to implement these Best Management Practices. We would have to put out some sort of construction project so envision maybe each year doing one of these practices. Ultimately the goal is to try to improve the impairment of the streams so the idea is collectively if all the municipalities get together and try to implement these Best Management Practices it will lessen some of the pollutant loads and hopefully improve the quality of our streams.

This presentation is a requirement also there was an advertisement placed in the Daily Times, it is also posted on the website, and a copy of the plan is at the Borough office for review.

Steve Maiden (Walnut Avenue) asked how important is it to include the surrounding boroughs, what happens when we are doing something great and then a neighboring borough hurts our efforts. Mr. Close answered that each community has a certain land surface that generates runoff from the rain and carries pollutants to the streams and each have out fall points that leave each borough. Each municipality falls under the same requirements to implement their own internal Pollutant Reduction Plan and Best Management Practices.

Dan Procopio (Walnut Avenue) asked how many of the Best Management Practices are recommended by the state other than the three mentioned by Mr. Close and are they available with the plan information. Mr. Close responded there are approximately 15-25 options and research would probably need to be done on one's own. This proposal is what is believed to be the most economical and tailored Best Management Practices for the community.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilman Durso announced July trash totals; 180.55 tons of trash and 24.43 tons of recyclables.

Mr. Durso thanked Councilman Connolly for being present for the last Ecycle Event in Aldan that was originally scheduled to be held in Clifton Heights borough. The totals for the event were 44 televisions, 4 console televisions, 4 air conditioners, 20 laptops, and 4 desktop computers. Due to an increase in the costs for disposing of the old style televisions the borough incurred an additional cost of \$384.81 for disposal.

Jim Maloney, the Health Officer, is close to completing the pool inspections and has found no major issues. Also no Zika or West Nile mosquitos have been found through the monitoring of the borough.

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilman Maniaci noted the school intersections will be painted and the school zone speed lighting will turned during the week before school opens.

Aldan Youth Club fall sports are beginning so any kids interested should look into signing up at this time.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo reported A to U Services investigated and repaired an issue at 218 Birchwood

Road for a total cost of \$5450. Mr. Borders (W Providence Road) asked if A to U Services were working on W Providence Road, they noticed workers out and was wondering if there were any issues. Councilman will check with the contractor and let Mr. Borders know.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Corrigan reported on the Fire Marshall's report; for the month of July there were 10 fire calls, 4 Bonsall being the most notable in sustaining \$335,000 in damages. This amount includes neighboring homes damages. The property located at 126 W Maryland Avenue sustained fire damages in the amount of \$95,000. There were 27 paramedic/ambulance calls for the month of July.

Councilwoman Corrigan presented a Resolution and made a motion appointing Steve Maiden as the Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission for the Borough of Aldan, seconded by Councilman Maniaci, unanimously approved. Mayor Blackburn administered the oath of office to Mr. Steven Maiden.

### **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Connolly presented a Resolution and made a motion appointing SCS as the towing company and impounds facility serving the Aldan Borough, seconded by Councilman Durso, unanimously approved.

Councilman also reminded resident to call borough office or the Councilman personally to report any issues regarding contractors working without permits or any property maintenance issues and these matters will be addressed immediately.

### **FINANCE**

Councilman Urban was happy to announce all bills were paid for the month.

Councilwoman Urban presented a Resolution and made motion to authorize the Borough Treasure and the Finance Committee Chair to approve certain expenditures to be subsequently ratified by the borough council. Basically the Treasure will be able to make payment prior to council meetings if their due date is before the meeting if the bill is in the amount of \$500 or less, seconded by Councilman Maniaci, unanimously approved.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing outstanding.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Caucus will be Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 Councilman Connolly, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:49 pm.

**ATTEST**

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Jennifer Perks  
Asst. Borough Secretary