

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

September 13, 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.

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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: None

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

Officers absent: None

**MINUTES**

On a motion made by Councilman Maniaci seconded by Councilwoman Urban the minutes from the August 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 appoint Officer Christopher Signore as Part Time Officer in Aldan Borough, seconded by Councilman Maniaci and unanimously approved. Mrs. Corrigan made a Resolution to promote Officer Steven Ziviello to Sergeant, seconded by Councilman Oropollo and unanimously approved.

**MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Blackburn reported on the DUI Taskforce’s DUI Checkpoint. The checkpoint was held on Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10:30pm to 2:30am at Marshall Road and 69<sup>th</sup> Street. The DUI Taskforce is made up of officers from multiple departments from this section of the county. Represented from Aldan Borough was Officer Coppola and Officer Hollabaugh. A representative from MAD was present during the checkpoint and sent a message to all of the chiefs stating her appreciation for each and every one of the officers and their professionalism while performing the checkpoint.

Mayor Blackburn wants to remind residents that school is back in session and stressed the importance of school zones and keeping an eye out for the students walking.

**BOROUGH MANAGER**

Mr. White once again notified residents that the IRS scams are a 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. He stated that gift cards are being used for scamming and have affected the elderly the most this past month. Mr. White advises to not give out any personal information over the 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	\$ 709,536.94	\$ 30,971.72	\$248,121.61
Receipts for period	\$ 39,886.06	\$ .66	\$ 3,630.11
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 144,632.00	\$ 7,343.58	\$
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 564,904.94	\$ 23,628.80	\$250,935.72

Mrs. Rankin asked for council’s approval to release checks from the following funds; from the general fund checks totaling \$165,395.63 and from the state highway fund totaling \$6,373.92 and from the sewer fund \$816. 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**

Nothing to report.

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported for the NPS Renewal the Borough General Renewal Application Fee and Exhibits will be submitted Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and will allow the permits to be good for another 5 years.

Mr. Close shared an updated on the Road Program. Contractor Charleston Paving began work last week which was half Aldan roads and half Aqua overlays on West Wayne and Sylvan Avenue. The work is substantially complete as of today's date. The punch list, processing of payments and project completion documents will be filed by years end to receive timely county aid funds which will be approximately \$5800.

Aqua is doing a project paving restoration on some streets in the area including Jeffrey and Sycamore. 2016 CDBG work that we had, the aqua restorations and the Road Program approximately \$48,000 the borough got about a quarter million dollars' worth of resurfacing done this year.

Residents did ask a few questions regarding the work that is being done. Questioning since there is a lot of Aqua work being done on East Rively Avenue is it similar to the project on Wayne and Sylvan? In response, this is a water main replacement and when they are finished they will be repaving half of the street which is all that Aldan is responsible for and the other half will be Collingdale's responsibility. Another question that was asked by a resident was whether Aqua will be doing work on Maryland Ave and Willows Lane. The response was that it is part of the CDBG for next year. As of now, no timeframe has been given, most likely March or April. It is a 2017 application which has been approved.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilman Durso announced August trash totals; 139.45 tons of trash and 31.70 tons of recyclables.

Mr. Durso and the Borough received a letter from the Department of Environmental Protection. The Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant for Aldan Borough has been approved for the amount of \$7,768.00 for the calendar year of 2015. The borough should be receiving this grant money in 4 to 6 weeks from August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**HIGHWAY**

Councilman Maniaci noted the school intersections have been painted.

Mr. Maniaci also stated he is in works now getting ready for salt for the upcoming snow season so that the Borough is prepared ahead of time.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo reported that A to U Services came out to seal leaking inlet at Providence Road and Oak Avenue. They also removed debris, replaced loose bricks, sealed loose gaps and replaced the floors to seal the holes. This seal is a temporary fix. The total cost of the work done was \$3950.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Corrigan reported on the Fire Marshall's report; for the month of August there were 5 fire calls, all resulting in no damage. There were 27 paramedic/ambulance calls for the month of August.

Fire Marshall Garrity included additional damages listed for the fire at 4 Bonsall Avenue on July 4<sup>th</sup> of 2017. Additional cost was \$37,000 for motor vehicle damages. In a breakdown of costs the total building damages was \$360,000, cost of contents of the home \$70,000 and motor vehicle damage of \$37,000 including an additional \$1100 in damages listed.

Resident questioned whether the building damage included solely 4 Bonsall Avenue or all homes damaged in the fire. No breakdown was given but believed to be all residential buildings affected.

A resident wanted to know the status of the cleanup for 4 Bonsall Avenue. Mr. White informed that the building is down, the basement is done and as of today's date the garage is being worked on. No exact timeline of when the work should be completed, however, most likely within the next 10 days.

**LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Connelly reported that 42 building permits issued with a construction value of \$119,562. In addition 10 transfer inspections and 72 midterm inspections were completed for the month of August. One plumbing permit was issued worth \$2000.

Mr. Connelly also reported that work has been restarted on the Getty at Providence Road and Oak Avenue. The canopy will be replaced, doing an inside fit out and new tanks and pumps will be put in. The work began on September 7, 2017.

During August's council meeting there was a resident complaint of 29 Stratford. Mr. Connelly advised that 29 Stratford will be a group home for mentally handicapped individuals. As of right now it has been shut down due to not having the correct permits and will reopen when proper permits are obtained.

A resident did ask about the upper limit of residents and the response from Mr. Tartaglia was that it is 3 bedrooms, 1 person assigned to each and the upper level will be an office.

**FINANCE**

Councilwoman Urban reported that Thomas J Anderson and Associates who administers the Municipal Police Pension Fund, sent a letter which states that the financial requirement and minimum municipal obligation for the municipality's pension plan. Act 205 requires that the Chief Administrative Officer of the pension plan shall submit to the governing body of the municipality. Annual report will need to be done by September 29, 2017. Presenting the annual report to council and the MMO for 2018 is \$146, 612 which will be slightly offset by state funds.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing outstanding.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Caucus will be Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building. Council will meet Wednesday, October 11th, 2017 at 7:30 PM for Executive Session and General Meeting starting at 8:00 PM at the William Reinl Recreation Building.

Mayor Blackburn read his letter of resignation as Mayor of Aldan Borough effective immediately. He has been promoted within Peco to External Governmental Affairs Manager to all of Delaware County including Aldan Borough and the residents.

Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion to accept Mayor Joseph C. Blackburn Jr.'s resignation as Mayor of Aldan borough, seconded by Councilman Connelly and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion for a special meeting on September 21, 2017 to fill the vacancy in council due to Councilman Maniaci being promoted to Mayor. Seconded by Councilwoman Urban and unanimously approved.

The special meeting will be held on September 21, 2017 at the Reinl Recreation Building at 7pm and will be posted for the public on the LED sign outside of the municipal building.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Resident Mr. Charlie Duffy asked Borough Council to proclaim November as Aldan American Legion Month.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilwoman Urban 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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Lauren Cavanagh  
Asst. Borough Secretary