

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

June, 2018

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.

ROLL CALL

Council members present: S. Urban; S. Oropollo; J. Connolly; S. Maiden

Council members absent: H. Short; M. Corrigan; S. Durso

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

Officers absent: None

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilman Maiden seconded by Councilman Connolly the minutes from the May 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aldan resident, Beatrice Bradford brought in pictures of 4 Bonsall Avenue, where the fire took place last July. She brought in pictures showing that after the rain, there are puddles of water where there is soil, not dirt or grass. Her concern is mosquitoes if this issue isn't resolved as well as the fact that it is an eye sore. She inquired about the borough making contact with the owner in which Borough Manager John White let her know that Tony Tartaglia, the Building Code Official would know the answer to that but he would get an answer for her. Solicitor John McBlain stated that part of the process last year was to seed the property which did not take well. Mr. McBlain stated that Mr. White and Councilman Connolly will follow up and a notice will be sent to the homeowner that this needs to be taken care of. Councilman Connolly took Ms. Bradford's phone number to follow up with her at a later date.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

None

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Maniaci stated the police chief would be going through the school later in the month with the officers to set up a game plan in case there is ever an active shooter.

Mayor Maniaci advised residents that if they will be traveling to please stop at the Municipal Building and fill out an "away" form so that the officers can check the property while residents are on vacation.

Mr. Maniaci also warned residents again to please lock car doors.

BOROUGH MANAGER

Borough Manager John White reminded residents that this upcoming July 3rd we will be celebrating our 125th Anniversary with a concert, along with a bigger and better 4th of July celebration that will all be held at the field on Woodlawn Avenue.

Mr. White shared that he is still looking for help on the 4th of July for the moon bounces and different activities for the children if anyone was interested.

Mr. White reminded residents that collectors would be coming door to door, if they have not already, to collect for the 4th of July. This is another area where help is needed by anyone willing.

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	\$ 1,068,116.99	\$ 131,331.21	\$ 619,582.80
Receipts for period	\$ 66,090.72	\$ 2.75	\$ 11,491.70
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 152,690.02	\$ 8,653.49	\$ 156,474.00
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$		\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 1,181,517.69	\$ 122,680.47	\$ 474,600.50

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval for the following amounts of checks; from General Fund \$152,690.02, for the State Highway Fund \$8,653.49, and Sewer Fund \$156,474.00. Councilman Connolly made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as reported and authorize the disbursements of funds, seconded by Councilman Maiden and unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR

Mr. McBlain stated that we are currently working on two franchise agreements (or contracts) with our cable companies. These agreements allow them the use of public rights of way, in order to have their wires. Between Federal Regulations and State Law we may charge a 5% fee to Comcast and Verizon for certain types of services which are related to cable services. Mr. McBlain has been in contact with Comcast and working on an agreement with them for a while and was hoping to present that to council a few months ago, but that agreement is getting close. He is currently working with Comcast to receive internet service to be provided at no charge for some of our public facilities. Currently the agreement is just being tweaked. The second agreement is with Verizon. The borough first entered into the agreement with Verizon about 10 years ago. When the agreement was made, council pressured Verizon to make a commitment to when everything would be installed, since they were installing new service. In Aldan, along with many other municipalities, Verizon never budged on making any commitments to when the service would be installed. We entered into a 10 year Franchise Agreement with Verizon, and here towards the end, they have finally installed the FiOS Service. Verizon would like to begin talking about the renewal of the franchise. A discussion will be had about where they are at for installation and what the reception has been. Both companies provide a nice portion of our budget, that 5% fee is charged, which just needs to be defined correctly on what that 5% covers.

Mr. McBlain brought up a problem property at 36 Stratford Avenue which had been sold at a judicial sale then was damaged due to a fire and the homeowner did no work after the fact. It has been delinquent for taxes and trash and sewers fees. It looked like it may be sold a few times over the past couple years but never did. He does believe it was sold recently at the May 10 judicial sale. We should be receiving a notice from the Tax Claim Bureau about which properties sold in the judicial sale, if we have not received that already.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on the 2017 CDBG Project for street improvements on West Maryland Avenue, Birchwood Road and Willows Lane, that paving was completed on May 24th. Over the next few weeks we will coordinate a punch list, payment request, maintenance bond, final up the quantities and then the OHCD paperwork to close out the project.

Relative to the 2018 Road Project on Beech Avenue, Albert Avenue and Stratford Avenue from W. Providence Road to W. Magnolia Avenue. This project was awarded to Charlestown Paving. A notice to proceed will be issued soon. A preconstruction meeting was had this morning and they predict the work will be started at the beginning of July. Since county council graciously granted additional funds for the pothole work in the Pot Hole Assistance for Tax Payers Program, we get an additional \$2100 to go towards pothole repairs. Since the amount given was not significant, phone quotes can be given and hopefully Charlestown Paving will take care of these additional potholes as well.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilman Durso was absent.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maiden did not have anything to report at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo advised that there was another back up in the sewer line on Jeffrey Road. General Sewer came out to clean the drains and advised the issue was grease and paper.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Corrigan was absent.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Connolly reported that there were 51 building permits issued with a construction value of \$209,867.75. In addition 14 transfer inspections and 5 midterm inspections were completed for the month of May.

Mr. Connolly advised that work was stopped at 42 Stratford Avenue for failure to obtain permits. We are finding more often that properties are being sold at auction or dumped by the financial institution and the new homeowners or the contractors are not coming to or calling the borough inquiring about permits. When this happens a "Stop Work Order" is posted until applications are obtained.

Please remember to insist that all contractors receive permits and call for proper inspections. This is to protect the homeowner.

The convenience store at the corner of Oak and Providence has obtained all permits however they seem to lack motivation to continue work. A meeting will be had with the owner to figure out the problem.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Urban reported for the Public Safety Committee who was absent this evening. There were 5 fire calls and 19 paramedic calls in the month of May.

Councilwoman Urban stated that we paid our second quarterly bill for Delcora in the amount of \$155,719.00. We did receive our franchise payment from Verizon in the amount of \$3,227.71. Ms. Urban also reported that we are at 95% for our year to date receipts which is good for June.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing outstanding.

NEW BUSINESS

Caucus will be held Tuesday, July 10th at 7:30 P.M at the Municipal Building

Council will meet Wednesday, July 18th at a 7:00pm in the William Reinl Recreation Center.

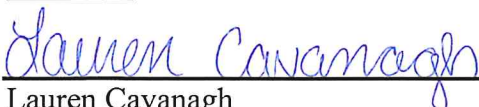
PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilman Maiden and seconded by Councilman Connolly, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 7:35pm.

ATTEST



Lauren Cavanagh
Asst. Borough Secretary