

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

July, 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: H. Short; S. Urban; S. Oropollo; M. Corrigan; S. Durso

Council members absent: J. Connolly; S. Maiden

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

Officers absent: J. McBlain, Solicitor

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilman Durso seconded by Councilwoman Urban the minutes from the June 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

None

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Maniaci shared with residents that on June 26 and 27 Aldan Police Officers along with surrounding boroughs and towns took part in a security walk through of the school and on the second day had an active shooter training. Mayor Maniaci thanked everyone involved for making the day successful and productive.

Second, Mayor Maniaci, stated on behalf of the Aldan Swim Club that August 4th and 5th would be Aldan Police Department Weekend with free admission for Aldan Officers and their families. On August 11th and 12th is the Borough Organization Weekend as a thank you for all of the volunteers involved in our civic organizations, also free admission.

BOROUGH MANAGER

Borough Manager John White shared an update for resident, Mrs. Bradford, the property has since been hydro seeded and the borough will cut the grass until the property transfers.

Mr. White recapped on the Borough's 3rd and 4th of July events. Although it rained on the 3rd, we had about 1500 people show up to enjoy the food and music. Mr. White thanked Chief Coppola and the officers. He stated that there were no police issues and only one minor medical emergency. Mr. White next thanked President Short, Borough Council and everyone involved in making the 3rd and 4th of July a success.

Mr. White advised of upcoming community events this summer. On Saturday, August 18th, the American Legion will be hosting an all you can eat pancake breakfast and eggs to order from 8am- 11am for \$7 per person. We have a shredding/e-cycling event coming up that Councilman Durso will speak about further in his report. Lastly for the 2018 Road Program, the Punch List is being compiled by Borough Engineers, so if you have any damage to your curb please call the borough and we will check the videos and verify if the damage occurred during the road program.

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	\$ 1,181,517.69	\$ 122,680.47	\$ 474,600.50
Receipts for period	\$ 98,798.37	\$ 2.86	\$ 17,390.04
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 177,483.64	\$ 6,598.26	\$ 135.00
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$		\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 1,102,832.42	\$ 116,085.07	\$ 491,855.54

No. 6010

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval for the following amounts of checks; from General Fund \$177,483.64, for the State Highway Fund \$6,598.26, and Sewer Fund \$135.00.

Councilwoman Urban made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as reported and authorize the disbursements of funds, seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan and unanimously approved.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor John McBlain was absent but Ms. Goffney stood in for Mr. McBlain and she had no new business to report.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on the 2017 CDBG project that was street improvements to W. Maryland Avenue, Willows Lane and Birchwood Road that was completed in late May. A change order was submitted to the county, they require that to align the final as bill quantity with the pay quantity so there is a slight increase of about \$1079; it was approved by the county. We also submitted the first payment request for the contractor for 90% of the total in the amount of \$91,975.19. We will hold off on the 10% retainage until they complete the punch list, received the 1 year maintenance bond and receive the contract close out documents.

Second, relative to our 2018 Road Program, that work was Beech, Albert and Stratford Avenues between W. Providence Road and W. Magnolia Avenue. This year we received an additional allotment of funds for pothole work so that work was also complete by June 25th. We are going to be coordinating a punch list, a payment request, a maintenance bond and final close out paperwork. The goal is to have all of the paperwork closed out with PennDot so we can get our reimbursements for County Aid before the end of the year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilman Durso reported on the May and June trash and recycling totals. In the month of May there were 194.32 tons of trash and 32.52 tons of recycling. In the month of June there were 175.87 tons of trash and 28.50 tons of recycling.

As Mr. White stated, there is a Shredding & E-Cycling Event on Saturday, July 28th, at the Clifton Heights Police Department from 10am-2pm and must be a borough resident, so please bring ID.

Mr. Durso also reported on the mosquito trapping in the area. There were reports on the news and social media about positive results in the Upper Darby area for West Nile Virus. Mr. Durso spoke with Jim Maloney, Public Health Officer, this morning, that there was no spraying in our area or the Upper Darby area. They did spray in Upper Chichester on July 13th. There were some positive results, but not enough to spray. Mr. Durso stated that he will make sure to let people know if they will be spraying in our area. He asked to have people check their properties for stagnant water to keep the mosquito population down.

Councilman Durso also brought some recycling issues to the attention of the residents. This has become a global issue, not just in our borough. Most recycling ends up in China and it gets burnt from trash to steam. However, the president of China is breaking down on the regulations for recycling, they will only accept recycling that is 99.5% pure. Recycling picked up from the states ends up on a slow boat to China and if it gets destroyed at all, not 100% cleaned out, cardboard gets wet, etc. they will reject the whole load. The cost has sky rocketed also, Mr. Durso brought articles showing how this is affecting the economy and future of recycling from around the world. He did bring this up because our contract is due to expire at the end of the year, so our contract will go out for bid. He did mention that trash is also being recycled trash to steam. The look of recycling may change by the end of the year, either making changes to what can be recycled or with the increase in cost, since we are such a small population and are not mandated, we may not collect recycling at all. He did want to let everyone know what we are faced with an issue as is everyone else.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maiden was absent.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo asked that when cutting grass to rake up any residue so it does not end up in the storm drains.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Corrigan reported that there were 6 calls in the month of June, 5 of which resulted in no damage, the 6th call was at 49 S. Elm Avenue which is still under investigation, and they do not have any costs of damage at this point. Collingdale Fire Company #1 and #2 responded to all the calls for the month of June. Collingdale EMS along with surrounding EMS responded to 24 calls in the month of June for the Borough of Aldan.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Connolly was absent but we did receive his report as follows; there were 53 building permits issued with a construction value of \$235,871.00. In addition 12 transfer inspections and 9 midterm inspections were completed for the month of June.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Urban reported from the Treasurer's report there was an expenditure of \$20,000 to Advanced Restoration however that was from insurance proceeds that we had received for reimbursement for the repairs at the trolley stop so that was no cost to the borough.

Councilwoman Urban also stated that we received a deposit in the amount of \$905.00 for overpayment for workers' compensation insurance. We also reconciled our escrow account on June 19th and our General and Sewer Fund on June 30th.

Councilwoman Urban also wanted to thank everyone involved in the success of the 3rd and 4th of July celebrations. On behalf of Borough Council, Councilwoman Urban thanked Borough Manager John White who worked very hard in making these days a success.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing outstanding.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Council will meet Wednesday, August 15th at a 7:00pm in the William Reinl Recreation Center.

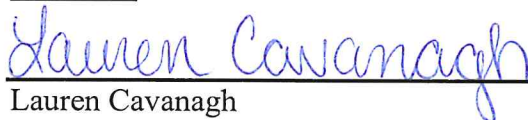
PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Aldan resident, Anne Nielson, wanted to report to John White that a ball had gone through her window during one of the Youth Club games. President Short advised that Councilman Maiden is the president of the youth club and would be in contact with her.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Urban and seconded by Councilwoman Corrigan, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 7:26pm.

ATTEST



Lauren Cavanagh
Asst. Borough Secretary