

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

September, 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.

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ROLL CALL

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

Council members absent: None

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

Officers absent: C. Maniaci, Mayor

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilman Maiden seconded by Councilwoman Urban the minutes from the August 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 was absent.

BOROUGH MANAGER

Borough Manager John White reported that Saturday, September 22 is Founder's and Safety Day from 10am-3pm on Woodlawn Avenue.

Mr. White also reported on a current scam, which entails a bail bondsman calling for money to get a loved one out of jail. They may call in the middle of the night and they will ask for cash. Always confirm before sending money, this is happening and has happened in Aldan already.

Another scam is in regards to the assessors that are coming and doing the assessments in the county. They will NEVER enter your home, they may need to come to your door, identify themselves and inform residents of the reason for the visit. They are collecting data from the outside only. All employees will have a bright yellow vest with the name TYLER on the back and will have a county issued ID.

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	\$ 1,04,123.04	\$ 35,182.08	\$ 494,324.95
Receipts for period	\$ 44,464.51	\$ 2.44	\$ 1,160.96
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 133,039.17	\$ 6,505.80	\$ 9,107.50
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 935,548.38	\$ 28,678.72	\$ 486,378.41

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval for the following amounts of checks; from General Fund \$133,039.17, from the State Highway Fund \$6,505.80, and Sewer Fund \$9,107.50. Councilwoman Urban 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

Solicitor John McBlain was absent but Ms. Goffney stood in for Mr. McBlain. Ms. Goffney reported that Mr. McBlain has begun reviewing contracts with Comcast related to the easements of their wires and lines to see what benefits Comcast will offer the borough.

Ms. Goffney also reported on a property that just sold that had outstanding sewer and abatement invoices which netted a return to the borough of over \$2,000. The borough also has another property scheduled to go to settlement in the next week on Shisler that should also bring in about \$2,000 for outstanding sewer and trash fees.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on the 2017 CDBG project and 2018 Road Program, both projects have been completed. Punch lists are completed, one year maintenance bonds received and the final payment requests have been submitted and that is for the release of the 10% retainage for both projects. This was done in late August.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

PUBLIC HEALTH

Councilman Durso reported on the August trash and recycling totals. In the month of August there were 148.15 tons of trash and 34.65 tons of recycling.

Mr. Durso reported on a Household Hazard Waste Event that will take place at Penn State Brandywine on September 16 from 9am-3pm.

Mr. Durso stated that Delaware County Solid Waste Authority sent out a letter (in regards to trash) stating that beginning January 1, 2019 they will be raising their rates from \$33 per ton to \$53 per ton. The last increase was back in 2012.

In regards to the recycling, the restrictions keep getting stricter because of contaminants. Most of our recycling was going to China, but now they are putting more restrictions on the amount of contaminated recycling materials that they receive. We received letters from Republic, via B&L who does our trash and recycling pick-up that they no longer want plastic bags or pizza boxes thrown into the recycling. No contaminated food containers are allowed in the recycling please put those items in the trash. Our recycling contract expires at the end of this year. We are currently just beginning the process of putting that contract out for bid. There are no details at this time. If you are not sure if something is able to be put in the recycling please just throw in the trash.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maiden had nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo stated that on the 600 Block of W. Magnolia Avenue that General Sewer was sent out to check the back-up of the system and found the terracotta was ruptured and it was repaired. It was the responsibility of the borough and cost of the repair was \$7,200.

Mr. Oropollo stated that he went out today and checked the grates. He wanted to let residents know if they see neighbors dumping down the drains to please ask them not to. He does believe it's mostly people driving through and throwing cups and things out of their car windows. If there is ever issues please call him, he does not want the grates to become clogged because that will cause a lot of issues.

Bill McNally asked if the grass clogs the drains, he sees that the grass is being left in the street. Mr. Oropollo did let him know that there is an ordinance against that and to call him if anyone sees that happening. Mr. Short stated to call the borough and either Mr. White or Mr. Quinn (the Code Enforcement Officer) will go out and speak with them.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Corrigan reported that Collingdale Fire Company #1 and #2 responded to 4 calls in the month of August, all of which resulted in no damage. Collingdale EMS along with surrounding EMS responded to 32 calls in the month of August for the Borough of Aldan.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Connolly there were 47 building permits issued with a construction value of \$185,060.60. In addition 2 transfer inspections and 22 midterm inspections were completed for the month of August.

Mr. Connolly reported that there is new playground equipment installed at the Aldan Elementary School on Woodlawn Avenue between the school and baseball field. We were able to work out details of a footing change with the contractor allowing him to proceed with minimal delay. It appears now only the installation of the mulch remains.

FINANCE

Councilwoman Urban reported from the Treasurer's report that there was one major expenditure this month which was the Solid Waste payment to B&L in the amount of about \$15,000. However, we had two significant deposits, the first the Real Estate Transfer Tax that was in excess of \$15,000 and second the Franchise Fee from Verizon which was \$4,448.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing outstanding.

NEW BUSINESS

Caucus will be held Tuesday, October 2nd at 7:30 P.M at the Municipal Building

Council will meet Wednesday, October 10th at a 7:00pm in the William Reinl Recreation Center.

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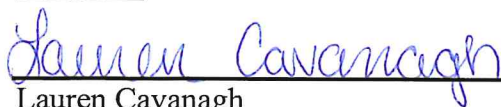
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ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Short stated that before the adjournment there will be a short executive session after the meeting about the contracts that were talked about during the meeting.

On a motion made by Councilman Connolly and seconded by Councilman Oropollo, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 7:22pm.

ATTEST



Lauren Cavanagh
Asst. Borough Secretary