

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

November, 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 Protempore President Sal Oropollo.

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**ROLL CALL**

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

Council members absent: H. Short; S. Urban

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

Officers absent: None

**MINUTES**

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

**RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

Proclamation to make November American Legion Post 1000 Month.

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To  
John Lyons

## **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Maniaci read a Proclamation to make November American Legion Post 1000 Month.

After the Proclamation was read, Mr. Albertoli informed residents that the legion has events coming up with the holiday season. The first being the Christmas card box for Letters for the Troops, last year over 2500 greetings were sent out. On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> the legion will host their annual pancake breakfast with the Army/Navy game being viewed on the big screen after. The pancake breakfast will also feature publically for the first time the American Dog which was voted on during Founder's Day.

Mr. Maniaci reminded residents to please lock their car doors especially with the Christmas season. Mayor Maniaci reminded residents to check CO2 detectors to make sure they are working especially with Christmas trees in the homes so they do not dry out.

Mr. Maniaci informed residents that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **BOROUGH MANAGER**

Borough Manager John White shared with the residents the news of the passing of John "Santa" Lyons on October 30 due to a long bout with cancer. Mr. White asked for council's approval to dedicate a page of the minutes to John Lyons. On a motion made by Councilman Maiden and seconded by Councilman Connolly and unanimously approved a page of the November Council Meeting Minutes will be dedicated to John Lyons.

Mr. White let residents know that a Toys for Tots box would be dropped off this Friday if anyone would like to donate toys.

Aldan Youth Club currently has basketball sign-ups on [aldanyouthclub.com](http://aldanyouthclub.com) which will also give more information.

American Legion's Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am-11am for \$7/person.

Aldan Booster's Christmas Tree Lighting will be Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Festivities will begin at 5:30pm with a carriage ride, train ride, face painting for children, hot chocolate and cookies provided by the Historical Commission, and Aldan Union Church choir will be caroling. There will also be Christmas balls for sale.

Aldan Borough will be sending out 2019 calendars to residents again this year. The information card that used to get sent out will be featured on the front page. The calendar will also include meeting times, trash and recycling days, bulk trash days, events, etc. Mr. White thanked Joe Koperna for all of his help in getting sponsors, getting information from the civic organization and getting the calendar out. The calendar should be out within the next two weeks.

Mr. White answered Charley Duffy's "trivia" question from the previous month about how many residents were in Aldan in 1908 and shared that there were 588 residents.

Finally, Mr. White reported that there are currently 45 tons of salt on hand and another 120 on order.

## **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	\$ 812,489.49	\$ 22,079.90	\$ 486,378.41
Receipts for period	\$ 44,382.09	\$ 0.50	\$ 3,508.92
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 154,067.54	\$ 6,283.66	\$ 330.34
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$		\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 702,804.04	\$ 15,796.74	\$ 489,556.99

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval for the following amounts of checks; from General Fund \$154,067.54, from the State Highway Fund \$6,283.66, and Sewer Fund \$330.34.

Councilman Durso 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**

Jackie Goffney reported that the property at 253 Priscilla Lane has transferred and all sewer and abatement liens have been paid. This was the property that was part of the Wounded Warriors Project.

Mr. Procopio asked what the amount of the liens was that was collected by the Borough. Ms. Goffney let him know that the total was \$1,321.26.

### **ENGINEER**

Mr. Close stated relative to our 2019 CDBG project, as directed by council, an application is being prepared for the CBDG grant. As required by the process, a public hearing must be held prior to the submission of the application. A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, a half hour prior to the regular meeting time. A public advertisement will be submitted to the Spirit Magazine for Wednesday, November 28, 2018. The goal is to submit the application to OHCD in early January 2019.

The second item was in regards to the Aldan Borough Park Snack Bar and Pavilion. Last month the borough received a grant agreement for approving the grant amount from DCED. We have to finalize the agreement and they will need to execute it and get it back to us. We have 2 years, until June 20, 2021 to expend the funds for that grant. As expected there are strings attached to the grant agreement such as about the payment process, required documentation, certifications, etc., which Mr. Close stated he had some questions about that he will ask DCED to make sure everything is done correctly. Now that the grant has been awarded, the borough and consultants will start taking a look at the pavilion snack bar design, layout, space programming, location, functionality, site work, etc.

Mr. Procopio believed that the CDBG grants are federal money and funneled through the county, he wanted to confirm this with the engineer. Mr. Close let him know that yes that is true. Mr. Procopio also asked what the application was for, Mr. Close let him know that it will be discussed at the public hearing; one project that was discussed was replacing street lights with LED lights. Mr. Procopio also asked about the pavilion grant (in the amount of \$245,000+) being DCED money, he asked if that was state money, which Mr. Close told him was correct.

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilman Durso reported on the October trash and recycling totals, 140.06 tons of trash was collected and 22.25 tons of recycling was collected.

Mr. Durso reported on the E-Cycling and Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, October 28. He has not received any specific numbers for electronics dropped off. Mr. Durso stated that even though it was a rainy day, it was a pretty successful day. He was not 100% positive but believed about 6 or 7 boxes were collected for the Drug Take Back portion of the event.

Mr. Procopio stated that he spoke with previous councilwoman Owen and she told him about 45 pounds of drugs were collected.

Mr. Procopio also asked if Mr. Durso's committee was responsible for the recycling contract that is due. Mr. Durso stated that the specs have been decided upon; he is just waiting for the solicitor to put out the bid package.

### **HIGHWAY**

Councilman Maiden reported on the upcoming winter storms, with one possibly coming tomorrow. He stated to be extra careful and reminded residents that we do have salt on hand and are prepared

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo reported that there have been no major issues with the sewers or drains. Mr. Oropollo stated that there was an incident on Providence Road a few days prior, a major hole developed due to a water main break that Aqua had to fix and they also fixed the road. If you see any issues please call.

Mr. Procopio asked if that was the same area where this issue happened about 5 years ago and asked if there was an issue with the pipe. Mr. Oropollo let him know that we have been in contact with Aqua and want to make sure that everything is fixed before PECO resurfaces the road.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Corrigan reported that Collingdale Fire Company #1 and #2 responded to 6 calls in the month of October, all of which resulted in no damage. Collingdale EMS along with surrounding EMS responded to 21 calls in the month of October for the Borough of Aldan.

Councilwoman Corrigan shared that Fire Prevention Week was in October and Collingdale Fire Company's #1 and #2 visited the Aldan Elementary School and a presentation was made to the students on fire safety and an inspection was done of the school property.

Now that the winter is upon us, please have your heaters serviced and cleaned. During this time of year there is an increase in alarms due to faulty dirty heaters and fire places. Please change batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

## **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Connolly there were 28 building permits issued with a construction value of \$95,410. In addition 12 transfer inspections and 20 midterm inspections were completed for the month of October.

Mr. Connolly reported that the owners of 124 Springfield Road have paid the abatement costs and retained an engineer to begin the design process for reconstruction. We are currently just waiting on plans for review.

The Giant Food Store recently completed an expansion of the Self-Checkout section, added registers and added accessible lanes.

Finally, there is a proposed sale for the No Name Food Store on Springfield Road, the prospective buyers will do renovations but are keeping the same basic convenient store format.

Mr. Procopio asked if 124 Springfield Road was the old wooden house that had the fire; Mr. Connolly let him that was correct.



## **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Urban was absent.

Councilman Oropollo announced each year council is required to pass a preliminary budget. However, this time of year there are funds that have not been received yet, but are still required to present the preliminary budget. There is an increase of approximately \$28,000 from last year's budget. If the preliminary budget passes this evening there will be copies for review at the Municipal Building. Once the outstanding receipts are received, those amounts will be updated on the preliminary budget and will be available for review.

Councilwoman Corrigan made a motion to accept the preliminary budget as presented, seconded by Councilman Maiden and unanimously approved.

Councilwoman Corrigan wanted to thank Council President Short, Councilwoman Vice President Urban and Borough Manager John White for all of their hard work in putting the preliminary budget together.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing outstanding.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Caucus will be held Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M at the Municipal Building

Council will meet Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at a 7:00pm in the William Reinl Recreation Center.

CDBG public meeting will be held Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the William Reinl Recreation Center before the normal council meeting.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. Procopio added some information in regards to the Christmas Tree Lighting for December 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be a short track railroad ride set up in the Municipal Parking Lot, carriage ride, face painting, tree lighting at 6:30pm, with the Aldan Union Church choir, the William Penn High School Brass Band will be playing after the tree lighting. The Historical Commission will have the trolley stop open serving cookies and cider, Bikers against Child Abuse will be there accepting toys, orders and preorders for Christmas ornaments will be received. Cocco's pizza has also donated pizzas for the evening. There is more in the works, but no confirmations yet.

Mr. Wilson announced that this upcoming weekend, the Boy Scouts will be collecting canned goods for Scouting for Food. The proceeds will go to Aldan Union Church, BVM Church in Darby, Neighbor to Neighbor Senior Center in Darby Township and Salvation Army in Darby. Cans will be sorted through and packaged from 10am-1pm at the legion. The kids will be out Saturday morning collecting cans.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**ATTEST**

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Lauren Cavanagh  
Asst. Borough Secretary