

ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

January, 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 Durso;
H Short; S. Maiden

Council members absent: M. Corrigan

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

Officers absent: None

MINUTES

On a motion made by Councilwoman Urban seconded by Councilman Durso the minutes from the December 2017 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was sent to Chief Coppola in reference to Officer Adam Zahner and Sergeant James Fink dated January 5, 2018. Council President Short the read the letter aloud and it read as follows:

Chief Coppola,

I wanted to reach out to you and extend my gratitude to Officer Adam Zahner and Sergeant James Fink of the Aldan Police Department for responding to an accident I was involved in on January 3, 2018. As a fellow police officer it is difficult being involved in a scenario that you usually respond to, and I was fortunate that these officers responded. I know these officers respond to thousands of the same routine calls for service and work can get mundane and repetitive and it likely did not feel like a big deal to them; however, their handling of the incident allowed me to put all my worries aside. At the time, I was on my way in to my shift and had a long night ahead of me and obviously did not anticipate being involved in an auto-accident.

You may not remember me, but I attended Delaware County Police Academy and had to make up a class in which you were the instructor. You allowed me and a fellow cadet to make up the class and drove us around Aldan Borough on your Saturday morning and gave me one of my first perspectives of what police-work actually is. Believe it or not, that day, and your perspective on many things helped guide me into my first full time job about a year later. It is evident that you instill those same life-lessons and values in your officers that represent your department on the street.

Officer Adam Zahner and Sergeant James Fink were extremely professional, courteous, and respectful. They were an excellent representation of both your department and Delaware County's police officers. I wanted to reach out because over the years I have had several positive interactions with other officers in your department and I just wanted to commend them for the job they do, and the positive attitudes they always display in doing them. I hope that you will extend my sincerest gratitude to these officers and please let them know they are appreciated for the work they do.

Thank you and stay safe,

*Christian Yeager
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PUBLIC COMMENT

Aldan resident Dan Procopio wanted to first let council know that he will again be livestreaming the council meeting to Facebook this month. Mr. Procopio also followed up regarding a letter that was read last month for him from Bob Ellis about 4th of July prize money that he never received. Mr. Procopio let council know that he met with Mr. Ellis the following day and paid him the money.

Aldan resident Nicole Cogdell voiced her concerns regarding the snow removal process in the Borough. As a resident she follows the borough's codes to keep her sidewalks clean after snow storms and has become frustrated with the contractors who plow the streets, who in doing so, plow snow right back onto her sidewalk. Council President Harry Short and Solicitor John McBlain let her know unfortunately as far as the Borough is concerned there is not much that can be done. The first concern of the plow company is to clear the streets and make them safe for those individuals driving. Later in the meeting, after the Solicitor's report, Ms. Cogdell was able to bring this up again to clarify what can be done for the residents since there are very specific rules for the residents to follow but not the contractors. Ms. Cogdell did obtain a copy of the contract between the borough and the contractor through a Right to Know Request. Mr. McBlain did let her know that they will sit down with the contractor and readjust the contract and see what can be done. She first brought this to the attention of the Borough Manager the week prior after the snow storm and Mr. White did let her know at the meeting that after he spoke with her he called the contractors and told them to be more mindful where they are dumping the snow so that this does not happen again.

Aldan resident Bill McNally wanted to thank the borough for how well the plows did during the previous snow storm. He mentioned he normally has issues with his street and is grateful for the job they did this storm.

AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

None

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Maniaci wanted to remind residents to please lock their car doors at night. There have been incidents in Aldan and surrounding towns of car break-ins, where individuals pull on the door handle and if the door is unlocked they will go in and take change and whatever they can. He says please do not leave anything valuable in your car and lock your door.

BOROUGH MANAGER

Mr. White let residents know that for 2018 we have scheduled four more shared E-Cycling , Shredding and Drug Take Back Events with Clifton Heights Borough along with the county events.

The Shredding and E-Cycling Events will be held in Clifton Heights Borough and the Drug Take Back and E-Cycling Events will be held in Aldan Borough. Councilman Durso will announce the dates as they happen.

Mr. White did bring up the plowing situation. He let residents know that unfortunately we cannot do anything about snow being plowed back on sidewalks after they have been shoveled, the Borough's main focus is keeping the roads safe and passable and most times that means getting close to the curbs.

Mr. White also asked the Solicitor and Borough Council to draft a letter to the School Board addressing the drop off situation at Aldan Elementary School.

In closing, Mr. White wanted to get the word out that in the Borough we do get calls of residents who are unable to do their own shoveling and are looking for someone to do it for them. He asked that if anyone knows someone looking to make extra cash please give the Borough their contact information so he can give it to those who are calling. Sometimes it is also just landlords calling who live out of town.

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	\$ 175,955.69	\$ 12,307.32	\$ 93,086.92
Receipts for period	\$ 21,526.33	\$ 1.38	\$ 5,091.64
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 182,983.15	\$ 7,976.91	\$ 18,239.26
Loan from Reserve	\$	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$	\$	\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 14,498.87	\$ 4,331.79	\$ 79,939.30

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval for the following amounts of checks; from General Fund \$182,983.15, for the State Highway Fund \$7,976.91, and Sewer Fund \$18,239.26. 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

Mr. McBlain reported on two casualty losses that happened in the borough in the month of December. The first was a fire that happened at Springfield Road and Elm Avenue on December 31, 2017. The property is still being evaluated but at the current time looks as though it will be a complete loss. The building code official, Anthony Tartaglia, will meet with the owners to determine the course of action for the property.

The second casualty was an auto accident that happened on December 25, 2017 where a car was pushed into the Historical Building at the corner of Woodlawn Avenue and Providence Road. The accident caused damage to the doors and the structure of the property. Mr. White met with insurance adjusters and is waiting on a quote for a price to fix the building.

Finally, Mr. McBlain brought to councils attention that the Aldan Borough Police Department would like to be involved in the Eastern Delaware County DUI Task Force. The task force is spearheaded by Upper Darby Police Department and funded by a grant by PennDOT. Aldan Borough Police Department has been involved the past three years and needs council's approval to continue as this is a new grant. Councilman Connolly made a motion for Aldan Borough Police Department to be involved in Eastern Delaware County's DUI Taskforce, seconded by Councilman Oropollo and unanimously approved.

ENGINEER

Mr. Close reported on the 2017 CDBG project (AB-102-17) that is street improvements to Maryland Avenue, Willows Lane and Birchwood Avenue. The project was advertised on Wednesday December 20, 2017 and Wednesday January 3, 2018 in "The Spirit." Bids are due by Tuesday February 6, 2018.

He stated we are currently working on the Borough's Annual PADEP Chapter 94 Report; which is due to DELCORA in mid-February. DELCORA is required to submit the Master Chapter 94 Report by late March PADEP.

All member municipalities and authorities are required to prepare annual Chapter 94 Reports, which analyze current and 5 year sewage flow projections vs. collection system capacity; as well as I&I Rehabilitation projects performed during the year and proposed in the coming year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilman Durso announced December trash totals; 151.26 tons of trash and 23.12 tons of recyclables.

Mr. Durso also announced the dates for the E-Cycling, Drug Take Back and Shredding Events for 2018.

Mr. Durso also shared that recycling letters have been sent out to all businesses to get reports of their recycling totals. The county requires these numbers for the inclusion in Delaware County's Annual Recycling Report.

HIGHWAY

Councilman Maiden reported that with any snow storms less than 2 inches it becomes difficult to plow the street which in turn requires more products (salt) to be put down on the roads.

Mr. Maiden also wanted to let residents know that during snow storms if they could park either in driveways or on the even side of the block if there is parking on both sides, this helps the plow to be able to get down and clear the streets as best as they can.

Councilman Maiden brought to council's attention the fact that the light pole on the Southeast corner of Clifton Avenue and Providence Road has been hit by trucks on numerous occasions. He would like to have a contractor install a concrete Ballard so that the light is more secure.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Oropollo reported that there was grease dumped into sewer drains. He asked that if anyone sees this or anything else being dumped to please call him or the police and he will meet with the police to stop whoever is doing the dumping. He asked residents to just call and not approach individuals, especially at night for their own safety.

Mr. Procopio did ask where the dumping took place. Mr. Oropollo let him know it happened at the drain at 15 S. Oak Avenue.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Corrigan was not present at tonight's meeting so her report was not read.

LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Connolly reported that there were 36 building permits issued with a construction value of \$154,952.96. In addition 7 transfer inspections and 7 midterm inspections were completed for the month of December. Five (5) plumbing permit was issued totaling \$19,867.

Mr. Connolly advised that Verizon has started the installation of the underground cables for the FIOS service. At the same time they are running overhead cables to fully connect the new services. We expect completion within sixty days.

Mr. Connolly state that the work at the corner of Oak and Providence is nearing completion. The blacktop was not done because of the cold but the new canopy is installed and they are clearing the interior of the repair bays. The new sign will be an LED display but with restrictions on the ability to use the sign for advertising. It will be permitted to display the name of the station and the various gas prices.

In closing, Mr. Connolly warned residents that we will be issuing citations to landlords who failed to complete the process of obtaining a rental license in 2017. We will begin mailing the license applications for 2018 while we pursue those who ignored their responsibility in district court.

Mr. Procopio asked how many landlords did not comply and there was no number for him at this time.

FINANCE

Ms. Urban reported that all of the borough's bills have been paid and are up to date.

Ms. Urban and council are looking into doing direct deposit for all employees to save money on stationary such as stamps and envelopes. It would also save time for Ms. Rankin who sits and signs every check and stuffs the envelopes.

Per the request of Dan Procopio at the beginning of the meeting the following disbursements have been made; from the Police Capital Reserve \$17,084.02, from the Sewer Fund \$248,311.90 and from the General Reserve \$502,441.67.

Mr. Procopio asked about why the balances were low and asked if a transfer would be made to bring those numbers back up. He was told that this normal this time of year and all of the bills being paid and a transfer will be made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing outstanding.

NEW BUSINESS

Caucus will be held Tuesday, February 6th at 7:30 P.M at the Municipal Building

Council will meet Wednesday, February 14th at 7:30pm in executive session and regular session at 8:00pm in the William Reim Recreation Center.

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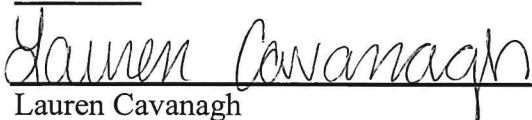
Mr. McNally asked if Verizon will be reseeding yards that they destroyed while installing Verizon services in Aldan. Mr. White told him yes they will be doing so in the spring.

Mr. Procopio wanted to thank Councilman Connolly for helping as one of the Santa's this year and said he received compliments from residents about him.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Councilwoman Durso and seconded by Councilman Connolly, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:50pm.

ATTEST


Lauren Cavanagh

Asst. Borough Secretary