

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

February, 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: S. Urban; M. Corrigan; J. Connolly; S Durso;  
H Short; S. Maiden

Council members absent: S. Oropollo

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 Councilman Maiden seconded by Councilwoman Urban the minutes from the January 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Aldan resident Dan Procopio wanted to remind council and everyone present at the meeting he will again be livestreaming the council meeting to Facebook this month.

Joe Koperna, another Aldan resident, did bring to the attention of the council the conditions of his neighbor's yard which backs up to his. He had brought up this issue off the record a few months back. He says that the condition of the yard is causing water back up in his yard, which in turn, he is afraid will bring snakes, rodents, etc. There is also wood falling into his yard causing his two children to not be able to play outside for fear of them getting hurt. Mr. Koperna did bring pictures to show to the council members. He did speak this week with Councilman Connolly who in turn brought this issue to Borough Manager John White who advised Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement did go over and speak with the homeowner and let him know that this issue is being worked on at this time.

### **AWARDS/PRESENTATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

None

### **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Maniaci thanked the officers for all of their hard work at the train station during the Eagles parade as this station was one that was being used to transport fans down to the parade. He let the residents know that there were no issues during this event. Mr. Maniaci also let residents know that at this time Aldan officers are still in training.

Mayor Maniaci also reminded residents to please lock their doors and car doors at night so people can't just come and quickly get into cars.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER**

Mr. White forewarned residents of a scam that he was made aware of by a resident where people are being told that there are serious allegations against them and to call back immediately or their local police are going to come and lock them up. Do not give any information out, these are scams. If you have any concerns please contact the police department and they will advise the best that they can.

Mr. White also let residents know that agreement is in place for the 2018/2019 Costar Salt Program. The agreement is for road salt pricing through a state bid, currently we have 40 tons of salt available, with another 40-60 tons available on order with the state.

A reminder to all residents that if they know of any young kids looking to help out and make some money shoveling to please let the borough know as we do have older residents looking for help.

**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	\$ 114,498.87	\$ 48,859.03	\$ 93,086.92
Receipts for period	\$ 43,932.41	\$ 1.14	\$ 9278.64
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 135,150.62	\$ 7,976.91	\$ 989.25
Loan from Reserve	\$ 100,000.00	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$		\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 123,280.66	\$ 40,883.26	\$ 101,376.31

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval for the following amounts of checks; from General Fund \$135,150.62, for the State Highway Fund \$7,976.91, and Sewer Fund \$989.25.

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

**SOLICITOR**

Mr. McBlain advised we did get correspondence from Delcora about a revised tapping fee schedule, whenever a new residence or new commercial property is developed, before it was \$1000 fee to tap into the sewer. A resolution from Delcora revised that fee to \$1500. Aldan does not see a lot of new development but want to make note of this.

This is a quiet time of year, but as books close at the end of February by Mr. Morse, whatever 2017 unpaid sewer and trash we'll get a report and contact those residents or property owners and give them one last chance and then file liens. Council has gotten more aggressive towards maintenance of properties. We have had to take action of vacant properties as a result of foreclosures and to protect the residents. If the work is not done the borough will lien the property for the costs associated with that. We are up to date thanks to Mr. McBlain's office and Mr. White working well together.

Unfortunately, Joe Otto, previous Business Manager of the William Penn School District recently passed away after a short illness. Mr. McBlain let residents know what an amazing man and business manager Mr. Otto was.

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported on the 2017 CDBG project (AB-102-17) that is street improvements to Maryland Avenue, Willows Lane and Birchwood Avenue. He advised he would be available for any questions during the Highway Committee's reports relative to bids that were opened at the February 6 Caucus Meeting.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilman Durso started by making a motion to change the start time of the monthly council meetings to 7pm with no executive session beginning in April 2018, seconded by Councilwoman Urban, and unanimously approved.

Councilman Durso announced January trash totals; 129.01 tons of trash and 21.88 tons of recyclables.

Mr. Durso also announced the totals from the E-Cycling and Shredding Event that took place on January 27<sup>th</sup> in Clifton Heights.

The total cost of the disposal for the E-Cycle Event was \$797.68 of which the Borough cost was \$300.41 because it was split with Clifton Heights.

He wanted to thank everyone for taking advantage of these events because in a lot of areas they are charging residents for each TV that is brought. It is convenient for residents to have these events as it is difficult to get rid of these TV's and old electronics and also there is no direct charge to the residents.

Mr. Durso announced the next E-Cycling Event will be in April along with the Drug Take Back Day.

Mr. Procopio wanted to confirm that March's council meeting will be the same as all prior meetings and the time change will not occur until April. He also wanted to confirm that no changes will be made to caucus meeting times. Council President Short advised that is correct and all will be as advertised.

## **HIGHWAY**

Councilman Maiden advised that we are in receipt of 4 bids for the CDBG Project. Mr. Maiden made a motion to award the 2017 CDBG Project to Innovative Construction from Folcroft for a bid of \$101,115 contingent upon acceptance of the bid by the Delco OHCD, seconded by Councilwoman Urban and unanimously approved.

Councilman Maiden made a motion to authorize the Borough Engineer to submit our annual County Aid application for the 2018 road program, seconded by Councilman Durso and unanimously approved.

Mr. Procopio asked if this was the lowest bid or lowest responsible bid because two bids were very close in price. Council President Short advised Mr. Procopio this was the lowest and most responsible bid.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo was not present due to an operation.

Council President Short did offer the opportunity for residents to ask any questions even though Mr. Oropollo was not present.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Corrigan reported that Collingdale Fire Company's #1 and #2 responded to 14 calls in the month of January, one being on W. Maryland Avenue which resulted in \$37,000 worth of damage; \$21,000 for the building and \$16,000 for the contents of the building.

Collingdale Ambulance and EMS responded to 27 calls within the Borough.

## **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Connolly reported that there were 27 building permits issued with a construction value of \$31,237.75. In addition 6 transfer inspections and 10 midterm inspections were completed for the month of January. One (1) plumbing permit was issued totaling \$9,270.

Mr. Connolly advised that the work at the gas station at the corner of Providence Road and Oak Avenue is near completion, the blacktop is completed and canopies installed. We are currently just waiting for the plans for the interior of the convenience store.

The building code official did meet with the owners of 124 Springfield Road to speak with them about their options after the fire, unfortunately there was no insurance so their best option is to place the property up for sale. We are currently waiting for their response.

Mr. Procopio asked if it was an electrical fire due to the damage he saw. Mr. White advised that it was a chimney fire.

Mr. Procopio asked if it is normal for the building code official to mark the walkway of a home instead of just the sidewalk and driveway. He was advised from Mr. Short and Mr. McBlain that this is normal and done for safety purposes of the residents.

### **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. Ms. Rankin has now met with the bank and looks like this will be done in the near future.

Per the request of Dan Procopio at the beginning of the meeting the following disbursements have been made; from the Police Capital Reserve \$17,084.75, from the Sewer Fund \$248,343.98 and from the General Reserve \$502,516.57.

Mr. Procopio asked if the above totals were prior to the transfers that were made for this month in order to make the accounts balanced due to waiting on tax revenues, Ms. Urban did advise that this is correct.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing outstanding.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Caucus will be held Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M at the Municipal Building

Council will meet Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in executive session and regular session at 8:00pm in the William Reinl Recreation Center.

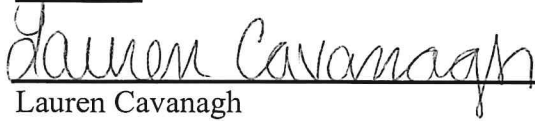
**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. Procopio wanted to thank Mr. Oropollo for the drain, especially at N. Sycamore Avenue being so clear during the last rain storm. Mr. White advised to thank Mr. Brady as he was the one who made sure that was clear.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Councilman Maiden and seconded by Councilwoman Urban, unanimously approved, the regular meeting of the Borough Council was adjourned at 8:26pm.

**ATTEST**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lauren Cavanagh", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Lauren Cavanagh  
Asst. Borough Secretary