

**ALDAN BOROUGH, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

March, 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; 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 Councilman Maiden seconded by Councilman Connolly the minutes from the February 2018 Council Meeting be accepted as presented and unanimously approved.

**RECEIPT OF COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Koperna came as a representative for the Aldan Booster's sharing that the Booster's are looking to have a community yard sale to run contingent with their annual plant sale. They are looking for Borough Council's permission to use the grass area behind the Municipal Building (where Founder's Day is held). Aldan residents would be the only ones allowed to sell and would need to sign up in advance and provide their own table. President Short let Mr. Koperna know that this would be discussed and he would have an answer by next week.

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

None

### **MAYOR REPORT**

Mayor Maniaci thanked the officers, Borough Manager John White and Borough Council for all of their hard work during the storms at the beginning of the month. Everyone worked together along with PECO to keep all residents safe and with restored power as soon as possible. Thank you to Borough Council for providing warm beverages, water and donuts to all residents without power at the Rec Building. Mayor Maniaci was in constant contact with the Borough Manager and the Chief to keep up to date on what was happening. Mayor Maniaci specifically thanked John McBlain, stating he was not home at all over the weekend of the storm, he was in constant contact with PECO and put Aldan residents and all residents of Delaware County above his own needs.

Mr. McBlain thanked the Mayor and let everyone know all he did was collect information and pass it along. He wanted to thank the Government Relations Manager and all of PECO for their hard work throughout Aldan and the county.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER**

Mr. White also thanked Mr. Blackburn, PECO's Government Relations Manager. He was in constant contact with him throughout the storm. He was thankful that Mr. Blackburn gave true times of when power would be restored to residents.

Mr. White gave the damage report from the storm; roughly 10 trees came down with 6 telephone poles needing to be replaced. The Municipal Building was without power and the lights at Clifton and Providence and Woodlawn and Providence were out until late Monday afternoon due to a transformer and wires down. During that time the police were able to use the Rec Building as Headquarters to write reports. He also wanted to thank Borough Council for setting up and maintaining the Rec Building which was used as a warming center for residents. Council provided water, donuts and coffee for residents to enjoy. Many residents did come up and were able to get warm, charge phones and have a hot cup of coffee.

Mr. White announced that a calendar will be delivered to all residents and they should see that in the next day or two. The front page is the Borough card and a lot of businesses patronized this calendar and paid for all of it, so the calendar was bought with donations and no borough money was used.

Lastly, Mr. White received a letter from William Penn School District; they will have a closed meeting April 7, 2018. **William Penn School District is proposing an earned income tax for the residents of the school district.** Mayor Maniaci, President Short and himself will attend and oppose this tax for the residents and discuss their other plans for the 2018/2019 school budget.

Mr. Short shared that this meeting will be followed up with an open meeting. Next month Mr. White and Mr. Short will update the residents on what is going on.

Aldan resident Mr. Borders wanted to thank Borough Council for all they did during the storm. He also mentioned the telephone pole on Providence Road that is still dangling. Mr. White advised that PECO was first getting all major work done and restoring power to residents and will return to fix the pole at a later date. Mr. Borders was also thankful for PECO giving him a true timeline of when his power would be back on and was actually restored sooner than what they told him.

## **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	\$ 123,280.66	\$ 40,883.26	\$ 101,376.31
Receipts for period	\$ 263,741.95	\$ 1.01	\$ 67,257.88
Expenditures Last Month	\$ 152,663.89	\$ 6,468.96	\$ 159,669.50
Loan from Reserve	\$ 100,000.00	\$	\$
Transfer to Police Capital Res\$		\$	\$
Ending Balance	\$ 134,358.72	\$ 34,415.31	\$ 8,964.69

Mrs. Rankin asked for council's approval for the following amounts of checks; from General Fund \$152,663.89, for the State Highway Fund \$6,468.96, and Sewer Fund \$159,669.50. 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**

Mr. McBlain reported that he has received from the outgoing tax collector, Tom Morse, the 2017 Trash and Sewer Delinquency List. He is still responsible for the returns for 2017 under State Law. By the end of February he had to calculate the delinquent real estate tax and turn that list over to Delaware County Tax Claim Bureau for further collection. He will remain responsible for the 2017 and prior years trash and sewer. Once he is done with the tax claim list for real estate he will send out one last collection letter for the 2017 delinquencies. This year there were 44 properties that have not paid their trash and sewer fees which is consistent with prior years. Those that do not pay will be leined and extra fines will be added. Mr. McBlain states he will continue to report on that as the year goes on.

**ENGINEER**

Mr. Close reported on the 2017 CDBG project that is street improvement projects in the Northeast quadrant of the borough. Last month council awarded the project to InConn in the amount of \$101,115 contingent upon the acceptance by the OHCD of Delaware County. OHCD did approve the bid under their cover letter dated February 15, 2018. He then submitted award to the contractor on February 19, 2018. With that was request for all of the required contract paperwork. Those documents have been received and are being assembled to be submitted to OHCD this week. Once the documents are approved a preconstruction meeting will be scheduled and then the notice to proceed will be issued and work should begin in April or May.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES****PUBLIC HEALTH**

Councilman Durso stated that for the month of February 2018, 105.80 tons of trash and 27.15 tons of recycling was collected.

Mr. Durso met with the Public Health Inspector Jim Maloney, they do try to meet once a month or at least speak on the phone and there was not much to report other than food inspections will begin in the beginning of April at Giant and convenient stores at the gas stations.

## **HIGHWAY**

Councilman Maiden put forth a motion to authorize the borough engineer to prepare plans and contract documentation for bid advertisement in related to the 2018 road program. Plans will consist of roads from Beech, Albert and Stratford and W. Providence to W. Magnolia, seconded by Councilman Durso and unanimously approved.

Councilman Maiden made a motion to approve a resolution to authorize the Borough Manager and Engineer to submit a grant application for the PADCED Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant. It would be used to beautify the park by the recreation building and would include a consolidated pavilion, more green space by the basketball courts and bathrooms. This grant would be 85/15 where the grant pays for 85% and the borough pays for 15%. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Urban and unanimously approved.

Mr. Cosgrove did ask what the amount of the grant was and Mr. Close stated that total cost of the project is just under \$290,000, so the 85% share which is the construction cost is approximately \$246,000 and the 15% share that the borough would be pay, for engineering, surveying, inspection and admin contingency is about \$43,000.

Mr. Borders brought to the attention of council complaints he saw online from the previous storm about snow being pushed onto their properties, the trucks going the wrong way down one way streets and piles of snow being left in the middle of the road which is a navigation hazard. He did mention that snow in the road was removed a few hours later. Mr. White advised in regards to the snow on the sidewalks is that there is nothing that they can do and this happens to everyone. The main concern of the snowplows is to get the snow off of the street and unfortunately that means it does get pushed onto sidewalks. He also advised he will speak with the contractors about going the wrong way on one way streets due to that being a safety hazard. Mr. White stated again that the main concern is to get streets cleared as fast as possible and his advice is to stay home and let them do their job and then go out as opposed to going out during the storm if you do not need to go out. Mayor Maniaci asked where online these complaints were coming from in which Mr. Borders advised nextdoor.com. Former councilman Joe Cosgrove chimed in that during his time on council the issue of the snow was brought up and unfortunately there is just nothing that can be done.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Oropollo wanted to thank the police for helping him when need post-surgery.

Mr. Oropollo did advise that we did finish the quadrant for the year, this year Oak to Rively, Rively to Woodlawn and Woodlawn to Providence was completed. What happens during this is the sewer lines get cleaned out of grease and everything else. Jeffrey was also hit again due to the grease back up that they had. The next quadrant will be done at the same time next year.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Councilwoman Corrigan was absent during tonight's meeting.

### **LAW, ORDINANCE COMMITTEE**

Councilman Connolly reported that there were 19 building permits issued with a construction value of \$58,184. In addition 7 transfer inspections and 14 midterm inspections were completed for the month of February. One (1) plumbing permit was issued totaling \$5000.

Mr. Connolly advised that due to the recent storms, there will be contractors offering services to our residents. However, not all of them are reputable. If you have any questions please call the borough for more information. If the office does not know they will contact the Building Code Official, Mr. Tartaglia, as he deals with these contractors on a day to day basis.

### **FINANCE**

Councilwoman Urban reported that \$100,000 was transferred back to the General Reserve. She also noted that the DELCORA bill was paid this month in the amount of, \$155,719. The County Liquid Fuels check was also received this month in the amount of \$5,468. The State Liquid Fuels check was also received this month and will be accounted for next month. Ms. Urban also stated that all bills have been paid for this month.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Nothing outstanding.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Caucus will be held Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 P.M at the Municipal Building

Council will meet Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at a **NEW time 7:00pm** in the William Reinl Recreation Center.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. Duffy wanted to mention three events that will be coming up three Saturday's in a row. The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at noon, volunteers needed at 11. Rain date for this event will be Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. The American Legion Post 1000 will be hosting a pancake breakfast for \$5 per person on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

The final event is for the Primos Library on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, they will be showing a special film entitled *The Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Philadelphia*. The event will begin at 3pm and is free of charge.

Mr. Duffy also shared that the first Tuesday of each month at 2pm the library does show films free of charge.

Mr. White advised that the calendar does have all committee times and since this will be a yearly calendar he did share that if committees know their events in advance those can also be added to the calendars.

### **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 8:38pm.

### **ATTEST**

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Lauren Cavanagh  
Asst. Borough Secretary