



**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BRYN ATHYN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL CHAMBER
September 14, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Elsing at 7:00p.m. The following were present:

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Glenn Gurney
Ric Asplundh
Jeffrey Elsing

Brent McCurdy
Mark Pennink
Steven Huntzinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Solicitor R. Rex Herder. Councilman David Steen and Mayor Ken Schauder were excused.

MINUTES

On a motion by Stephen Huntzinger, seconded by Brent McCurdy, Council voted unanimous approval of the August minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Revenue for August was \$80,775.91. General Fund Expenses were \$133,189.74; Net Income was -\$52,413.83.

Sewer Fund Revenue for August was \$100,244.23. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$15,925.72; Net Income was \$84,318.51.

Today PLGIT paid 3.49%, PLGIT Prime paid 3.76%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	18,006.14	in Real Estate Tax receipts
\$	11,760.00	in Transfer Tax receipts

\$	32,979.68	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	13,000.69	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$	2,520.48	in Verizon Franchise Fee receipts
\$	200.00	in Planning Application fees
\$	205.00	in Police Report fees
\$	60.00	in Soapbox Derby Donations
\$	550.02	in Fine receipts
\$	1,120.40	in Building Permit receipts
\$	360.00	in Fireworks Donations

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$	42,711.00	in Category 2 Usage receipts
\$	48,001.00	in Category 3 Usage receipts
\$	9,343.00	in Category 4 Usage receipts
\$	189.00	in Finance Charges

TAX COLLECTOR

\$8004.79 in Real Estate Taxes was collected in August; \$29,399.75 remains uncollected.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

Apcon	\$23,250.00
AquaPA	23.21
Auto Spa Xpress	34.00
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	347.60
Circle Cycle Bike Shop	143.76
Commonwealth of PA	250.00
Cranch Landscapers LLC	200.00
DeLage Landen	175.00
Eastburn & Gray	2,722.50
Envirogreen LLC	13,950.00
George Allen Portable Toilets Inc.	475.00
Independence Blue Cross	6,664.69
Kenneth J. Schauder, Incorporated	1,550.00
Lower Moreland Township	24,350.09
McDonald Uniform Company	254.96
Nobre Computer Services LLC	1,780.00
Peco Energy Company	3,554.47
Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	59.73
Regan Masonry	3,600.00

Show Gardens & Crafts	325.00
Standard Insurance Company	918.06
T & G Industries Inc.	279.00
TGI Office Automation	41.48
The Harrison Group	154.30
Total Turf Landscape Services	375.00
USA Today Media Corp.	1,452.60
Verizon Wireless	277.82
Victoria Trost	658.70
Wawa – Wright Express	905.84
Woodrow & Associates	320.00
TOTAL	\$89,092.81

SEWER FUND BILLS

Clayton Walsh	\$148.39
George Allen Wastewater Management	380.00
Home Depot	433.50
Independence Blue Cross	767.55
MJ Reider Associates, Inc.	475.40
Mac Medical Gases, Inc.	118.00
McGovern Environmental LLC	299.70
Peco Energy	603.07
Schauder Incorporated	1,325.00
The Harrison Group	25.70
Verizon Internet	79.00
Verizon Wireless	39.56
Wawa – Wright Express	214.20
Xylem	9,611.79
TOTAL	\$14,520.86

President Elsing noted that the bills for the Tomlinson Road speed humps are funded entirely by donations; Mr. Elsing also noted that the payment to Lower Moreland Township is the agreed 10% contribution to the new fire engine pumper and the last 10% payment for Chief Mark Showmaker. Mark Pennink added that we should soon receive the invoice from Lower Moreland Township for the paving work.

On a motion by Glenn Gurney, seconded by Brent McCurdy, Council unanimously voted to authorize payment of the bills as listed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORTBryn Athyn Summit Committee

President Jeff Elsing reported that he and Mayor Ken Schauder have joined a new committee, the Bryn Athyn Summit Committee. The committee members represent all of

the entities in the Borough including the Church, schools and financial offices. The purpose is to educate and communicate with the Church and schools. The mission statement will be released in January 2027. Mr. Elsing noted that the first agenda item for the committee is community outreach and communications.

Borough Manager/Secretary Search

Mr. Elsing reported that advertisements for both positions were posted in the newspaper, online and municipal bulletin boards without much success. One candidate that was interviewed, Jeff Smith, has recently joined a consulting firm, the Sumter Group. Mr. Smith has offered to act as interim manager and assist with the search for a Borough Secretary.

The three phase proposal will:

1. Assist the manager with a desired reduced role as she transitions into retirement. Will assist with the preparation of the 2027 budget, modernizing borough services, advertising, interviewing and hiring of administrative staff, etc.
2. Handling all borough manager functions for as long as desired by Borough Council.
3. Develop a community profile, advertisement, recruitment and interview candidates for the manager position.

\$25,000 has been budgeted for 2026 as a placeholder for a new hire. The proposed fee is \$75 per hour. The engagement can be cancelled by either party with 30 days' notice.

On a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimously in favor to engage Sumter Group for the proposed three phase approach to project management for Borough Manager, not to exceed \$25,000.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Brigdon Odhner reported the following activity for August:

All Police Activities	634
Alarms	19
Assist Other Agencies	21
Vehicle Accidents/ disabled	12
Animal Complaints	2
Traffic Stops	15
Theft	0
Community Policing	7

- Police responded to a disturbance at the ANC football game. Police assisted with deescalation and escorted an individual away from the game after the refs ended the game early.

- We had a juvenile struck on a bicycle at the Hunting Pike crosswalk that leads to Benade Circle. The incident was a 3 Car vehicle accident with the pedestrian struck. Although 3 people, including the juvenile, were transported to the hospital, there appeared to be no serious injuries.
- The Police Department successfully put on their 2nd annual Labor Day Soap box races. This year's winner was Wild Bo Glunz.
- Cold Case Investigation Update: The department has begun working with an FBI team of experts, including ViCAP (Violent Criminal Apprehension Program) and the Behavioral Analysis Unit, which provides consultation on potential links to other violent crimes, interview strategies, behavioral analysis, investigative guidance, and case management. We have also reinterviewed several individuals, identified additional people to interview, and digitized more than 1,000 case documents to support a thorough review of the Susan Schloo 1988 murder.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

BAFC President Lach Brown reported the following activity for August:

56 Fire Calls, 45 in Lower Moreland, 5 in Bryn Athyn and 6 in other municipalities; 201 EMS Calls; 111 Transports to the Hospital. There were no missed calls in August.

CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT - None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation

The 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Fund is \$0.00.

Amend 2026 Fee Schedule

Last Month it was reported to Council that the Electrical Inspector was not being paid to reinspect properties that failed the first inspection because we have no reinspection fee in the Fee Schedule. Solicitor Herder prepared a resolution to amend the 2026 Fee

Schedule to include a fee for the Electrical Inspector to charge for reinspection. A discussion ensued where Council agreed that the fee would be determined by the electrical inspector because the fee depends on the job that is being inspected.

On a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Jeffrey Elsing, Council voted unanimously in favor adopting Resolution No. 2026-06 amending the 2026 Bryn Athyn Fee Schedule to add under Electrical Fee Schedule, Signaling Communications and Alarm Systems, a line for a Reinspection Fee.

**BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN TO ADD TO ITS FEE SCHEDULE FOR 2026 UNDER ELECTRICAL FEE SCHEDULE, SIGNALING COMMUNICATIONS AND ALARM SYSTEMS, A LINE ITEM FOR A REINSPECTION FEE

*The Council of the Borough of Bryn Athyn does hereby **RESOLVE** and **ADOPT** as follows:*

1. There shall be added to the duly adopted Borough of Bryn Athyn 2026 Fee Schedule, under the section Electrical Fee Schedule, subsection Signaling, Communications and Alarm Systems, a line to read as follows:

Reinspection Fee – Call BIU for Underwriter Fee Underwriter's Fee

2. The remainder to the Borough of Bryn Athyn 2026 Fee Schedule shall remain unchanged and in full effect.

RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 14th day of September, 2026.

BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN

BAPC2026-01 Lot Line Change

An application was received for a lot line change between properties owned by Mark Pennink and the Pennink 2012 Family Trust and the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust. The application has been forwarded to the Montgomery County Planning Commission, the Bryn Athyn Planning Commission and the Alternate Borough Engineer for review. The application is on the agenda for the Bryn Athyn Planning Commission meeting tomorrow evening.

Montgomery County Boroughs Associations

The next MCBA meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24 in Collegeville.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEEFetters Mill Fire Rescue Update

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that efforts to hire a new Chief of Emergency Services through GovHR are underway. The cost to the Borough for the search will be \$3,000 which is 25% of the expense. The next Chief of Emergency Services will be given full authority, which was not given to Mark Showmaker. Both fire companies have given input into the search criteria.

Mr. Elsing noted that the Bryn Athyn Consolidation Committee needs to become active for this next phase. Chairman Elsing reminded Councilmembers that the Borough contributed 10% of the costs for the Chief of Emergency Services. It was noted that both Lower Moreland Commissioners and Huntingdon Valley Fire Company want the new ES Chief in place before moving forward with consolidation.

Lach Brown added that Lower Moreland Commissioners did not move forward at their last meeting with the bond issue for the new fire house. If they do not approve at their October meeting they must restart the bond process.

Mr. Elsing noted that PennDOT is working on improvements along Huntingdon Pike; Bryn Athyn has joined Lower Moreland in a DCED grant application for the improvements.

New Police Vehicle

Chairman Elsing reported that grant funding for a new police vehicle is available through a DCED Local Share Account Grant. This grant would fund the full cost of a fully-equipped new vehicle. No matching funds are required, however, the Borough must prove that we can cover the full cost of the vehicle before funds are released by DCED. There is a \$100 application fee.

On a motion by Ric Asplundh, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimously in favor to move forward with the DCED Local Share Account Grant application in the amount of \$96,754.78 and approving the \$100 application fee.

Tomlinson Road Speed Humps

Mr. Elsing reported that the speed humps have been installed on Tomlinson Road, thanking Bradley Cranch and Mark Pennink, and reminding Council that the costs were covered by donations. This work ties into the Borough plan for traffic calming.

Traffic Calming

Mr. Elsing added that the committee is looking at all road signs around the Borough and collecting data. The radar signs on Tomlinson Road data show that 85% of the cars travelling on Tomlinson Road are traveling at 32 miles per hour. Suggestions are being taken for the Loop, Buck Road, Feters Mill Road and Tomlinson Road traffic calming, noting that sidewalks do calm traffic. Suggestions include one-way traffic and no left or right turns.

Chairman Elsing is working with Chief Odhner with community outreach reminding property owners to clear sidewalks, to obey the speed limits and that there is no parking on sidewalks.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that Feters Mill Road will be widened as part of a Peco project starting tomorrow; stop signs at Rose Lane and Alden Road will be installed; the elementary school crossing signs failed the PennDOT audit; and the Feters Mill Bridge should be completed in April 2027.

Mr. Pennink reported on a water issue on Cherry Lane noting that in the past the Borough has done storm water work without easements. Glenn Gurney has offered to do pipe work on Cherry Lane if the Borough pays for the pipe which will cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000. Five or six properties are affected by this water issue. Mr. Pennink explained that there is a pit in the road and that a pipe will be installed to direct the water to a ditch between properties. Mr. Gurney added that the section on Cherry Lane creates a rain river through the neighborhood between Cherry Lane and Marlin Road. Mr. Elsing asked if the project should be engineered. Mr. Pennink responded that there is a sense of urgency for the property owners.

On a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Ric Asplundh, Council voted to approve the cost of pipe in the amount of \$7,000, with Mr. Pennink, Mr. Huntzinger, Mr. Asplundh, Mr. Elsing and Mr. McCurdy voting in favor; Mr. Gurney abstained.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2027 Budget Committee

Mr. Elsing announced the 2027 Budget Committee members: Duane Hyatt, Vikki Trost, David Steen, Glenn Gurney and Jeff Elsing.

Municipal Building Generator

Mr. Elsing reported that the generator donated to the Borough last year by the Bryn Athyn Elementary School has not yet been connected to the building. Gas and electric connections are required at a cost of \$34,000. Mr. Gurney added that the gas connection into the Academy of the New Church CPO line is very complicated. Mr. Elsing reported that the Finance Committee recommends that this project be funded from General Fund

Reserves. Lach Brown suggested that a sound box be included in the project. It was agreed that a sound box will be considered at a later date.

On a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Ric Asplundh, Council voted unanimously in favor to fund the connection of the municipal building generator at a cost of \$34,000 from General Fund Reserves.

LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES/ SHADE TREE COMMITTEE - None

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - None

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None

ZONING OFFICER

There were no (0) Zoning Permit applications approved in August. Three (3) Building Permits were issued. No (0) Grading Permits were issued. No (0) Road Opening Permits were issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Reid Heinrichs reported that the Borough Safety Committee will conduct a safety inspection in October; work has begun on the 2027 Sewer Fund Budget; annual maintenance pumping in ongoing.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gurney commented that the new sidewalks along Tomlinson Road are amazing, noting that the sidewalk on the opposite side of Tomlinson Road from Buck Road are in very poor condition. Mr. Elsing will contact Jim Adams at the Academy of the New Church about the condition of the sidewalks along the football field.

Mr. Gurney suggested a review of the building permit fee schedule, noting that residents have complained about the permit costs. Mr. Gurney offered to mark up the fee schedule and compare to other municipalities.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Lach Brown suggested that property owners be reminded to use calcium chloride and not rock salt on the new sidewalks.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 5, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary