



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRYN ATHYN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL CHAMBER

June 8, 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

David Steen
Steven Huntzinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder. Councilmen Brent McCurdy and Mark Pennink were excused.

MINUTES

On a motion by Steven Huntzinger, seconded by David Steen, Council voted unanimous approval of the May minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for May was \$77,965.90. General Fund Expenses were \$165,903.90; Net Income was -\$87,938.00.

Sewer Fund Revenue for May was \$107,748.45. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$33,153.44; Net Income was \$74,595.01.

Today PLGIT paid 3.44%, PLGIT Prime paid 3.73%.

The second page of this report shows the cash balances to date. Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	57,609.13	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	11,045.09	in Local Services Tax receipts

\$	1,473.36	in Comcast Franchise fees
\$	2,454.41	in Verizon Franchise fees
\$	125.00	in Zoning Permit fees
\$	800.29	in Fines
\$	4,131.60	in Building Permit receipts
\$	240.00	in Road Opening Permit fees
\$	50.00	in Grading Permit fees

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$	43,436.00	in Category 2 Usage receipts
\$	48,001.00	in Category 3 Usage receipts
\$	9,343.00	in Category 4 Usage receipts
\$	6,534.04	in Masons Mill Pass-thru receipts
\$	434.41	in Late Fees and Finance Charges

Bryn Athyn Fire Company President Lach Brown reported that the Toyne Fire Truck was sold last week for \$80,000. A check will be given to the Borough for the Fire Truck Reserve Fund. Vikki Trost noted that we received an insurance refund of \$2,656 when the truck was deleted from the auto insurance policy.

TAX COLLECTOR - None

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

Academy of the New Church	\$6,007.60
Aqua PA	22.40
Armour & Sons Electric, Inc.	3,430.62
Auto Spa Express	48.00
Ben Manis Plumbing	2,906.23
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	347.39
Building Inspection Underwriters Inc.	1,036.00
DeLage Landen	175.00
Eastburn & Gray PC	2,752.50
Frank A. Malizia, Jr. Inc.	550.00
GreenTec Restoration	2,792.83
HA Thomson Company	2,962.00
Independence Blue Cross	6,664.69
JF Hierholzer Mechanical	278.00
Kenneth J. Schauder Incorporated	300.00
Kimberly Kleinguenther	2,681.25
Kirsten Cranch	300.00
Lower Moreland Township	33,790.31
Markl Supply Company Inc.	1,575.00

McDonald Uniform Company	1,971.93
Peco Energy	1,715.95
Pershing LLC	6,115.00
Peter Sheedy	300.00
Petty Cash – Brigdon Odhner	171.79
Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	276.22
Pioneer Auto Body & Repair	2,402.23
Police Chief's Assn of Montgomery County	200.00
Postmaster	156.00
Schaefer Fireworks	7,500.00
Standard Insurance Company	941.06
T & G Industries Inc.	279.00
TCP	2,184.00
TGI Office Automation	75.74
The Harrison Group	154.28
Township of Upper Moreland	500.00
TruGreen Processing Center	1,099.10
Verizon Wireless	277.77
Victoria Trost	658.70
Wawa – Wright Express	1,594.72
TOTAL	\$97,193.31

SEWER FUND BILLS

Academy of the New Church	\$2,436.95
AquaFix Inc.	402.69
Berardelli Pool Supplies LLC	1,443.80
George Allen Wastewater Management	5,700.00
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic Inc.	202.50
Home Depot	206.16
Independence Blue Cross	767.55
Kimberly Kleinguenther	918.75
MJ Reider Associates, Inc.	950.80
Mac Medical Gases, Inc.	5.00
PA Industrial Equipment Inc.	1,314.63
Peco Energy	384.92
Petty Cash – Reid Heinrichs	208.99
Postmaster	312.00
Schauder Incorporated	650.00
SCP Distributors LLC	2,627.50
The Harrison Group	25.72
UMHJSA	6,534.04
Verizon	118.55
TOTAL	\$25,210.55

POLICE PENSION BILLS

Kimberley Kleinguenther

\$375.00

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jeffrey Elsing reported that Chief of Emergency Services Mark Showmaker has submitted his notice of retirement effective July 20, 2026. Chief Showmaker accomplished much and has been instrumental towards the fire companies consolidation. The Lower Moreland/Bryn Athyn Committee will immediately begin the search for his replacement. We wish Chief Showmaker well in his retirement.

Chief Ken Schauder noted that the replacement for Chief Showmaker should have more EMS experience and would become the next Chief of the Fetters Mill Fire Rescue. Chief Schauder added that the replacement needs to be someone who comes from outside the Borough and Lower Moreland Township. President Elsing noted that Lower Moreland Township Commissioners will meet tomorrow evening and that Borough representatives will meet with Lower Moreland reps to keep the consolidation moving forward.

President Elsing announced that Lower Moreland Township Manager Chris Hoffman has also submitted his resignation effective July 31, 2026. Manager Hoffman was appreciated for his efforts with the consolidation project and other joint municipal projects.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Brigdon Odhner reported the following activity for May:

All Police Activities	753
Alarms	15
Assist Other Agencies	17
Vehicle Accidents/ disabled	8
Animal Complaints	2
Traffic Stops	18
Theft	0
Community Policing	6

- Police worked with the high school on a video that a student had sent out with inappropriate behavior and lead to an expulsion.
- Police assisted with a lockdown drill at BACS

- Officer Alec Shaffer cited a mother for driving her one- and 4-year-old without car seats
- Police responded to a lost dog in Masons Mill Business Park. It took our department two days to finally catch the dog; the investigation is still ongoing as to why the dog was left in the park.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Ken Schauder reported 47 Fire Calls in May, 42 in Lower Moreland, 4 in Bryn Athyn, and 1 in Bucks County.

There were 238 EMS calls in May, 109 in Lower Moreland, 10 in Bryn Athyn, 54 in Abington Township, 40 in Upper Moreland Township and 25 in other municipalities.

There were 139 Transports to the hospital in May, 83 in Lower Moreland, 9 in Bryn Athyn, 22 in Abington, 16 in Upper Moreland and 9 in other municipalities.

Chief Schauder reported that over 30% of the EMS Calls in May were outside of Bryn Athyn and Lower Moreland for the first time, noting that in the County system our crews go wherever they are called.

Chief Schauder reported that the new Engine 19 is housing in Bryn Athyn fire house and that the ladder truck, Tower 19, comes to Bryn Athyn when there are 7 or more personnel in the station.

The Chief expressed concern over future of the Fire and EMS funding from Lower Moreland Township.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

EM Coordinator Ken Schauder reported that the team will meet on June 11 for review the plans for the 4th of July activities, noting that the fireworks and picnic will be held on Friday, July 3rd and that the parade, races and other activities will be held on Saturday, July 4th.

CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Chief Mark Showmanker submitted the following report for May:

May 2026 Activity Monthly Report

This report summarizes departmental activities for the month of May and up to the date of submission. April was an active month focused on governance meetings, emergency response, training continuity, and ongoing administrative initiatives.

Meetings and Coordination

- Attended Bryn Athyn Borough Council meetings and Lower Moreland BOC Meeting
- Participated in the Monthly Fire Marshals Meeting.
- Attended the Bryn Athyn Fire Company Board of Directors meeting.
- Participated in county-level meetings, including Emergency Medical Association meetings.
- Met with BAFC Career officers regarding operational and administrative matters.
- Attended New Fire Station weekly work group meetings
- Attended Eastern Division International Fire Chief Meeting Virtual
- Meeting 3150 Huntingdon Pike for EMA and Fire Issues of event.
- Attended Fire Expo Harrisburg
- Meeting with Labor Attorney in regard to CBA
- Attended a Sewage meeting regarding the new fire station

Training and Professional Development

- Joint training drills continue for 2026.
- Individual training sessions and daily career staff training continued without interruption.
- Emergency Management training at Montco EMA

Administrative and Operational Updates

- Conducted Lieutenant candidate promotion interviews
- Coordinated with both Deputy Fire Chiefs regarding equipment locations and installation on new engine.
- Addressed multiple personnel-related matters and conducted employment interviews to fill an existing vacancy.

- Continued participation in weekly meetings and work assignments related to the new fire station project, which continues to advance positively. Evaluated equipment required for each room and items for the new Fire Station project.
- Worked on several apparatus and ambulance repair issues this month
- Worked to resolve a tire issue on Tower 19 with Glick Fire Equipment
- Conducted Shift meetings with C and D platoons
- Conducted Joint Officer Meeting
- Meeting with FM for Gloria De Towers egress issue
- Developed SOPs regarding response mode criteria

Response Performance Overview

Response performance is measured against the adopted standard of **9 minutes from dispatch to on scene** with a minimum of **four interior firefighters**, achieved **90% of the time**.

Notable Fire Incidents

Nothing to report

Emergency Medical Services – BAFC

- Bryn Athyn: 10
- Lower Moreland: 109
- Other jurisdictions: 119
- Total EMS responses (May) 238
- Year-to-date EMS responses: 1077

Fire Responses

- BAFC April fire responses: 43
- BAFC year-to-date fire responses: 217
- HVFC April fire responses: 40
- HVFC year-to-date fire responses: 207

Conclusion

May reflected continued progress across operational readiness, administrative initiatives, and capital projects. Ongoing projects, including the new fire station and fleet modernization efforts, remain on track.

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Rex Herder noted that Senate Bill 1150 is being considered in the Senate which will prevent Council from adding agenda items at Council meetings.

President Jeff Elsing added that this bill will affect items that can come up as emergencies before a meeting.

On a motion by Jeffrey Elsing, seconded by David Steen, Council voted in favor, by show of hands, to send a letter to Pennsylvania Senator Maria Collett urging the Senator to oppose Senate Bill 1150 which would adversely affect the Borough.

Jeffrey Elsing – Yes
Steven Huntzinger – Yes
David Steen – No

Eric Asplundh – Yes
Glenn Gurney – No

The motion passed.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution 2026-02 Records Disposition

Manager Vikki Trost recommended adoption of Resolution 2026-02 to dispose of unneeded records.

On a motion by Jeffrey Elsing, seconded by David Steen, Council voted unanimously in favor adopting Resolution 2026-02 authorizing disposition of Borough records.

**BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02**

Resolved by the Borough Council of the Borough of Bryn Athyn, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, that

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution No. 2019-03 adopted on August 5, 2019, the Borough of Bryn Athyn declared its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved December 16, 2008 as amended March 28, 2019, and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968, each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Bryn Athyn, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the following public records:

Payroll Records: January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019 (Retain for 4 years)

Insurance Policies: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 (Retain for 6 years after all claims settled)

Pension Audit

The Auditor General has completed a five-year audit of the Police Pension Plan for the years 2021 through 2025. There were no findings.

2027 Budget

Manager Trost would like to start the 2027 Budget Preparation earlier this year so that we don't run into a problem with advertising dates. Committee/Department heads will be asked to submit their 2027 budget requests by September 1. The Finance Committee should begin discussions in July.

2026 PSAB Resolutions

Vikki Trost reported on the resolutions adopted by the PA State Association of Boroughs which will be presented to the PA Legislature.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

July 4th Events

Chairman Jeffrey Elsing reported that permission has been granted for the use of the ANC field for fireworks and a picnic on Friday, June 3. The field is being prepared for the event.

Fetters Mill Fire Rescue

Mr. Elsing reported that the Borough plans to forge ahead with the consolidation plans.

Traffic Safety Update – Fetters Mill Bridge Opening

Chairman Elsing reported that he has researched rules for truck traffic in the Borough, noting that some weight limit signs are missing and noting restricted turning times from the Pike onto Alden Road and Alnwick Road. We must be very cognizant of how we direct traffic flow at certain times. Mr. Elsing has reached out to PA DOT for assistance.

Mr. Elsing has registered for a Traffic Safety & Mitigation Seminar. Officer Green has been gathering traffic data on the Loop and Alden Road.

Mr. Elsing reported that the Belgium block on the Loop is compromised as a result of Aqua PA work.

Noise Complaints on Huntingdon Pike

President Elsing reported that the Borough received letters and verbal complaints for noise and disturbances on Huntingdon Pike at Tomlinson and Alnwick Roads on Fridays for almost a year. Mr. Elsing asked resident Scott Maddock, who was in the audience, how many signatures he collected for his letter. Mr. Maddock has collected 14 signatures so far. From a Borough municipality and legal standpoint, Mr. Elsing explained that the message of the group that gathers on the Pike is not a Borough concern, and that the Borough recognizes their freedom of speech and right to assemble. Where the gathering infringes on residents is in the alleged noise and/or disturbance it causes to residents in the Borough. Borough Council is discussing how to work with the group to alleviate the disturbance to residents. Mr. Elsing and Chief Odhner plan to meet with members of the group to explain to them the effect of their activities on Borough residents and to open a dialogue. Mr. Maddock suggested a noise ordinance. Mr. Elsing noted that the noise is generated from motorists honking horns and that would not be enforceable. Solicitor Herder added that a noise ordinance would not stop the horn blowing from motorists. Mr. Maddock suggested that the Borough requires an assembly permit. Mr. Elsing responded that an assembly permit is being researched. Mr. Elsing stated that he would prefer to start with conversations first.

Resident Shirley Pitcairn asked if more signatures would help. Mr. Elsing responded that it would help show how many people are affected by the noise. Mayor Schauder explained that Council is trying to find the line where everyone can be charitable neighbors to each other, and that's what Council is trying to figure out how to do. Mr. Maddock agreed that charity to neighbors is exactly what he wants.

Sarah Elsing asked if anyone had spoken with the group. Mr. Elsing noted that Chief Odhner had several meetings with representatives from the group. Mr. Elsing also noted that the Academy of the New Church passed a resolution regarding signage on ANC property which was shared with the group and they have complied. Mr. Maddock also noted that there has been a community Facebook conversation with 200 comments about the noise complaints. Mr. Huntzinger noted that social media may be more impactful to Mr. Maddock than the limited ability of Borough Council.

Resident Janina Stroh said that the waving and honking are very distracting while she is walking on her way home on Fridays.

Resident Nora Cooper said that she would never walk through the intersection on a Friday afternoon, noting that she lives in this beautiful town and can't walk through it.

Mr. Elsing noted that no member of Borough Council can or will post on social media as a representative of Council unless directing people to the Borough website.

Resident Shirley Pitcairn shared that the honking seriously affects the nervous system of many people and that she knows many people who are afraid to complain about the noise and disturbance. She does not believe that the gatherers understand their effect on their neighbors.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Lower Moreland Joint Paving Contract

Mr. Elsing reported that Lower Moreland Township awarded the contract for 2026 paving. Chairman Pennink planned to pave Tomlinson Road and install speed humps. The same type of speed hump is under consideration for the Loop and/or Alden Road. It was noted that Lower Moreland Township has suspended the drainage project on Tomlinson Road which will affect the Borough paving project.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

New Police Vehicle

Mr. Elsing reported that in April the Finance Committee discussed the shortage in the Police Car Reserve and recommended that Council purchase a new vehicle and draw funds from the General Fund Reserves to cover the \$15,000 shortfall. Mr. Elsing was pleased to report that a donation will be received to cover the full cost of the new police vehicle, a 2026 Chevrolet Silverado fully outfitted truck. As a result, the Borough can continue to build reserves for the next vehicle by increasing the required annual contributions to the Police Car Reserve.

LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES/ SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Chairman Ric Asplundh reported that the Cathedral meadow will be mowed after July 4th and again in October.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - None

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None

ZONING OFFICER

There was one (1) Zoning Permit application approved in May.
Six (6) Building Permits were issued.
One (1) Grading Permit was issued.
Two (2) Road Opening Permits were issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that residential maintenance pumping continues. Monthly testing and maintenance at the sewage treatment plan is going well.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary