



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

COUNCIL CHAMBER
October 2, 2017

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
Duane D. Hyatt

Brent McCurdy
Mark Pennink
Aurelle Genzlinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Bradley E. Cranch, Steve Gray, Reid Heinrichs, Derek Zecher, R. Scott Cooper, Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mark Pennink, seconded by Duane Hyatt, Council voted unanimous approval of the September minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for September was \$69,503.25. General Fund Expenses were \$139,689.82. Net Income was -\$70,186.57.

Sewer Fund Revenue for September was \$702.23. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$33,889.70. Net Income was -\$33,187.47.

Today PLGIT paid .78%. PLGIT I-Class paid .97%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	2,393.68	in Real Estate Tax receipts
\$	140.97	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$	4,080.55	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	1,192.00	in Building Permit receipts
\$	15.00	in Police Report receipts
\$	50.00	in Zoning Permits receipts
\$	1,373.31	in PURTA Tax receipts
\$	831.69	in Fines
\$	45,882.53	in Police Pension State Aid receipts
\$	12,063.76	in Volunteer Fire Relief State Aid receipts
\$	1,319.76	in Insurance Dividends

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$	161.00	in Category 2 Sewer Usage Receipts
\$	125.87	in Finance Charges
\$	365.36	in Late Fees
\$	50.00	in Sewer Certification receipts

TAX COLLECTOR - None

BILLS

On a motion by Duane Hyatt, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council unanimously voted to authorize payment of the bills as shown on the attached list, which is made a part of these minutes.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Jeff Elsing reported that Council would set up work sessions with the Zoning Ordinance Committee to discuss the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Vikki Trost will set up the meeting. Dates proposed: October 24, 25, 26.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Schauder introduced Boy Scout Kees in attendance tonight who is working on his Communications badge.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Citations Issued	Traffic: 35 / Non-Traffic: 5	40
Alarms		10
Assist to Bryn Athyn Fire/Ambulance		07
Assist other Police Agencies		36
Assist Citizens		12
Complaints concerning Animals		02
Reports of Suspicious Circumstances		05
Special Traffic Details		27
Miscellaneous Complaints		78
Vehicles checked for Ownership or warned for Motor Violations		70
Vehicle Accidents		05

On Sunday September 3rd at 7:47 pm, Police assisted the Bryn Athyn Fire Company investigating a Fire Alarm at 757 Campus Drive / Gyllenhaal Cottages. BA Firefighters located smoldering paper towels inside of a bathroom trash can which was located on the 1st floor. A hookah coal was found at the bottom of the trash can, which appeared to be the cause of the problem. Although there were no illegal products that were used, ANC Security Chief Scott Cooper said that it was a policy violation for smoking in the dorms, which would be addressed by the college.

On Sunday September 3rd at 11:59pm, Police arrested a 23 year old Upper Moreland resident for Public Drunkenness in the area of Quarry Road.

On Friday September 8th at 10:57pm, Police cited four Upper Moreland residents for Disorderly Conduct for their actions that led to one of them falling and suffering a concussion while they were trespassing and being disorderly on the Bryn Athyn Elementary School grounds. All four individuals have since pled guilty to the charges.

On Monday September 11th at 5:33pm, police responded to a report of a Domestic Disturbance at the Asplundh Field House parking lot. Upon arrival, police spoke with a male and female who were arguing in the parking lot. The situation was resolved and both Lower Moreland residents were sent on their way in their separate vehicles.

On Tuesday September 12th at 12:25pm, police took a theft report at the Asplundh Field House Fitness Center. The complainant advised that his wallet was stolen on September 11th sometime after 4:30pm. The investigation is still on-going.

On Tuesday September 12th at 10:20pm, police assisted the BA Fire Department for an odor of smoke at a residence in the 2700 Block of South Avenue. It was determined that the odor was due to the spontaneous combustion of linseed oil that was in the resident's trash can.

On Saturday September 16th at 7:35am, police took a report of criminal mischief in the 2700 block of Huntingdon Pike. The resident said that they heard a loud bang at about 2:15am. When they went outside in the morning, they found that their ceramic flower pot had been smashed in the parking lot next to their home.

On Saturday September 16th at 7:51pm, police arrested a 39 year old Willow Grove resident in the area of Huntingdon Pike and Alnwick Road for DUI.

On Friday September 22nd at 1:38am, police responded to the C&S Club to investigate a noise complaint. Upon arrival, police observed several people talking loudly on the front porch of the business. The subjects were cooperative and went back inside of the club.

On Monday September 25th at 3:14am, police arrested a 33 year old Philadelphia resident for DUI in the area of Huntingdon Pike and Alnwick Road.

On Tuesday September 26th at 6:09pm, police responded to the 2900 block of College Drive to assist ANC Security for a report of a psychiatric emergency. Bryn Athyn Ambulance transported the college student to Abington Hospital for an evaluation.

On Wednesday September 27th at 1:54pm, Bryn Athyn Police assisted the Lower Moreland Police Department responding to a Bomb Threat that was received by LMPD for a business in the 2500 block of Huntingdon Pike. Huntingdon Pike was closed to all vehicle and foot traffic in the area for 1.5 hours. K9 Units responded from surrounding jurisdictions. The area was checked and cleared by the bomb sniffing dogs.

The Bryn Athyn Police Department will be hosting "Coffee with a cop" on Saturday October 28th and Saturday November 4th from 8am to 10am. This event will take place at the All Aboard Café. It will give the community members an opportunity to come out and talk with all of the new officers who have joined the Bryn Athyn Police Department family in recent months. We'll be advertising this event in an upcoming issue of the Bryn Athyn Post.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Derek Zecher reported 26 Fire Calls in September and 89 EMS Dispatches, 9 in Bryn Athyn; 59 patients transported.

Chief Zecher noted that there were two near misses last month with trash can fires, adding that linseed oil must be used carefully as it can result in spontaneous combustion. The Fire Company responded to an overturned vehicle on Huntingdon Pike last month as well as a bomb threat in Lower Moreland Township. Fire Police assisted the BAPD and the ANC/Lower Moreland Color Run and will assist with the Bob Eidse Run this month.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None

SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT

Trash Contract

Vikki Trost reported that Lower Moreland opened bids this morning for a three year joint trash contract. Republic Services, our current hauler, was the low bidder for twice per week trash, once weekly recycling and yard waste. Council accepted the results of the bid opening acknowledging the low bid for trash and recycling with Republic Services. Lower Moreland obtained a yard waste bid for the Borough since we no longer have a site to dump leaves. Council members agreed that the regular trash truck picks up yard waste and that a special pickup may not be necessary.

Sewer Delinquencies

Five delinquent accounts have been submitted to Portnoff Associates for collection.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

President Jeff Elsing reported that there will be road closures for the Bob Eidse Run on October 21, 2017 at 9:00am.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that paving was done on Alnwick Road, South Avenue, Orchard Lane and Marlin Road. Mr. Pennink reported that the cost will be more than originally projected due to the fact that there was no base on Alnwick Road and South Avenue. Approximately 4-5 inches of paving needed to be installed. When the roads were milled 2.5 inches, the underground pipes were visible. Mr. Pennink expects that the new roads will last much longer than in the past. The speed humps on the loop will need to be fixed. Members of Council support building better roads even though the work will exceed the budget this year.

Mr. Pennink reported that a salt spreader was purchased for the pickup truck.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Duane Hyatt reported that the September Finance Committee was rescheduled to Thursday, October 5 at 6pm. Budget requests were due today.

LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES/ SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Chairman Ric Asplundh reported that four trees were taken down in Borough Park and one next to the Borough path between Alnwick and Huntingdon Pike.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - None

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None

ZONING OFFICER

Vikki Trost reported one (1) Zoning Permit application was approved in September. Ten (10) Building Permits were issued. No Grading Permits were issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Reid Heinrichs reported that the air scrubber was installed at the Sycamore Road Pump Station in late August. After one month, there was one report of a smell from a source which is still undetermined. Mr. Heinrichs is still investigating the source. It was agreed that Charter Day Weekend will be the deciding factor.

Mayor Schauder noted that he went to the pump station following the last Council meeting and could not find the air scrubber until he looked up to the trees. There was no sound or odor when he was there. Reid Heinrichs stated that he removed the roof cap which had been rattling and will look for an alternative cap. Mr. Gurney added that the planned shed for the pump station/scrubber will resolve any noise or cap issue after it is agreed that the odor problem is resolved.

Mr. Heinrichs reported that the PA DEP Part II Construction permit application has been submitted to PA DEP. He and Mr. Gurney are working with Bill Brown (EEMA) on the planning phase.

BOROUGH ENGINEER

Nick Rose reported that he is working with Mr. Gurney and Mr. Heinrichs on the Sewer Plant project.

Mr. Rose also noted that the paver needs to finish sealing on Orchard Lane.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

Council set the date for the next regular meeting on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

RECESS

President Jeff Elsing called for a recess at 7:35pm to allow Council to go to Executive Session to discuss two issues.

Ending the recess, President Elsing called the meeting back to order at 8:30pm.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary