



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRYN ATHYN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL CHAMBER **September 8, 2025**

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: Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder, Brigdon Odhner, Lach Brown, Nick Rose, Bradley Cranch, and Mark Showmaker. Councilman Duane D. Hyatt and Manager/Secretary Victoria S. Trost were excused.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Revenue for August was \$101,310.62. General Fund Expenses were \$389,419.36. Net Income was -\$288,108.74.

Sewer Fund Revenue for August was \$100,129.13. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$43,219.50. Net Income was \$56,909.63.

Today PLGIT paid 4.12%. PLGIT Prime paid 4.37%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	58,971.55	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	12,348.00	in Transfer Tax receipts
\$	12,374.77	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$	160.00	in Road Opening Permit receipts
\$	12,425.00	in Donations to BAPD for Soap Box Derby
\$	837.10	in Building Permit receipts

Included in the Sewer Fund cash receipts were:

\$	41,119.00	in Category 2 Usage receipts
\$	44,980.00	in Category 3 Usage receipts
\$	8,024.00	in Category 4 Usage receipts
\$	6,006.13	in Masons Mill Passthrough receipts

TAX COLLECTOR - None

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

Auto Spa Xpress	\$12.00
BlueKnight Bicycle Training	1,200.00
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	257.14
Cranch Landscapers, LLC	3,340.00
DeLage Landen	175.00
Eastburn & Gray, PC	2,080.86
Field Services, LLC	1,650.00
Fishers Ace Hardware	54.54
Frank A. Malizia, Jr., Inc.	10,400.00
George Allen Portable Toilets, Inc.	450.00
Horgan Brothers, Inc.	261,674.30
Independence Blue Cross	7,758.20
Kenneth J. Schauder Incorporated	1,840.00
Nobre Computer Services, LLC	757.50
Peco Energy	1,649.10
Petty Cash – Brigdon Odhner	277.17
ProTract Engineering	4,515.00
Quick Lot, LLC	8,661.00
Safeware, Inc.	9,725.68
Standard Insurance Company	1,513.34
T & G Industries, Inc.	279.00
TGI Office Automation	17.34
The Vanguard Group	1,503.15

PA Municipal Supply	693.90
Verizon Wireless	277.69
Victoria Trost	605.00
Wawa – Wright Express	990.94
Woodrow & Associates	320.00
TOTAL	\$322,677.64

Ratified Checks written in August

AmTrust North America	519.00
Max Farms Inc.	675.00
Smoken Dudes BBQ Supply	4,216.25
Volcanic Bikes	5,199.00
TOTAL	\$10,609.25

SEWER FUND BILLS

Frank A. Malizia, Jr., Inc.	6,645.00
George Allen Wastewater Management	1,880.00
Home Depot	330.15
MJ Reider Associates Inc.	2,598.50
PA Industrial Equipment Inc.	315.00
Peco Energy	468.26
Petty Cash – Reid Heinrichs	219.92
Schauder Incorporated	2,840.00
SCP Distributors LLC	2,621.50
UMHJSA	6,006.13
Verizon Internet	79.00
Verizon Wireless	39.53
Wawa – Wright Express	56.22
TOTAL	\$24,803.27

Ratified Checks written in August

GS Developers	\$17,770.00
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BMO MASTERCARD**General Fund**

Adobe AcroPro	\$19.99
21 Century Media	26.00
Gannett Newspapers	14.99
Staples	116.08
Amazon.com	1,174.07
TOTAL	\$1456.13

Sewer Fund

Harbor Freight Tools	\$281.93
Amazon.com	276.76
WWC Supply Ltd	3,455.92

PTC EZ Pass	105.00
TOTAL	\$4,119.61

Police Department

Duty Handgun Red Dot Instructor Training	\$500.00
Amazon.com	840.92
VistaPrint	162.51
Meta Quest 3S	649.00
eBay.com	22.83
TOTAL	\$2,287.67

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORTTrash Bids for 2026

President Elsing reported that Council received trash bids from Lower Moreland last month which were all automated collection proposals. AJ Blosenski was the low bidder. Trash toters will be required for the automated collection. Lower Moreland will purchase various sizes of toters; the Borough can still piggyback on this purchase. It was discussed that only one toter will be picked up per unit per day. The Borough advertised trash and recycling bids on PennBid with one bid received which was much more expensive than the low bid received by Lower Moreland.

On a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Mark Pennink, Borough Council voted unanimously to reject the bid submitted by Mascaro for trash and recycling collection which is beyond the Borough Budget for Trash Collection and in excess of the low bid received by Lower Moreland Township.

Council agreed that due diligence was done by the Borough to find a less expensive trash hauler and that the Lower Moreland bid by Blosinski is the best option for Bryn Athyn residents. Mr. Elsing has spoken with the Blosinski representative who has been very helpful. Mr. Gurney asked about the total units in the Borough, 305, and how the trash from apartments will be handled. Mr. Elsing noted that Blosinski's bid has taken this into account in their bid and that it can be negotiated to allow additional toter for apartments.

Mr. McCurdy made a motion to approve the Lower Moreland Bryn Athyn joint contract as proposed. Mr. Asplundh seconded the motion to move forward with the Lower Moreland joint trash contract which was voted unanimously in favor by Borough Council.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Brigdon Odhner reported the following activity for August:

All Police Activities	800
Alarms	11
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	12
Assist Other Police Agencies	15
Public Service Calls / Assist Citizens	9
Special Traffic Details	2
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	6
Vehicle Accidents	3
Animal Complaints	1
Traffic Stops	29
Theft	0
Community Policing	7

AUGUST COUNCIL REPORT

- Although it was not officially reported, vegetables were taken from the community gardens. We have put measures in place to help us catch the person responsible if it happens again.
- While on patrol at 4 AM, Officer Shaffer observed a car parked at the college with its windows down. He ran the vehicle's tags, which came back to an individual who has been on our radar for a domestic situation in town. Officer Shaffer then went to a house on Alden Road, where the domestic situation had been occurring, and checked the area. The offender was found hiding in the bushes at the residence. The male was detained, and a PFA was later ordered against him.
- We received a report of illegal dumping at the Lord's New Church, where someone had left a large quantity of cinder blocks and carpet next to the driveway. Lenny Rose provided a picture of a van turning around from their security cameras. Officer Alec Shaffer was able to use our VIPR system to review fixed cameras in the area and identify the van. From that, we obtained a license plate, ran the plate, and located the vehicle owner and address. A reverse search of the driver's license photo matched a Facebook photo of the demo construction company owner standing next to the same van, along with a phone number. We texted the number to confirm the owner and the business, and they acknowledged it was them. We then called and had them return the next morning to clean up the mess. The owner was cited for the dumping. While the cleanup was taking place, Lower Moreland also received a call about dumping. After investigating, we discovered it was the same individual responsible for both locations. Once the cleanup was completed, the individuals were turned over to the Lower Moreland Police.

- We had a very successful Soap Box Derby event. Many thanks to everyone who helped to organize it and to the Boy Scouts for preparing food. We look forward to hosting it again next year. No tax money was used for the event.

Training

- Chief Odhner completed his third FBI LEEDA (Law Enforcement Executive Development Association) class, which finishes the trilogy.

Chief Odhner reported that the Ebike is in the garage available for officers to use after they complete bicycle training. The bike will be used to patrol the Pennypack Trail and to patrol around town to interact with residents, when two officers are on duty. Chief Odhner will make an announcement alerting residents that they will be seeing Bryn Athyn Police officers patrolling on a bike.

A resident asked if there was any information on the bee hives which were stolen from the garden. Chief Odhner reported that there have been no leads on the bee hive theft.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Schauder reported 43 Fire Calls in August, 30 in Lower Moreland, 3 in Bryn Athyn; 200 EMS Calls, 131 in Lower Moreland, 13 in Bryn Athyn, 23 in Abington, and 33 in other municipalities; 135 Transports, 98 in Lower Moreland, 10 in Bryn Athyn, 10 in Abington and 17 in other municipalities.

There were two calls where EMS was unavailable in August and both calls came in when both ambulances were out on other calls. The second ambulance was dispatched 13 times, 12 of those were transports of patients in Lower Moreland or Bryn Athyn, with one recall.

There were six DUI blood draws in August.

New hydrants were installed on water main on Cathedral Road. One hydrant at 2860 Paper Mill Road was moved out of the driveway and will be relocated at the request of the homeowner.

New ambulance update – the dealer where the chassis was being purchased went out of business and the ambulance chassis that we ordered was repossessed by Ford. The chassis was located last week at the vendor who will install the ambulance box. The ambulance should be delivered here by the end of September.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ken Schauder reported that the team will meet in October.

CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Chief Mark Showmaker reported the following for August:

Please find my activity for the month of August up to the date of this report. As usual It has been a very busy month for meetings and emergency responses. The following will briefly cover my monthly activity.

Meetings

I attended the Lower Moreland Township Commissioner and Bryn Athyn Borough Council meetings. In addition, I have conducted and attended many meetings throughout the month such as BAFC Officer/ and Career Lieutenants meetings, Numerous Work Group committee meetings, Emergency Management meetings, Fire Marshal Meeting. I attended the BAFC Board of Directors meeting, I have participated in County meetings as well such as, Emergency Medical Association meetings. I attended several meetings regarding the New Station Project. Final walk through of the new Bryn Athyn Elementary School. LM Emergency Management Storm recap meetings.

Training

I participated in EMS and Fire Continuous Education Training at the Bucks County EMS. A joint training meeting was held to set up training schedules for 2026 as now that both stations will be training weekly together as one response organization a new modified 2025 remainder schedules correlated between the 2 stations.

Administrative

Work on an issue with a water tank on engine 19-1 delaminating has been completed. A small issue with a foam system cropped up while testing and is awaiting parts for repair. It is anticipated that in the near future we will be placing the unit for sale as part of the fleet reduction plan. Developed and implemented Standard Operating Procedures for water rescue incidents as well as reviewing current SOP's for correlation of both existing organizations. Work with Solicitor on finalizing a resolution for the LM Fire Fighter Tax Rebate Ordinance completion and have sent off to PA State Fire Commissioner as per regulations. Finalized the review process for selecting an architect for the new fire station project which included a zoom meeting with Redstone, a fire station design architect, as part of one of the firm's team.

Met with staff at station 19-1 regarding a personnel issue. Conducted Relief Association regulations review to assist with the development process of the new Relief Association filing for incorporation. Conducted research on the ambulance chassis issue. (since has been resolved). Working with both Deputy Fire Chiefs regarding the new engine and coordinating what equipment is needed. I attended a meeting and Demo session on new Drug Custody Software with Dr. Overberger MD. and deputy Chief Ellinger. Delivered the Tower Ladder to Glick Fire

Apparatus in Lancaster for body repair from previous mishap. Attended EMA meeting and we are researching local radios to enhance communications during large scale emergencies such as the floods. Work with Bryn Athyn Borough Council President regarding requested information for presentation to Council about consolidation and the New Fire Station. I attended a Water Rescue Training Class on 8-25-25. I have begun work on a comprehensive 2026 FMFR budget.

Response statistics Update

Response Statistics as per our adopted response standard of 9 minutes from dispatch to on scene with a minimum of 4 interior fire fighters 90 % of the time. I wanted to show you where we stand based on the changes and improvements or deficiencies that have been made with both stations up to this point.

Huntingdon Valley Station 19

For the month of August 2025, our benchmark was met 28% of the time.

Bryn Athyn Station 19-1

For the month of August 2025, our benchmark was met 85.2% with a response time average of 6 minutes and 49 seconds but an average of 3.53 suppression personnel on the apparatus. The actual number is 5.15 with chase ambulance so the total percentage would be over 100%

Fire Calls of Interest:

8-25-2025 Water rescues Philmont Ave

Emergency Response Data for the month as of the date of this report:

BAFC Emergency Medical Calls in BA	13
BAFC Emergency Medical Calls in LM	131
BAFC Emergency Medical Calls other	56
BAFC Monthly total EMS Calls	200
Year to date EMS Calls	1506

BAFC Fire Calls in BA	9	HVFC Fire Calls in LM	26
BAFC Fire Calls IN LM	30	HVFC Fire Calls in BA	9
BAFC Fire Calls Other	4	HVFC Fire Calls Other	1
BAFC Monthly Fire Calls	43	HVFC Monthly Fire Calls	36
Year to Date Fire Calls	324	Year to Date Fire Calls	348

Conclusion:

This month has been filled with a variety of important meetings, continuous training, and personnel developments. The beginning planning phase for the New Fire Station has taken a great deal of my time this month but I am excited to see this project getting moving along. As mentioned, I have been developing an FMFR Budget for 2026. This also has been consuming a

great deal of time. Thank you to all staff and volunteers for their continued hard work and dedication.

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation

The 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Fund is \$0.

2026 Budget Requests

Department Heads should submit their 2026 budget requests to Vikki Trost by Tuesday, September 22 at noon.

Montgomery County Boroughs Associations

The next MCBA meeting will be held on Thursday, September 25 at Rivet: Canteen & Assembly located in Pottstown. Please let Vikki know if you are interested in attending. Mayor Schauder noted that he enjoys networking with other municipal officials at the meetings.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Elsing noted that included in tonight's packet is a New Building Justification report for Council to review. Mr. Elsing did not want to report on this tonight with Duane Hyatt and Vikki Trost, who are committee members, absent from the meeting. Mr. Elsing has extracted the data from Chief Showmaker's reports which list requirements for modern-day fire stations. These include accommodation for both sexes in the building, and hot and cool zones, to name a few. The report also gives an update on fleet reduction, in particular the sale of the Borough's Toyne pumper next year, and a list of equipment needed. There will be savings in the consolidation. Mr. Elsing asked that Council read the report and bring questions and concerns for discussion, particularly concerning the 2026 budget for FMFR. Chief Schauder noted that Feters Mill Fire Rescue will be up and running by April 1, 2026, so that the budget can be fine tuned prior. Mr. Elsing pointed to the next to last page for cost assumptions, funded 90% by Lower Moreland and 10% by Bryn Athyn; and he reiterated that there will be no Bryn Athyn funds spent on land acquisition for the new fire house building. Lower Moreland

has acquired \$10 million through a bond issue for planning and construction of the new fire house.

Mr. Huntzinger asked if the 10% allocation was expected to be a long-term commitment to which Mr. Elsing replied, yes, this is a permanent arrangement. Mr. Elsing noted that this allocation has been negotiated and agreed upon by both municipalities and represents an amount close to the Borough current costs for fire services. Borough Council has reviewed multiple scenarios for future fire services in comparison to consolidation. This information will be included in the packet.

Tomlinson Road

Mr. Elsing reported that the new elementary school opening was very successful relating to the new school signals, signs and sidewalks on Tomlinson Road. We are still working on parts of the improvements. Final road surfacing, lining and speed hump installation will happen after all construction vehicles are gone. Mr. Elsing thanked Bradley Cranch, Mark Pennink, Nick Rose and Jim Adams for their efforts in the project. The street parking on Tomlinson seems to be causing problems which is being looked at.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Mark Pennink thanked Brad Cranch for all the time he put into projects for the new school opening.

Chairman Pennink reported that there was a problem with the new Masons Mill Road loop camera which seems to be corrected.

Mr. Pennink reported that the bids for the completion of sidewalks on Tomlinson Road will be due soon.

Alden Road

Mr. Pennink reported that Alden Road stormwater pipe has been completed to the top of the road, all of the laterals are in, many sump pump connections are complete, noting that all of the underground work should be done by the end of the week. Mr. Pennink noted that we are still on budget and on schedule for the end of October for completion. Retaining walls should be going up next and then the curbing, driveway aprons and sidewalks. Driveway aprons will take time to cure and be a bit uncomfortable for residents for about two weeks. Parking will be difficult during this time. The road may be milled again to make it perfect. It is a lot of work to set up for pouring curb. Half of the road will then be paved and then curbing and driveway aprons will start on the other side of the road. Cars can park along the finished curb. Mr. Pennink is very pleased with the progress of the project.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Elsing reported tht the 2026 Budget Committee members will be Duane Hyatt, Jeff Elsing, Glenn Gurney and Vikki Trost. Mr. Hyatt has agreed to remain on the committee after he steps down in January. There remains a vacancy on the committee if anyone is interested.

Mr. Elsing reminded Council that the January will be a reorganization meeting.

Department heads were reminded of the budget calendar for submitting their 2026 budgets.

2026 BUDGET PROCESS

9/8/2025	COUNCIL MEETING Chairman requests Budgets from Department Heads
9/16/2025	<i>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Budget Discussion</i>
10/6/2025	COUNCIL MEETING
10/22/2025	<i>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING Budget Presentations by Departments</i>
10/23 – 10/31/2025	<i>FINALIZE BUDGET IN COMMITTEE</i>
11/3/2025	COUNCIL MEETING Council Reviews Final Draft
11/4/2025	<i>ADVERTISE BUDGET IN NEWSPAPER AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO ADOPTION ON 12/2/2025</i>
11/18/2025	<i>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING</i>
12/1/2025	COUNCIL MEETING Council Adopts Budget by Motion
12/16/2025	<i>FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING</i>
1/5/2026	COUNCIL MEETING Council Adopts Tax Rates by Ordinance

LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES/ SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pennink reported that there are several dangerous trees on Cathedral Road that he will have removed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - None

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None

ZONING OFFICER

There was one (1) Zoning Permit application approved in August. Three (3) Building Permits were issued. No (0) Grading Permits were issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that one of the pumps stopped working at the sewage treatment plant today. Facility maintenance continues as usual, and the plant has passed all tests.

The Generator Project is completed except for final grading and seeding which will be done this week. The project is on budget and numbers are being finalized. Mr. Gurney would like to hire a maintenance company. A sewer committee meeting is scheduled for September 24th at the plant. Reid has been encouraged to clean up the plant as he is a collector.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pennink learned that Lower Moreland has put funds aside for drainage projects and they will use some of it at the Nash property and the Asplundh driveway on Tomlinson Road, noting that the Borough may be able to connect to it, which would be helpful to get some drainage on Tomlinson to help the speed bumps work better. It was noted that water runoff from the elementary school was improved in the last storm since sod was installed.

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

There was no further business being presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025, at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary