



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

***COUNCIL CHAMBER***  
**January 5, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Eric Asplundh at 7:00p.m.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Magisterial District Justice Tom Murt administered the oath of office to Councilmembers Jeffrey Elsing and Mark Pennink, Mayor Kenneth Schauder and Tax Collector Bradley Cranch.

**NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT**

Mayor Schauder called for nominations for President of Borough Council. Mr. Asplundh nominated Mr. Elsing. There were no other nominations.

*On a motion duly seconded, Council voted unanimously in favor electing Jeffrey Elsing as President of Borough Council.*

President Elsing called for nominations for Vice President of Borough Council. Mr. Elsing nominated Mr. Asplundh. There were no other nominations.

*On a motion duly seconded, Council voted unanimously in favor electing Eric Asplundh as Vice President of Borough Council.*

The newly elected President and Vice President took their seats at the table.

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Glenn Gurney  
Ric Asplundh  
Jeffrey Elsing

Brent McCurdy  
Mark Pennink  
Steven Huntzinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder.

**MINUTES**

*On a motion by Glenn Gurney, seconded by Brent McCurdy, Council voted unanimous approval of the December 1, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes.*

*On a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimous approval of the December 17, 2025 Special Meeting minutes.*

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

General Fund Revenue for December was \$13,883.61. General Fund Expenses were \$513,510.57. Net Income was -\$499,626.96.

2025 General Fund Revenue exceeded the budget by \$1,262,336.02 and Expenditures exceeded the budget by \$1,597,743.64, indicating a pre-audit deficit of \$335,407.62. This will need to be adjusted due to the loan proceeds and expenditures for the Alden Road Capital Improvement Project. Police Car Reserve (\$13,500) and Public Works Reserve (\$9,000) transfers, when approved, will reduce this number along with any other adjustments.

Sewer Fund Revenue for December was \$285.00. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$29,621.09. Net Income was -\$29,336.09.

2025 Sewer Fund Revenue exceeded the budget by \$13,035.90 while Expenditures exceeded the budget by \$54,235.88, indicating a pre-audit deficit of \$41,199.98. Capital Upgrade Reserves (\$70,845), Reed Bed Reserves (\$7,000) and Collection System Reserves (\$20,171) and Truck Reserve (\$15,000) transfers, when approved, will reduce this number along with any other adjustments.

Today PLGIT paid 3.62%. PLGIT Prime paid 3.86%.

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

\$	10,286.59	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	778.70	in Fines
\$	580.00	in Building Permit receipts
\$	20.00	in Fireworks donations
\$	2,218.32	in Insurance Dividends

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$	245.00	in Category 2 Usage receipts
\$	40.00	in NSF Check Fees

Councilman Mark Pennink reported on the Alden Road Improvements Project noting that the original contract amount was \$1,101,755. Extra costs were anticipated at 10% of the contract, however there were only \$30,000 in extras. Additional costs for the project were: Engineering \$30,000, Oversight (Frank Malizia) \$50,000, and a few odds and ends \$10,000. Mr. Pennink anticipates some settling costs. Total project costs were \$1,220,000. Subtracting the grant funds of \$300,000, the project cost is \$920,000 plus an estimated \$10,000 in settling costs. The original project was estimated to cost \$1.5million.

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collector, Bradley Cranch reported \$25,068.86 in Real Estate Taxes collected in December; \$11,469.44 remains uncollected. A lien will be filed for this amount next week..

**BILLS**

**GENERAL FUND BILLS**

**December 2025**

Aqua PA	\$22.40
Armor & Sons Electric	258.50
Auto Spa Xpress	12.00
Building Inspection Underwriters	3,039.00
Cranch Landscapers	500.00
Davidheiser's	77.00
Eastburn & Gray PC	3,690.00
Fisher's Ace Hardware	35.00
G & B Construction Group	124,938.00
H.A. Thomson Co.	193.00
Horgan Brothers Inc.	55,880.21
Kenneth J Schauder Inc.	825.00
Kevin Green	299.12
Mac Medical Gases	5.00
Markl Supply Company	5,290.80
PA Chiefs of Police Association	150.00
Peco Energy	1,715.16
ProTract Engineering	4,579.00
PSAB	25.00
Quick Lots LLC	2,900.00
T & G Industries	279.00
TGI Office Automation	149.26
The Harrison Group	180.00
Total Turf Landscape Services	1,125.00
TRM Emergency Vehicle Specialists	10,383.69

Verizon Wireless	277.87
Woodrow & Associates	480.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$217,309.01</b>

**January 2026**

Aqua PA	\$22.78
DeLage Landen	175.00
Guardian Insurance	4,340.37
Independence Blue Cross	6,678.55
Lower Moreland Township	14,573.28
PSAB	395.00
PSMA	70.00
The Vanguard Group	1,308.46
Victoria Trost	50.00
Woodrow & Associates	351.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$27,942.16</b>

**SEWER FUND BILLS**

**December 2025**

Aqua PA	\$254.40
Clayton Walsh	258.96
George Allen Wastewater	5,740.00
Kopyna & Turner Plumbing	5,899.00
Mac Medical Gases	10.00
Peco Energy	343.51
The Harrison Group	25.71
Verizon Internet	79.00
Verizon Wireless	39.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,650.15</b>

**January 2026**

Clayton Walsh	\$204.97
Independence Blue Cross	767.55
MJ Reider & Associates	781.80
Peco Energy	598.46
Verizon Internet	79.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,430.88</b>

**BMO MasterCard**

**General Fund**

**Borough Office**

Adobe AcroPro	\$19.99
21 Century Media	26.00
Gannett Newspapers	16.99
Giant Food	56.42
Amazon.com	9.99

TOTAL	\$129.39
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**Police Department**

Amazon.com	\$504.91
eBay.com	254.39
Classic Pistol	59.15
SP Safariland	109.17
OpticsPlanet.com	360.14
PSI Exams	175.00
Staples	122.49
PTC EZ Pass	105.00
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TOTAL	\$1,690.25

**Sewer Fund**

Amazon.com	\$654.61
eBay.com	934.23
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TOTAL	\$1,588.84

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Resolution No. 2026-01 – Setting 2026 Employee Contribution to Police Pension Fund  
 President Jeff Elsing reported that the contributions to the Police Pension Fund were instituted when the Police Pension Plan was underfunded. Thanks to the vision of Reade Genzlinger, employee contributions are no longer needed. Removing this contribution was part of the new police contract. Mr. Elsing noted that the contribution may be reinstated if the plan again becomes underfunded.

*On a motion by Glenn Gurney, seconded by Mark Pennink, Council voted unanimously in favor adopting Resolution No. 2026-01 setting the employee contribution rate for the Police Pension Plan at 0.0% for the year 2026.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01**

***A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN SETTING THE MEMBER CONTRIBUTION TO THE BRYN ATHYN POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2026.***

***Whereas, the Borough of Bryn Athyn has established a pension plan, known as the Bryn Athyn Police Pension Plan (“the Plan”), and;***

*Whereas, the Borough Council sets the annual contribution rate for members of the Plan;*

*Now Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Bryn Athyn has set the annual member contribution rate for the year 2026 at 0.00%.*

*Resolved, this fifth day of January, 2026.*

**BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN**

2026 Operations List

Mr. Elsing reviewed the 2026 Operations List noting vacancies in several positions –

President Elsing announced that Gwen Rhodes has agreed to serve on the Public Relations Committee.

The 2026 Operations List was accepted by Borough Council.

New Trash Contract

President Elsing reminded Borough Council that the new trash contract is in effect, noting that this contract was the best we could do this year due to the industry changing to automated collection. The Borough and the trash company – AJ Blosenski will be observing the process during the first thirty days of service, particularly the need to serve certain streets one-way as well as the long private driveways.

Mr. Elsing has been communicating with the President of AJ Blosenski and reported that the company will service the Borough with three different types of trucks, working on the best plan for each street. We will work with residents to fine tune the collection service. President Elsing noted that the new trash totes/cans serve two purposes – the auto claws require sturdy cans and the new totes will serve to clean up the streets. Mr. Elsing noted that the Borough got a great deal on the purchase of the totes/cans at one-third of the normal cost. Collection will be twice a week and extra trash will be picked up occasionally. Mr. Elsing noted that AJ Blosenski will give regular pickup reports utilizing GPS to track the pickup routes. President Elsing reported that trucks have always backed down College Park roads and that the residents have already been putting their recycling on the west side of some streets to accommodate the automated pickup. There is no parking on that side of the street. Creek Road will be serviced once a week. Mr. Elsing will follow up with residents on any issues.

Mr. McCurdy noted that Blosenski did take an extra bag of trash at his house. He asked what recourse the Borough has for Republic Services' failure to collect at the end of December. Mr. Elsing responded that we have notified Lower Moreland that we will not pay for those collection dates and will impose penalties as per the contract.

**POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT**

Chief Brigdon Odhner reported the following activity for December:

All Police Activities	876
Alarms	12
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	2
Assist Other Police Agencies	8
Public Service Calls / Assist Citizens	10
Special Traffic Details	14
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	7
Traffic Citations	3
Vehicle Accidents	2
Animal Complaints	0
Traffic Stops	17
Theft	0
Community Policing	2

- Police responded to a domestic incident at the Masons Mill Business Park. The female involved was assisted by Montgomery County; Women In Crisis Home (Laurel House) was contacted.
- Officers assisted with the termination of an employee at ANC. The employee departed without incident.
- A tree fell across the Pike into the path of a moving vehicle. No injuries were reported.

Chief Odhner reported that eScooters are very popular and reminded everyone that they do fall under the PA Motor Vehicle Code. Mr. Pennink noted that eBikes are like little motorcycles and asked what laws are coming to regulate them. Chief Odhner is looking into those which is currently a hot topic. It was noted that the Borough may adopt ordinances to make rules on these scooters and bikes more restrictive than the state codes.

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**

Chief Ken Schauder reported that he did not yet have the December stats to report. The Chief reported that the new ambulance has arrived and it is now being outfitted and should be in service in a week.

Chief Schauder reported that he has been working with the team planning the new firehouse. The team meets every week.

The Chief reported that the BAFC has received the FMFR Consolidation document for review, noting that the proposed by-laws are very similar to the current BAFC by-laws.

## **CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Chief Mark Showmaker submitted the following report for December:

Please find my activity for the month of December and 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 Bryn Athyn Borough Council meetings. I was absent from The Lower Moreland meeting due to illness. In addition, I attended 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. Met with the Officers of BAFC. Meeting with Manager and both solicitors regarding consolidation agreements. Met with the Manager and President of the Huntingdon Valley Fire Company.

### **Training**

Joint training drills for the month of December were disrupted with holiday schedules; however, some individual training sessions were conducted as well as the daily career staff training. I attended a Property maintenance Continuing education class with the L&I personnel.

### **Administrative**

Engine 19-1 has been advertised for sale as part of the fleet reduction plan. Researching Fair Labor Standards Act for items that have come up. Conducted Relief Association Regulations to assist with the refining of the new relief association and regulations regarding formation and draft bylaws. Working with both Deputy Fire Chiefs regarding the new engine and coordinating what equipment is needed. Build progress with the new engine is ongoing and coming along well. Investigated several personnel issues throughout the month. Conducted employment interviews to fill vacancy. Completed a mobile phone update and Mobile Data Terminal change over to a new service provider. I attended weekly meetings regarding the new fire Station, and we are making good progress on this project. Working on items for the new fire station that we may want to purchase separate from the primes and which may be available through Costars or other programs. I am working on the future volunteer officer descriptions and requirements for FMFR and preparing for a consolidated streamed line Command staff.

### **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 December 2025, our benchmark was met 41% of the time.

### **Bryn Athyn Station 19-1**

Information not available at time of report

**Fire Calls of Interest:**

12-08-25 Welsh and Philmont Vehicle Extrication  
12-14-25 3141 Oak, Storm related structure fire.

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

BAFC Emergency Medical Calls in BA	6
BAFC Emergency Medical Calls in LM	132
BAFC Emergency Medical Calls other	73
BAFC Monthly total EMS Calls	211
Year to date EMS Calls	2237

BAFC Fire Calls in BA	2	HVFC Fire Calls in LM	28
BAFC Fire Calls IN LM	27	HVFC Fire Calls in BA	2
BAFC Fire Calls Other	4	HVFC Fire Calls Other	1
BAFC Monthly Fire Calls	33	HVFC Monthly Fire Calls	31
Year to Date Fire Calls	478	Year to Date Fire Calls	490

**Conclusion:**

This month has been filled with a variety of important meetings, continuous training, and personnel developments. Thank you to all staff and volunteers for their continued hard work and dedication.

Chief Showmaker reported that the new firehouse building committee is making great progress. He also reported that the FMFR documents are under review. The Bryn Athyn Toyne fire truck is posted for sale and the new FMFR fire truck will be inspected in February and delivered soon.

The Chief also noted that the ambulance responded to the Fairless Hills/Bristol nursing home incident last week. Our patient tracking system was utilized; crews were on the scene for 14 hours.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None**

**MAYOR’S REPORT - None**

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None**

## **BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT**

### 2026 Fee Schedule

The Fee Schedule has been updated with the 2026 Tax Rates and a minor addition to Road Opening Permit fees to enable code enforcement to properly calculate permit fees. Council approved the updated Fee Schedule for 2026.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that the 2026-2027-2028 Police Contract was finalized in December. The officers were represented by Cpl. Doug Hotchkiss and Officer Kevin Green. Highlights include: 4.5% Increase for each year, Stipend pay for the Field Training Officer, a Revised Longevity Pay Calculation, Removal of Pension Contribution and general cleanup of verbiage.

*On a motion by Steven Huntzinger, seconded by Brent McCurdy, Council voted unanimously in favor to approve the 2026-2027-2028 Police Contract.*

Mr. Elsing noted that the Police Department currently has five younger officers who are glad to be here. He also noted that he is working with the officers on some other issues.

Chairman Elsing reported that the Fetters Mill Fire Rescue is now at a point where the new building and equipment are being designed, noting that there are a lot of details to be discussed. Mr. Elsing reiterated that Bryn Athyn has a lot to bring to the table and that the investments of the Borough and Bryn Athyn Fire Company must be preserved. Chief Schauder reported that the building committee is very close to a cost estimate for the new firehouse.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Chairman Mark Pennink reported on large snow event and an ice event, noting that pre-treating was the trick to handling the storm.

Mr. Pennink reported that a new employee is being trained on the snow plow.

Mr. Gurney noted that only three residents cleared the new sidewalks on Tomlinson Road, recommending that the sidewalk clearing ordinance be reviewed. Mr. Elsing agreed that the ordinance may need to be updated and the requirements should be communicated to residents. Mr. Elsing expressed thanks to the homeowners who did clear their paths after the storms.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Public Hearing Ordinance No 715

Mr. Elsing opened the public hearing for proposed Ordinance No. 715 fixing the tax rates for 2026. Mr. Elsing read the ordinance aloud and then opened the hearing to comments from members of Borough Council. Hearing no comments or questions, the hearing was opened to comment from the public.

Resident Edmund Rhodes asked what the percentage increase was for the Real Estate Tax. Mr. Elsing responded that the increase is 3.1%, noting that the Real Estate millage includes all expenses of the Borough in one fee.

Hearing no further comments or questions from the public, the public comment period was closed and the discussion brought back to the Council.

Hearing no comments or questions from members of Borough Council, the Public Hearing was closed.

*On a motion by Ric Asplundh, seconded by Steven Huntzinger, Council voted unanimously by Roll Call Vote to adopt Ordinance No. 715 Fixing the Tax Rate for the Fiscal Year 2026.*

Roll Call:

Mr. McCurdy – Yes

Mr. Elsing – Yes

Mr. Huntzinger – Yes

Mr. Gurney – Yes

Mr. Asplundh – Yes

Mr. Pennink – Yes

**BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE #715**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN HEREBY ENACTS AND ORDAINS:**

**SECTION 1**            **SUMMARY OF TAX REVENUE.**        *That a tax rate be and is hereby levied on all property within the said Borough subject to taxation for Borough purposes for the Fiscal Year 2026 as follows:*

- A.     *Tax Rate for General Borough Purposes, the sum of Twelve and Four Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousandths (12.495) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, making a total tax rate for all Borough purposes of Twelve and Four Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousandths (12.495) mills.*
- B.     *That a tax at the rate of one percent (1%) on each dollar is hereby imposed on all earned income and net profits earned by residents of the Borough of Bryn*

*Athyn and non-residents of the Borough of Bryn Athyn for work done or services performed or rendered in the Borough.*

- C. *That a Local Services Tax is imposed on all residents and non-residents employed in the Borough of Bryn Athyn in the amount of \$52.00.*

**SECTION 2** *That any ordinance or part of any ordinance, conflicting with this Ordinance be, and the same is hereby repealed, insofar as the same affects this ordinance.*

**SECTION 3** **SEVERABILITY** *The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause or section of this Ordinance, for any reason, is declared to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, said unconstitutionality, illegality and invalidity shall not impair any of the remaining provisions or sections of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Borough Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentences, clauses, or sections not been included herein.*

*This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately.*

*Approved by the Council of the Borough of Bryn Athyn, this fifth day of January, in the year of Our Lord 2026.*

**BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN**

Public Hearing Ordinance No 716

Mr. Elsing opened the public hearing for proposed Ordinance No. 716 setting the sewer rates for 2026. Mr. Elsing read the ordinance aloud and then opened the hearing to comments from members of Borough Council. Mayro Schauder asked if Categories 3 and 4 have always been the same rate. Mr. Gurney responded that they have always been the same. Councilman Gurney explained that Category 2 is only residential properties and that the rate will increase 4.1% in 2026; Categories 3 and 4 serve the Academy and the Church properties and that the 2026 increase is 16.7%. Mr. Gurney added that the costs to operate the plant have increased and that Categories 3 and 4 contribute 55% of the cost to operate the plant, while Category 2 properties contribute 45%. The reason is that Categories 3 and 4 send whole sewage to the plant and the Category 2 sends only water.

Hearing no further comments or questions, the hearing was opened to comment from the public.

Resident Russ Cooper asked if \$1.92 per 100 gallons was correct and should it be 1,000 gallons. Mr. Elsing explained that the rates are based on usage information received from the Aqua PA meters.

Hearing no further comments or questions from the public, the public comment period was closed and the discussion brought back to the Council.

Hearing no comments or questions from members of Borough Council, the Public Hearing was closed.

*On a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimously by Roll Call Vote to adopt Ordinance No. 716 Setting the Sewer Rates for the Fiscal Year 2026.*

Roll Call:

Mr. McCurdy – Yes

Mr. Elsing – Yes

Mr. Huntzinger – Yes

Mr. Gurney – Yes

Mr. Asplundh – Yes

Mr. Pennink – Yes

**BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA  
ORDINANCE NO. 716**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN SETTING SEWER RATES FOR THE FUNDING OF THE BOROUGH WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026.**

*In accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 695, as amended, concerning the method of setting fees for users of the Borough wastewater treatment system, the Council of the Borough of Bryn Athyn does hereby ENACT and ORDAIN as follows:*

**Section 1. Rates.** *The sanitary sewer user rates for the funding of the operation and maintenance of the Borough wastewater treatment system shall be as follows:*

<i>Category 2 – Rate per 100 gallons of water used by customer</i>	<i>\$ 1.92</i>
<i>Category 3 – Rate per 100 gallons of wastewater received at treatment plant</i>	<i>\$ 2.70</i>
<i>Category 4 – Rate per 100 gallons of water used by customer</i>	<i>\$ 2.70</i>

**Section 2. Effective Date.** *This Ordinance shall take effect as of the date of enactment, and shall remain in effect until superseded by further ordinance of Council.*

**Section 3. Repealer.** *All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith or in conflict with any of the specific terms enacted hereby, to the extent of said inconsistencies or conflicts, are hereby specifically repealed.*

**ENACTED and ORDAINED** this fifth day of January, 2026.

**BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN**

**LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES/ SHADE TREE COMMITTEE - None**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - None**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - None**

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None**

**ZONING OFFICER**

Manager Vikki Trost reported that there were no (0) Zoning Permit applications approved in December. Three (3) Building Permits were issued. No (0) Grading Permits were issued. No (0) Road Opening Permits were issued.

**SEWER DEPARTMENT**

Reid Heinrichs reported that the sewage treatment plant was running smoothly.

Engineer of Record

Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that a proposal from Herbert, Rowland and Gubic (HRG) had been received for consultation and preparation of reports. Solicitor Rex Herder explained that the proposal is a one-year commitment, which will automatically renew until terminated by either party. The top hourly rate of \$215 per hour is in the range of professional rates for these services. Approval of Council is needed to move forward.

*On a motion by Glenn Guerney, seconded by Jeffrey Elsing, Council voted unanimously in favor to approve the agreement with HRG for consulting services relating to the Sewage Treatment Plant.*

Reid Heinrichs reported that Ray McCabe, who has worked 24 years at the sewage treatment plant, has retired. Borough Council recognized the extensive experience and knowledge that Ray McCabe brought to the Sewer Department.

Councilman Mark Pennink noted that there are a number of delinquent accounts on the Sewer Collection aging report. Vikki Trost will begin the procedure for collections.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER - None**

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Mark Pennink noted that Aqua PA will begin water line work on the Loop soon.

## **QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

A resident noted that a link on the Borough website did not work.

A resident asked if houseplants are considered yard waste. Mr. Elsing responded that a houseplant can be disposed of with household trash.

A resident asked if contributions should still be sent to the Bryn Athyn Fire Company. Chief Schauder responded yes.

Lach Brown reported that the gas line under the creek has been completed and that the trench on Feters Mill Road in Lower Moreland is being filled. Mr. Brown asked if the bridge truss would be removed in the spring.

Resident Nina Finkeldey asked if someone slips on the uncleared sidewalk, is the property owner responsible? Solicitor Herder responded that if someone falls on the sidewalk, the property owner is responsible.

Ms. Finkeldey noted that pedestrian travel on Feters Mill Road has increased since the bridge has been closed. When the bridge reopens there is concern about the lack of sidewalks, particularly at the blind hill on Feters Mill Road. President Elsing responded that Lower Moreland has targeted enforcement on Feters Mill Road and that he will request that the data be shared with the Borough. Mr. Elsing noted that traffic control must be justified and that we will work with Lower Moreland. Mr. Pennink added that the Borough has a path to the old Smith property which is not far from Hallowell, but that is Lower Moreland.

Ms. Finkeldey asked if there could be a requirement for vegetation clearance. Mr. Elsing will discuss with Steve Woerner at Lower Moreland Public Works.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost  
Secretary