



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BRYN ATHYN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL CHAMBER **July 6, 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
Mark Pennink
Steven Huntzinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder. Councilman Brent McCurdy was excused.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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 \$107,314.04. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$33,153.44; Net Income was \$74,595.01.

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

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

TAX COLLECTOR - None

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

AmTrust North America	\$7,723.00
Aqua PA	24.39
Armour & Sons Electric Inc.	420.00
Auto Spa Xpress	50.00
Ben Manis Plumbing LLC	516.12
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	346.88
Building Inspection Underwriters Inc.	2,676.81
Cranch Landscapers LLC	440.00
Davidheiser's Inc.	70.00
DeLage Landen	175.00
Frank A. Malizia, Jr. Inc.	2,650.00
George Allen Portable Toilets Inc.	645.00
Guardian Dental Insurance	4,698.36
Independence Blue Cross	6,664.69
Joseph Staufenberg	935.00
Kenneth J. Schauder Inc.	600.00
KML Transport LLC	1,483.65
Lower Moreland Township	103,525.68
Peco Energy	1,754.83
Petty Cash – Brigdon Odhner	141.04
Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	249.95
T & G Industries Inc.	279.00
TGI Office Automation	98.04
Total Turf Landscape Services	4,700.00
Verizon Wireless	277.81

Victoria Trost	50.00
Wawa Wright Express	1,050.05
TOTAL	\$172,440.30

SEWER FUND BILLS

Arnold's Towing	\$469.41
Independence Blue Cross	767.55
MJ Reider Associates Inc.	950.80
Mac Medical Gases Inc.	5.00
Paychex of New York LLC	24.81
Peco Energy	539.58
Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	10.50
Schauder Incorporated	800.00
USA Blue Book	249.41
Verizon Internet	79.00
Verizon Wireless	39.55
Wawa – Wright Express	164.87
TOTAL	\$4,100.48

BMO MASTERCARD**General Fund**

Adobe AcroPro	\$19.99
21 Century Media	26.00
B2B Prime Amazon	43.00
Hershey Lodge	\$824.17
Staples	115.46
Sam's Club	101.55
Amazon.com	41.50
Grainger	175.97
USPS	11.50
Giant Food	28.39
TOTAL	\$1,387.53

Sewer Fund

Amazon.com	\$243.97
Fisher's Ace Hardware	59.37
B2B Amazon Prime	43.00
Harbor Freight Tools	159.43
eBay.com	16.99
PTC EZ Pass	66.15
TOTAL	\$588.91

Police Department

A & N House of Produce	\$23.00
Amazon.com	727.32
CowellTactical.com	168.00

Wanamaker's General	30.37
CVS Pharmacy	7.78
Maggio's Restaurant	38.16
Shapiro Fire Protection	45.55
Safariland	386.00
Smartsign.com	113.49
AED.US-COROMED.com	2,434.00
B2B Prime Amazon	43.00
PTC EZ Pass	38.85
TOTAL	\$4,056.42

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 introduced Jamie Lynch (CHA Consulting Engineers) and Kevin Godshall (GKO Architects) who provided an updated presentation for the new Fetters Mill Fire House. Mr. Godshall noted that not much has changed since the last presentation in March.

- The two vacant houses on the Huntingdon Pike parcels will be demolished in the next few months.
- The storage building noted on the plan will likely be moved closer to Huntingdon Pike to avoid the additional costs of building a retaining wall in the current location. The storage building will be unheated and very inexpensive to build and maintain.
- Because of the steep slopes on the lot a great deal of fill dirt will be needed on the site to raise the road and the building site.
- The Buck Road intersection at Huntingdon Pike will be altered to a 90-degree angle and a left-turn lane will be added. A pre-emptive traffic signal will be installed. Stormwater improvements will also be required on the site. The Township is in discussions with the property owner across Buck Road to acquire the land needed to alter the intersection.
- Councilman Gurney noted that the intersection improvement should be a separate project.
- Mayor Schauder noted that the demolition of the houses and the old Huntingdon Valley fire station will not be included in the Borough's share of the project costs.
- Mr. Elsing noted that savings can be made by eliminating the sidewalk shown on the plan towards Bryn Athyn which is a safety issue.
- Mr. Godshall reported that 1,000 square feet have been cut from the building by reorganizing the spaces in the building. Stone is shown on the new plan exterior replacing the brick, and dormers were removed; stucco was increased on the exterior above the stone.

- Mr. Lynch noted that the timeline remains the same. The PennDOT and NPDES permits take the better part of a year to obtain.
- Lower Moreland Township is applying for PennDOT and DCED grants to assist with the cost of the new building.
- Councilman Pennink asked how many ambulances the fire company has currently. Chief Schauder responded that there are three ambulances, noting that the EMS service is underutilized right now.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Brigdon Odhner reported the following activity for June:

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
- Alec 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 32 Fire Calls in June, 21 in Lower Moreland, 5 in Bryn Athyn and 6 in other municipalities; 201 EMS Calls in June, 100 in Lower Moreland, 6 in Bryn Athyn and 95 in other municipalities; 116 Transports to Hospital in June, 66 in Lower Moreland, 3 in Bryn Athyn, 24 in Abington, 15 in Upper Moreland and 8 in other municipalities. The Ambulance was unavailable three times in June. Chief Schauder noted that the fire company responded to a call at Philmont Country Club in June.

Chief Schauder announced that Chief of Emergency Services Mark Showmaker is retiring and this is the last meeting that he will attend. Chief Schauder noted that Bryn Athyn Fire Company is communicating with Lower Moreland Township and Huntingdon

Valley Fire Company and that Bryn Athyn Fire Company is steering the consolidation project right now. The future of the consolidation is unknown.

Chief Schauder and Borough Council thanked Chief Mark Showmaker noting that he did everything that we wanted him to do to promote the consolidation and wished him luck in the future. Chief Schauder noted that it is urgent that we find another Chief of Emergency Services as soon as possible.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Schauder reported that the July 4th Fireworks went well. It was necessary to have everyone shelter in the Asplundh Fieldhouse lobby for a short time due to lightning, and there were no issues.

Councilman Huntzinger asked how many people attended the fireworks. Mr. Elsing replied that attendance was light this year due to the heat and storm threat. It was estimated that 1,000 people attended the fireworks this year.

CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT - None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ken Schauder reported that the 4th of July Parade went well. Twelve members of the community read the entire Declaration of Independence instead of the customary speaker.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Resolution No. 2026-03 – Disposition of Records

Manager Vikki Trost presented a resolution to dispose of unnecessary records from the Borough files.

On a motion by Ric Asplundh, seconded by Jeffrey Elsing, Council unanimously voted in favor to approve Resolution No. 2026-03 to dispose of Borough records.

BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

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 Tax Records: January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2021 (Retain for 4 years)

Pension Tax Records: January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2019 (Retain for 6 years)

RESOLVED, this sixth day of July, 2026.

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. The report is available for review.

2027 Budget

Mrs. 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 should submit their 2027 budget requests by September 1. The Finance Committee should begin discussions in July.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeff Elsing thanked Chief Mark Showmaker for his efforts which were instrumental in the fire company consolidation process and new building design.

Mr. Elsing reported that the Fireworks team will debrief to review the Independence Day events. Mr. Elsing noted that he will reserve July 3, 2027 for fireworks. If Council decides to not host fireworks in 2027, the reservation can be cancelled.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that the timing on the two traffic signals on Huntingdon Pike have been adjusted, noting that they are timed together. The clock and loop for the signals have been repaired. Mr. Pennink noted that during the day the wait can be up to 80 seconds for the lights to change because the loops do not work during the day. The clocks are synchronized per the PennDOT permit.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

New Police Vehicle

Councilman Elsing reported that a donation was received from the Asplundh Foundation to cover the full costs of the new vehicle that Chief Odhner has specced out.

Third Police Vehicle

Mr. Elsing reported that the Finance Committee discussed keeping the Ford Interceptor after the purchase of the new vehicle to delay the purchase of the next new vehicle and grow the Police Car Reserve fund. This would be a one-time thing and would not create the need for a permanent third vehicle. Mr. Elsing noted that the cost to insure the proposed third vehicle is \$1,500 per year; we have recently spent \$6,000 on repairs which would prolong the life of the Ford Interceptor. Chief Odhner stated that if allowed to keep the Ford Interceptor, he will monitor the maintenance costs. A consensus was reached to keep the Ford Interceptor as long as needed.

Borough Hall Generator

Councilman Glenn Gurney reported that the generator donated by the Bryn Athyn Church School has not yet been connected. The Borough has invested \$3,500 for the concrete pad last year; the estimated cost to connect the generator to gas and electric supplies is \$34,000. Mr. Gurney noted that the gas hook-up is tricky; it was suggested that Council consider using propane instead. Mr. Pennink suggested that Scott's Electric could be contracted to mothball the generator. The generator is large enough to power the entire municipal building.

Mr. Elsing noted three options to consider for the generator:

1. Mothball and store
2. Hook-up to the municipal building
3. Sell

TD Bank Note of 2015

Mr. Elsing reported that when working on the financing for the Alden Road Project last year, the existing TD Bank debt was included in the financing projections. The TD Bank loan financed the Ferrara Fire Truck in 2015. It was assumed that the existing debt was wrapped in the new borrowing and so it was not included in the 2026 General Fund Budget. It was recently discovered that because the interest rate on the TD Bank loan

was lower than the new borrowing, it was not wrapped in the new loan. Council paid off the Alden Road loan in January. The Finance Committee recommends that Council pay-off the TD Bank loan. The balance due on the loan is \$32,600.

On a motion by Steven Huntzinger, seconded by Jeffrey Elsing, Council unanimously voted in favor of paying off the TD Bank Loan in the amount of \$32,600 from the 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 June. Three (3) Building Permits were issued. No (0) Grading Permits were issued. No (0) Road Opening Permits were issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that the Sewer Plant is operating business as usual.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

There was no further business being presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary