



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

***COUNCIL CHAMBER***  
**March 7, 2022**

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

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Solicitor R. Rex Herder, Nick Rose, Bradley Cranch. Mayor Ken Schauder and Councilmembers Mark Pennink, Brent McCurdy and Aurelle Genzlinger were excused.

**MINUTES**

*On a motion by Glenn Gurney, seconded by Ric Asplundh, Council voted unanimous approval of the February minutes.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for February was \$269,114.64. General Fund Expenses were \$87,939.69. Net Income was \$181,174.95.

Sewer Fund Revenue for February was \$5,738.02. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$30,760.50. Net Income was -\$25,022.48.

Today PLGIT paid .01%. PLGIT I-Class paid .0451%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$ 214,250.22	in Real Estate Tax receipts
\$ 2,717.78	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$ 35,581.90	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$ 818.46	in Fines
\$ 75.00	in Police Report receipts
\$ 1,105.50	in Building Permit receipts
\$ 1,687.41	in Comcast Franchise Fee receipts
\$ 2,853.87	in Verizon Franchise Fee receipts
\$ 10,000.00	in ANC Contributions
\$ 5,000.00	in Other Contributions
\$ 2.00	in Fireworks Contributions

Included in the Sewer Fund cash receipts were:

\$ 5,331.10	in Masons Mill Usage Pass-Through receipts
\$ 338.81	in Lower Moreland Usage Pass-Through receipts
\$ 10.11	in Finance Charges
\$ 58.00	in Late Fees

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collector, Bradley Cranch reported \$365,440.02 in Real Estate Taxes collected in February; \$751,291.92 remains uncollected.

**BILLS**

**GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Academy of the New Church	\$943.68
AquaPA	18.99
Armour & Sons	182.47
AutoSpa Xpress	21.00
Bradley E Cranch	675.22
Building Inspection Underwriters Inc.	1,392.00
Calebe Nobre	180.00
Cargill Inc.	1,388.59
Chuck’s Service Center Inc.	79.95
Davidheiser’s Inc.	50.00
DeLage Landen	424.00
Eastburn & Gray PC	345.00
Hardwick Benfer LLC	160.00
Hei-Way LLC	1,170.00
Independence Blue Cross	6,944.97
Mac Medical Gases	20.00

McDonald Uniform Company	711.92
Montgomery County Boroughs Association	100.00
Montgomery County Law Library	25.00
Peco Energy	37.82
Petty Cash – Steve Gray	313.58
Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	95.26
Postmaster	166.00
ProTract Engineering Inc.	866.00
PSAB	25.00
RR Donnelly	41.80
S2Verify LLC	25.00
Standard Insurance Company	1,475.05
Staples	189.03
Stephen Gray	300.00
Tanner’s Lawn & Snow Equipment Inc	487.42
TGI Office Automation	84.09
The Harrison Group Inc.	150.00
The Vanguard Group	1,029.14
USA Payroll	480.22
Verizon Wireless	271.45
Viacairn	161.70
Victoria Trost	76.88
Wawa – Wright Express	1,167.80
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$22,276.03</u></b>

**SEWER FUND BILLS**

Commonwealth of PA	\$60.00
FlowTech LLC	300.00
Home Depot	345.41
Independence Blue Cross	605.02
MJ Reider Associates Inc.	503.90
Mac Medical Gases Inc.	3.50
McGovern Environmental LLC	455.00
NAPA Auto Parts	73.31
PA Industrial Equipment	426.00
Peco Energy	116.17
Petty Cash – Reid Heinrichs	464.58
Reid Heinrichs	2,639.00
SCP Distributors LLC	1,981.10
The Harrison Group	30.00
UMHJSA	5,331.10
USA Blue Book	351.35
USA Payroll	125.58
Verizon	80.58
Verizon Wireless	42.20
<u>Xylem</u>	<u>1,975.24</u>

TOTAL	<u>\$15,810.04</u>
<b>BMO MASTERCARD</b>	
<u>Sewer Fund</u>	
Amazon.com	\$156.65
AutoZone	24.35
Harbor Freight Tools	649.39
Ebay	32.99
PayPal MikeT0791	1,100.00
PTC EZ Pass	38.00
UHaul	<u>33.60</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,034.98</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	
Adobe AcroPro	\$14.99
Amazon.com	735.37
PA Uniform Construction Code	85.50
Edible Arrangements	99.98
Dell Business Systems	581.95
Archival Methods	<u>64.95</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$1,582.74</u>

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Public Hearing – Ordinance #702 Setting 2022 Sewer Rates

President Jeff Elsing opened the public hearing in consideration of proposed Ordinance #702 to set Sewer Rates for the funding of the Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant for the year 2022.

The sewer rates adopted by Ordinance #701 in January of this year must be amended to properly calculate the customer’s usage based on the actual water flow data which was received after the adoption of Ordinance #701. Mr. Elsing read the proposed ordinance aloud and asked for comments from members of Borough Council. Hearing none, Mr. Elsing opened the Public Comment Period of the hearing. Hearing no public comment, the Public Comment Period was closed and the discussion returned to the Council table. There were no comments from members of Council and the public hearing was closed.

*On a motion by Duane Hyatt, seconded by Ric Asplundh, Council voted unanimously in favor, by show of hands, adopting Ordinance #702 setting sewer rates for the*



**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Steve Gray reported the following activity for February:

Alarms	09
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	05
Assist Other Police Agencies	28
Miscellaneous Activity	62
Public Service Calls / Assist Citizens	02
Special Traffic Details	18
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	07
Traffic Citations	82
Vehicle Accidents	04
Vehicle Investigations	110

On Tuesday February 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:08pm, police conducted a vehicle stop at Buck and Byberry Road, which resulted in a citation being issued to a 60-year-old male resident of Pennel for Driving with a DUI related suspended license, which if convicted, will require for the defendant to serve a minimum of 90 days in the County Prison.

On Tuesday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:08am, police took a report of a phone scam which involved one of our residents being contacted by someone who advised her that she needed to pay \$5,500 bail money to have her grandson released from jail. Fortunately, the resident called police before allowing the scam to go any further. Her grandson was not in jail, nor in any need of help.

On Wednesday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:28pm, police received a delayed report from a mail carrier who was the victim of a road rage while they were delivering mail to residents on Tomlinson Road. The mail carrier reported that an aggressive driver had been driving dangerously close to her for a period of time and the driver suddenly drove at a high rate of speed around the mail truck nearly hitting the front of the vehicle. The Pennsylvania registration of the aggressive driver that the mail carrier provided to police showed as no record found for the vehicle. The vehicle was described as a dark black or blue flatbed truck.

On Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:27pm, Bryn Athyn Police responded to the EZ Storage Facility on Red Lion Road to assist Lower Moreland Police for a vehicle accident. Upon arrival, Bryn Athyn Police provided CPR and the use of an AED to try to revive the 24-year-old driver, who later died at Holy Redeemer Hospital.

On Friday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:45pm, police cited a 28-year-old male resident of Ontario and a 22-year-old female resident of Jenkintown for trespassing on the Cathedral Grounds, which was marked as No Trespassing, Grounds closed after dark.

Chief Gray reported that Officer Karminski will give a presentation to the residents at Cairnwood Village about cyber fraud and telephone scams.

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT -None**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None**

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None**

**BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT**

Beautification Committee

For more than 30 years, Erland and June Brock contributed their time and expertise to the flower box at the Bryn Athyn Post Office. The Borough reimbursed them for the flowers and soil which was budgeted for Beautification every year. Mira Yardumian contacted the office offering to continue to contribute both her and Lewis’s time to continue the work of the Beautification Committee. We do have \$200 budgeted for the Beautification Committee which should cover expenses.

Alnwick Grove

The Alnwick Grove Historical Society plans to erect a plaque on a boulder near the site of the original Alnwick Grove picnic area. The boulder will be placed within the Reading Railroad/Pennypack Trail right-of-way. The plaque will be made by Richard Show, who will also install the boulder sometime this spring. The Society has received approval from the Montgomery County Division of Parks, Trails and Historic Sites. The Alnwick Grove Historical Society welcomes comments from Borough Council. The text of the plaque will be:

**ALNWICK GROVE**

THE ALNWICK GROVE PICNIC GROUNDS WERE LOCATED HERE ON THE BANKS OF PENNYPACK CREEK IN THE 1882 TO PROMOTE RIDERSHIP ON THE NEWLY OPENED PHILADELPHIA TO NEWTOWN RAILROAD LINE. AMONG THOSE MAKING WEEKEND EXCURSIONS WAS A GROUP OF SWEDENBORGIANS FROM PHILADELPHIA. CAPTIVATED BY THE AREA’S PEACEFUL BEAUTY, THEY PURCHASED NEARBY FARM LAND AND ESTABLISHED THE BRYN ATHYN COMMUNITY.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

### Fire Company Merger

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that he and Vikki Trost met with Lower Moreland representatives last month to continue the discussion on merging fire companies for both municipalities. Budgets were shared. The group will meet next week with an invited guest who is experienced in regionalization and mergers.

### Part-time Police Officer

Mr. Elsing reported that the committee would like to make a conditional offer of employment to Ryan Kroll.

*On a motion by Duane Hyatt, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimously in favor to make a conditional offer of employment to Ryan Kroll for the position of Part-time Police Officer , pending physical and psychological evaluations.*

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

### Alden Road Improvements

Mr. Elsing reported that Lower Moreland officials have been made aware of the sidewalk improvements that the Borough intends to make at the top of Alden Road at Huntingdon Pike. Lower Moreland asked to be updated as the project progresses. Nick Rose reported that the plans are just about ready for this project.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

### ARPA Funds

Chairman Duane Hyatt reported that the committee met in February to finalize recommendations for the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. The Finance Committee recommended to Council that some of the funds be used to purchase and install a gas generator at the Sewage Treatment Plant. This project will include the installation of a gas line from Tomlinson Road to the plant.

The Committee also recommends using the remaining funds to improve the stormwater system under Buck Road in front of the Municipal Building. The Municipal Building Facilities Committee will meet on 3/23/2022 to finalize the plans for this stormwater drainage project.



Tomlinson Road Sidewalk Improvements

Mr. Hyatt noted that at last month's Council meeting there were comments made about the sidewalks on Tomlinson Road in connection to the Bryn Athyn Church School project. Mr. Hyatt urged Council to use that project to work with the elementary school to solve the Borough's sidewalk issues, including the possibility of re-aligning Tomlinson Road to permit proper sidewalks. Removing the parking strip in front of the elementary school was also suggested.

Mr. Elsing added that the Borough's sidewalk project along Tomlinson Road has been paused to include this in the Bryn Athyn Church School project. This will allow the Borough to better plan safe sidewalks for the new school. Mr. Elsing noted that there are several other issues that will be discussed with the school planning committee.

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

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE -None**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - None**

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None**

**ZONING OFFICER**

Vikki Trost reported that there were no (0) Zoning Permit applications approved in January. Five (5) Building Permits were issued. No (0) Grading Permits were issued.

**SEWER ADMINISTRATOR**

Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that the Sewer Committee is still looking into costs for a new gas generator to service the sewage treatment plant.

The Annual Chapter 94 Report will be completed this month with the assistance of Environmental Engineering and Management Associates.

The Delaware River Basin Commission annual report was submitted in January.

Spring cleaning at the sewage treatment plant is scheduled for next month.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER - None**

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Resident Lee Moorhead asked if there was an update on the gas leak on Woodland Road. Peco has been drilling holes in search of the leak down near the woods.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost  
Secretary