



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

COUNCIL CHAMBER
April 6, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Eric Asplundh at 7:00p.m. The following were present:

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Glenn Gurney
Ric Asplundh
Steven Huntzinger

Brent McCurdy
Mark Pennink
David Steen

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

AMEND AGENDA

Vice President Ric Asplundh announced that a revision should be made to the agenda to facilitate the budgeted transfers for 2024, 2025 and 2026 in order to finance a much-needed new police car. Solicitor Rex Herder explained that the agenda may be revised for issues that are time sensitive.

On a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Mark Pennink, Council voted unanimously in favor to amend the agenda to include the Proposed Transfers for 2024, 2025 and 2026..

MINUTES

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

General Fund Revenue for March was \$251,134.17. General Fund Expenses were \$109,486.74. Net Income was \$141,647.43.

Sewer Fund Revenue for March was \$1,770.00. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$35,096.84. Net Income was -\$33,326.84.

Today PLGIT paid 3.50%, PLGIT Prime paid 3.75%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	235,438.75	in Real Estate Tax receipts
\$	11,977.46	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	1,343.25	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$	13.21	in Fines
\$	1,237.50	in Building Permit receipts
\$	320.00	in Road Opening Permit fees
\$	50.00	in Zoning Permit fees
\$	58.00	in Trash Tote receipts
\$	560.00	in Professional Review Fees
\$	100.00	in Fireworks Donations

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$	1,770.00	in Category 2 Usage receipts
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TAX COLLECTOR - None

BILLS

General Fund Bills

Academy of the New Church	\$5,006.46
Aqua PA	22.72
Armour & Sons Electric Inc.	280.00
Association of Mayors of Boroughs of PA	60.00
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	480.00
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	334.06
Building Inspection Underwriters Inc.	329.60
Cranch Landscapers LLC	683.00
DeLage Landen	175.00
Eastburn & Gray	1,612.50
Fishers Ace Hardware	13.38
Hei-Way LLC	1,656.00
Independence Blue Cross	6,664.69

Internal Revenue Service	507.34
JLN Ranges – Classic Pistol	2,440.00
Joseph Staufenberg	285.00
LexisNexis Matthew Bender	78.08
Nobre Computer Services LLC	886.00
Peco Energy	1,714.42
Petty Cash – Brigdon Odhner	80.00
Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	80.00
Pioneer Auto Body & Repair	2,257.01
Police Chief’s Assn of Montgomery County	750.00
RNK Electric LLC	1,018.41
ROAM Inc Dougherty Towing	255.00
T & G Industries Inc.	279.00
TGI Office Automation	121.69
USA Today Media Corp	388.03
Verizon Wireless	277.82
Victoria Trost	110.00
Wawa Wright Express	1,012.92
<u>Woodrow & Associates</u>	<u>560.00</u>
TOTAL	30,418.13

Sewer Fund Bills

Academy of the New Church	\$2,196.98
Delaware River Basin Commission	802.00
Herbert, Rowland & Grubic, Inc.	1,080.00
Home Depot	2,039.08
Independence Blue Cross	767.55
MJ Reider Associates	1,518.60
Mac Medical Gases	5.00
NAPA Auto Parts	47.98
Paychex of New York	49.16
Peco Energy	306.22
The Harrison Group	25.70
USA Blue Book	249.09
Verizon Internet	79.00
Verizon Wireless	39.56
<u>Wawa Wright Express</u>	<u>300.94</u>
TOTAL	\$9,506.86

BMO MasterCard

General Fund – Borough Office

Adobe AcroPro	\$19.99
21 Century Media	26.00
Gannett Newspapers	16.99
Staples	122.49
Amazon.com	9.99
ESET.com	216.22
USPS	11.95
SamsClub.com	102.46
TOTAL	\$526.09

General Fund – Police Department

Qualification Targets	\$117.89
Amazon.com	299.98
eBay.com	146.39
USPS	196.00
TOTAL	\$760.26

Sewer Fund

Amazon.com	\$161.32
United States Plastic	51.77
USPS	63.75
PTC EZ Pass	105.00
eBay.com	753.78
Autozone	29.66
TOTAL	\$1,165.28

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Swear In New Part-Time Police Officer

Mayor Ken Schauder administered the Loyalty Oath to Scott Selisker. Officer Selisker retired from Warminster Police Department after a 35-year career, attaining the rank of Detective Sergeant which he held for 20 years.

Yard Waste Collection

Vice President Asplundh reported for President Elsing that three telephone bids were obtained for the annual yard waste collection contract. This service was previously included in the trash collection contract, but the new trash hauler will not take yard waste.

The three telephone bids were from:

1. AJ Blosenski – No Bid
2. Lower Moreland Township - \$24,800
3. Enviro Green LLC - \$22,320

The term of the contract is from April 10, 2026, through November 30, 2026. Yard waste will be collected twice per month on every other Friday. Details are available on the Borough website.

On a motion by Ric Asplundh, seconded by Brent McCurdy, Council voted in favor to approve the yard waste removal contract in the form submitted by the lowest bidder Enviro Green for yard waste removal from April 10, 2026 to November 30, 2026, and to allocate from General Fund Reserves the amount of \$22,320. Councilmembers Steven Huntzinger, David Steen, Ric Asplundh, Glenn Gurney and Brent McCurdy voted in favor; Mark Pennink abstained from voting due to a personal relationship.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Brigdon Odhner reported the following activity for March:

All Police Activities	726
Alarms	18
Assist Other Agencies	17
Vehicle Accidents/ disabled	4
Animal Complaints	4
Traffic Stops	15
Theft	1
Community Policing	7

- Assisted LMPD with Active-Shooter training at Philmont Country Club.
- Officer Green conducted a traffic stop at Buck Road and Waverly Lane that resulted in a foot pursuit through backyards where the offender was taken into custody in front of 633 Buck Road.
- Officer Quinn attended Standard Field Sobriety Test training.
- Officer Shaffer attended Practical Fraud training.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Ken Schauder reported the following activity for March:

Fire Calls: 34 24 in Lower Moreland 7 in Bryn Athyn 3 in Other Places
 EMS Calls: 203 119 in Lower Moreland 10 in Bryn Athyn 74 Other Places
 Transports: 133 91 in Lower Moreland 7 in Bryn Athyn 35 in Other Places
 DUI Blood Draws: 3

Chief Schauder reported that 30% of transports have been outside of Bryn Athyn/Lower Moreland.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None

CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT

Chief Mark Showmaker reported the following activity for March:

This report summarizes departmental activities for the month of March and through the date of submission. March was an active month focused on governance meetings, emergency response, training continuity, and ongoing administrative initiatives.

Meetings and Coordination

- *Attended Bryn Athyn Borough Council meetings and Lower Moreland BOC Meeting*
- *Participated in the Monthly Fire Marshals Meeting.*
- *Attended the Bryn Athyn Fire Company Board of Directors meeting.*
- *Participated in county-level meetings, including Emergency Medical Association meetings,*
- *Met with BAFC and HVFC officers regarding operational and administrative matters.*
- *Attended New Fire Station weekly work group meetings*
- *Meeting with BAFC Office Manager regarding ESO reports and creation of new reports*
- *Meeting with Local Career Fire Chiefs regarding common issues*
- *Unannounced meeting with HVFC President regarding use of equipment refusal for new engine.*

Training and Professional Development

- *Joint training drills continue for 2026.*
 - *Individual training sessions and daily career staff training continued without interruption.*
 - *Attended Mandatory CPR training*
 - *Emergency Management training at Montco EMA*
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Administrative and Operational Updates

Traveled to Glick Fire Equipment to drop off equipment to be installed on new engine

- *Coordinated with both Deputy Fire Chiefs regarding equipment locations and installation on new engine.*
- *Addressed multiple personnel-related matters and conducted employment interviews to fill an existing vacancy.*
- *Continued participation in weekly meetings and work assignments related to the new fire station project, which continues to advance positively.*
- *Evaluated IT and Audio-Visual equipment and items for the new Fire Station project.*
- *Continued development of future volunteer officer position descriptions and qualification requirements in preparation for a consolidated and streamlined command structure.*
- *Worked on and developed written report for Stipend Stats as requested at last meeting*
- *Completed work on Firefighter Tax Rebate program*
- *Worked on several apparatus and ambulance repair issues this month*
- *Engine 19-1 BAFC tentative sold pending BOD sale approval. (Fleet Reduction)*

Response Performance Overview

*Response performance is measured against the adopted standard of **9 minutes from dispatch to on-scene** with a minimum of **four interior firefighters**, achieved **90% of the time**.*

- *HVFC Station data was manually extracted during NIEMS/NIERS system transition.*
- *Attached is an interim sample report from BAFC Stats until ESO report can be formatted.*

Notable Fire Incidents

3-1-26 Dwelling Fire, 2139 Packard Ave. LM Twp. Chimney Fire with Extension

3-2-26 Dwelling Fire, 2080 Buttonwood Ln. BA Borough. Large Attached Garage Fire

3-5-26 Apartment Fire, Blair Mill Village Apts. Horsham Both Stations

3-7-26 Chimney Fire, 371 Keats Ct. LM Twp. Chimney Fire no extension

Emergency Medical Services – BAFC

- *Bryn Athyn: 10*
- *Lower Moreland: 119*
- *Other jurisdictions: 74*
- *Total EMS responses (February): 203*
- *Year-to-date EMS responses: 631*

Fire Responses

- *BAFC February fire responses: 34*
- *BAFC year-to-date fire responses: 126*
- *HVFC February fire responses: 34*
- *HVFC year-to-date fire responses: 118*

Conclusion

March reflected continued progress across operational readiness, administrative initiatives, and capital projects. Ongoing projects, including the new fire station and fleet modernization efforts, remain on track. I appreciate the continued support of the Board and Council and thank our career staff and volunteers for their professionalism and commitment to service.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Ken Schauder reminded Council that the June Council meeting will be pushed back from June 1 to June 8, so that Mayor Schauder and Manager Vikki Trost can attend the PSAB Annual Conference from May 31-June 3.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT

PSAB Conference

Voting Delegates need to be appointed for the Annual Conference. Vikki Trost and Ken are willing to serve.

On a motion by Steven Huntzinger, seconded by David Steen, Council voted unanimously in favor to appoint Vikki Trost and Ken Schauder as voting delegates representing Bryn Athyn Borough at the PSAB Annual Conference.

Montgomery County Boroughs Association

The MCBA will hold their next meeting on Thursday, April 23 in Conshohocken.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

In the absence of Chairman Jeff Elsing, Vikki Trost reported that Mr. Elsing is still working with the police officers on a minor amendment to the 2026, 2027, 2028 Police Contract.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that Peco is still working on Cairnrun Circle, AquaPA is still working on the Loop and Peco Gas is working on Feters Mill Road. Chairman Pennink plans to piggyback on the Lower Moreland paving contract this year for a portion of Tomlinson Road.

Public Hearing – Ordinance #717 Stop Signs at Rose Lane and Alden Road

Vice President Asplundh opened the public hearing to consider Ordinance #717 proposing stop signs at eastbound and westbound Alden Road at Rose Lane and northbound Rose Lane.

Councilman Mark Pennink noted that he didn't realize that the existing stop sign on Rose Lane at Alden Road was not previously authorized by ordinance. Solicitor Herder responded that this ordinance would authorize stop sign placement, but a stop sign does not need to be installed. It was noted that stop bars have been painted on Alden Road and that motorists are stopping at the stop bars.

Hearing no further comments from members of Council, the hearing was opened to comments from the public in attendance.

Public Works Manager Bradley Cranch reported that the location for the proposed west bound stop sign is very near to the adjacent driveway but he should be able to squeeze it in.

Alden Road resident Sig Soneson stated that he is in favor of the new stop signs. Alden Road residents Nina Finkeldey and Brian Horner also were in favor of the proposed stop signs.

Hearing no further comments from the public, the public comment period was closed.

The discussion was brought back to the Council table where the public hearing was closed and Councilman Pennink proposed a motion.

On a motion by Mark Pennink, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimously in favor, by show of hands, to adopt Ordinance No. 717 amending Section 61-15, Article IV, Chapter 61 of the Bryn Athyn Administrative Code providing for the placement of stop signs at the intersection of Alden Road and Rose Lane.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Manager Vikki Trost explained that the General Fund and Sewer Fund budget transfers for the reserve accounts are usually approved by Council following completion of the annual audit for that year. For some reason, the 2024 transfers were missed, and it is now appropriate to review the 2025 transfers as the 2025 audit is almost complete. Mrs. Trost confirmed that the net income for 2024 and 2025 General Fund and Sewer Fund budgets reflect available funds, and the required funds are available in the General Fund and Sewer Fund reserves to complete the transfers. Also requested is the 2026 Police Car transfer due to the immediate need to purchase a new police car.

On a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimously in favor to approve the 2024, 2025 and 2026 transfers as list on the Proposed Transfers Report dated 4/2/2026.

LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES/ SHADE TREE COMMITTEE - None

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman Steve Huntzinger thanked Vikki Trost and Gwen Rhodes for their efforts in communicating the new trash and yard waste information through the Bryn Athyn Post and the Borough website.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - None

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None

ZONING OFFICER

Vikki Trost reported one (1) Zoning Permit application in March. One (1) Building Permit was issued; no Grading Permits were issued; and two (2) Road Opening Permits were issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Clayton Walsh reported that the PA DEP conducted an inspection of the secondary containment system for chlorine. The PA DEP Chapter 94 Report was completed and submitted last month. Reid Heinrichs and Clayton Walsh attended a Wastewater Conference at Penn State University which was required for their recertification for PA DEP.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Pennink reported that residents of Alden Road have planned a Block Party on April 18 to celebrate the new road.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

There was no further business being presented, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary