REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BRYN ATHYN BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL CHAMBER
October 5, 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

A correction will be made to page 8 under the Public Works report to note that Fetters Mill Road was paved, not widened.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund Revenue for September was $42,462.43. General Fund Expenses were $76,396.38; Net Income was -$33,933.95.

Sewer Fund Revenue for September was $112.60. Sewer Fund Expenses were $20,661.27; Net Income was -$20,548.67.

Today PLGIT paid 3.68%, PLGIT Prime paid 3.95%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

$	8,805.27	in Real Estate Tax receipts
$	7,770.99	in Earned Income Tax receipts
$	902.71	in Local Services Tax receipts
$	12,669.70	in Volunteer Fire Relief Aid
$	400.00	in Beverage Permit receipts (PA LCB)
$	125.00	in Zoning Permit fees
$	50.00	in Grading Permit fees
$	320.00	in Professional Review fees
$	220.00	in Police Report fees
$	40.00	in Soapbox Derby Donations
$	702.95	in Fine receipts
$	3,874.00	in Building Permit receipts
$	178.00	in Fireworks Donations
$	6,406.31	in Refund of Prior Year Expenses

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

$	112.60	in Late Fee receipts

TAX COLLECTOR - None

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

Am-Trust North America	$7,723.00
Aqua PA	3,710.09
Auto Spa Xpress	46.00
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	368.75
Bryn Athyn Volunteer Relief Assn.	12,699.70
Building Inspection Underwriters Inc.	3,025.60
Circle Cycle Shop	176.00
Davidheiser's	70.00
Envirogreen LLC	2,790.00
Independence Blue Cross	6,664.69
Lowe Moreland Township	30,195.00
McDonald Uniform Company	368.91
Petty Cash – Brigdon Odhner	140.00
Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	48.56
Phantom Spikes/End-X Systems	320.00
Quick Lot, LLC	9,025.00
TGI Office Automation	120.07
Trugreen Processing Center	1,099.10
Verizon Wireless	277.88

Wawa – Wright Express	1,008.03
TOTAL	$79,876.38

SEWER FUND BILLS

Berardelli Pool Supplies	$1,531.60
George Allen Wastewater Management	380.00
Independence Blue Cross	767.55
MJ Reider Associates Inc.	1,074.20
Paychex of New York LLC	24.12
Peco Energy	460.72
Postmaster	312.00
Scott's Emergency Lighting & Power	819.00
UMHJSA	5,903.26
USA Blue Book	487.91
Verizon	265.05
Wawa – Wright Express	339.74
TOTAL	$12,365.15

POLICE PENSION BILLS

Duda Actuarial Consulting	$2,650.00

BMO MASTERCARD

General Fund

Adobe AcroPro	$9.99
OpenAI/CHAT GPT	106.00
Amazon.com	55.07
Valley Forge Convention Board	35.00
TOTAL	$206.07

Sewer Fund

Amazon.com	$137.69
Automation Direct	675.00
AutoZone	46.62
Zoro Tools	71.37
Mike's Lock Shop	47.70
eBay.com	168.62
TOTAL	$1,147.00

Police Department

Adobe AcroPro	$10.00
eBay.com	440.51
Amazon.com	802.23
Home Depot	686.70
OpenAI CHAT GPT	96.70
Apple.com	13.77
Randazzo Pizza	40.48

Stella Restaurant	205.45
Keystone Recognition	73.14
Midway USA	257.31
Reolink VE9C	184.29
Target Sports USA	610.68
Lee's Hoagie House	26.82
TOTAL	$3,448.07

Councilman Glenn Gurney asked if the Line Paining budget should be increased; Mr. Penning responded that the budget has been increased and using thermoplastic for lines is extending the life of the lines.

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 Jeff Elsing reported that the process to hire a new Chief of Emergency Services to replace Mark Showmaker is underway. Mr. Elsing noted that in the Borough's interests, the Borough Consolidation Committee will be reactivated. The members were Jeff Elsing, Ken Schauder, Vikki Trost, Lach Brown, Duane Hyatt and for a time Ric Asplundh participated. Mr. Elsing asked for a volunteer to replace Mr. Hyatt. The members of the committee are Mr. Elsing, Ken Schauder, Vikki Trost, Rex Herder and Lach Brown. President Elsing will send a memo to members of Council.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Brigdon Odhner reported the following activity for September:

All Police Activities	667
Alarms	14
Assist Other Agencies	17
Vehicle Accidents/ disabled	6
Animal Complaints	4
Traffic Stops	20
Theft	2
Community Policing	5

- Theft of a 12-year-olds wallet from BATS. Police tracked down offender and they were able to return the wallet to the young girl with all its contents. Lack of prosecution from the mother lead to no arrest.
- New shelving and organization completed in the police garage.

- New body cameras and in-car cameras now deployed.
- The new Silverado was ordered in June.

Mr. Elsing noted that the officers did the all of the work (with donated funds) on the new organization system in the Police garage to house all of the new technology/equipment. Chief Odhner added that donations have been received to fund the software for the new body cameras.

Mr. Huntzinger asked what a community policing event is. Chief Odhner explained that these events are various activities that make the police officers more visible in the community.

Mrs. Gwen Rhodes asked why the Susan Shloo murder case was reopened. The Chief explained that Montgomery County reopened it as a cold case a few years ago since there is new technology to solve old cases now.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Ken Schauder reported 47 Fire Calls in September, 38 in Lower Moreland, and 7 in Bryn Athyn; 210 EMS Calls in September, 127 in Lower Moreland and 6 in Bryn Athyn. There were 123 transports to the hospital, 88 in Lower Moreland and 5 in Bryn Athyn. The ambulance was unavailable to 4 calls in September. There were 4 DUI blood draws. 22 Second Ambulance Calls, 9 in Lower Moreland/Bryn Athyn, 4 outside.

Chief Schauder reported that politics in Lower Moreland have resulted in the emergency services consolidation process hitting a brick wall, noting that the emergency services may not be funded by Lower Moreland next year. There are six commissioners and the board cannot make a decision. The Chief noted that Bryn Athyn Fire Company has been silent for years and recently began posting statistics and the truth on social media. BAFC President Lach Brown added that BAFC is trying to stay data driven, however some people spin the facts and have made the topic emotional. He added that members of the Lower Moreland Board of Commissioners have an obstructive agenda. President Elsing stated that Bryn Athyn will work with Lower Moreland as best we can, noting that it is the responsibility of Borough Council to provide fire and EMS services to the Borough. Though it makes fiscal sense to consolidate with Lower Moreland, Borough Council must identify every possible option. Mr. Elsing stated that Bryn Athyn Fire Company does not represent the Borough of Bryn Athyn on social media. Chief Schauder noted that all of the content on social media is factual. Mr. Elsing added that next Tuesday, the Lower Moreland Commissioners meeting will determine if we are going forward with the Chief of Emergency Services hiring. Mr. Pennink expressed concern about shared apparatus since the BAFC sold an engine as part of the consolidation plan. Chief Schauder noted that the new FMFR Engine 19 is currently housed in the BAFC station. Chief Schauder also reported that he continues to attend the weekly meetings with the architects for the FMFR fire house, adding that Lower Moreland Commissioners will

vote on the new bond issue next week. President Elsing stated that the focus in on Bryn Athyn coverage and that there is a lot of speculation right now.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None

CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT - None

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Application BAPC2026-01 Lot Line Change Pennink, PERT, Pennink 2012 Family Trust
As Council reviewed the packet which included the Montgomery County Planning Commission review and recommendation, Bryn Athyn Planning Commission review and recommendation, Alternate Borough Engineer Tim Woodrow review and application, applicant Mark Pennink explained the land swap with the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, noting that hunters come to his property line and a trail also runs through it. Montgomery County has also planned a trail at the end of his driveway. It will also make Mark Pennink's property and the Pennink 2012 Family Trust property contiguous. Part of the swap includes property in Lower Moreland.

Mr. Huntzinger asked if the process was overkill. Mr. Elsing responded that there is a process and it is Borough Council's responsibility to make sure that the process is followed as this project runs through two municipalities. Mr. Gurney noted that he appreciated the process for land development, adding that it is reviewed by a Borough Engineer for the benefit of the Borough.

Solicitor Herder noted that the plans must comply with the Borough's land development (SALDO) and zoning ordinance, and that Tim Woodrow has reviewed the plans on the Borough's behalf. No waivers to Borough ordinances are required for this application.

On a motion by Steven Huntzinger, seconded by David Steen, Council voted to approve the Mark Pennink, Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust, Pennink 2012 Family Trust Lot Line Change Plan. Mark Pennink abstained.

AQUA PA 2028 PROJECT
AquaPA has submitted a plan to replace the water main along **Fetters Mill Road** from Alnwick Road to Alden Road, **Alden Road** from Fetters Mill Road to Woodland Road and **Woodland Road** from Alden Road to Fetters Mill Road in 2028.

Mr. Pennink noted that Peco plans a gas line project next year along Tomlinson Road from Buck Road to Ashley Road.

2027 Operations List
The 2027 list was distributed for review. Mr. Elsing noted several vacancies including the Administrative Committee, Auditors, Police Pension Committee and Public Relations. If anyone is interested from the community, please contact a council member.

Resolution 2026-08 Disposition of Records
Mr. Elsing read the list of records that can be disposed of according to the PA Municipal Records Manual.

On a motion by David Steen, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimously in favor to approve Resolution No. 2026-08 disposing of the listed unneeded Borough records.

BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08

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:*

Closed Workers Compensation Files 2013-2019 (Retain 4 years)
Closed Litigation Files 2003-2013 (Retain as long as of administrative and legal value)
Closed Insurance Claim Files 2014-2019 (Retain 6 years after settlement)
Liquid Fuels Tax Records 2010-2015 (Retain 7 years)

***RESOLVED,** this fifth day of October, 2026.*

BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeff Elsing again thanked Chief Odhner for his efforts in organization and leadership. The campaign and outreach for traffic controls in the Borough continue. The speed humps on Tomlinson are complete and painted, the new school zone signals approval is imminent and speed sign data is still being collected.

Mr. Elsing noted that yard waste collection will cease in November and begin again in March. The cost is $2,790 per month for nine months - $9 per home. Mr. Elsing reported that the collection numbers are very low, suspecting that a lot of yard waste is going into the trash. However, the trash hauler has not reported any excess tonnage. It seems that many residents are not taking advantage of the yard waste collection. Since the Borough is not required to collect yard waste, this expense will be scrutinized at the budget meeting. Council discussed the value of this collection especially since we do not provide separate leaf pickup as other municipalities do. Residents need to be encouraged to use this service.

Mayor Schauder added that he has had no problems with the new trash hauler, Blosenski. Mr. Elsing noted that our calls have dropped significantly. President Elsing added that occasionally recycling gets dumped in the same truck as trash and that this "spillage" is permitted, noting that the Borough is not required to recycle due to size/population.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - None

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Budget meeting is October 20 at 5pm for presentations.

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 was one zoning permit issued in September, 5 building permits issued, 1 grading permit issued; no road opening permits issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Reid Heinrichs reported that he met with Glenn Gurney last week to work on the 2027 budget.

Glenn Gurney reported a new project at the sewage treatment plan for next year involving updating the sewer line pipe marking electronically. Currently Reid Heinrichs is marking the pipes for PA One Call with old paper maps. Chairman Gurney would like the Borough Engineer and surveyor to mark the lines any time the lines are located. This will take several years to complete and will be coordinated with regular pipe inspections. Mr. Gurney noted that there were no as-built drawings or marking system put in place for the collection system. Tracing wire should have been installed when the collection system was installed and cannot be done by section.

Mark Pennink added that Mark Arrimour utilizes a GPS system with no wires for pipes under golf courses and suggested that Mr. Gurney reach out to Mr. Arrimour for information.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR
Resident Gwen Rhodes suggested promoting the yard waste collection at the community supper.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.

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

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary