



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

COUNCIL CHAMBER
April 4, 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

Brent McCurdy
Mark Pennink
Aurelle Genzlinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder, Russell Cooper, Steve Gray, Nick Rose, Bradley Cranch, Reid Heinrichs.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for March was \$759,284.64. General Fund Expenses were \$82,104.00. Net Income was \$677,180.64.

Sewer Fund Revenue for March was \$103,153.75. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$23,470.67. Net Income was \$79,683.08.

Today PLGIT paid .0718%. PLGIT I-Class paid .03509%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	659,464.15	in Real Estate Tax receipts
\$	157.52	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$	8,265.52	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	1,087.84	in Fines
\$	60.00	in Police Report receipts
\$	346.50	in Building Permit receipts
\$	44,082.81	in State Highway Aid/Liquid Fuels receipts
\$	50.00	in Zoning Permit receipts
\$	687.50	in Zoning Hearing Board receipts
\$	44,550.00	in Woodmount Contributions
\$	442.00	in Professional Review fees
\$	20.00	in Fireworks Contributions

Included in the Sewer Fund cash receipts were:

\$	50,234.00	in Category 2 Usage receipts
\$	43,075.00	in Category 3 Usage receipts
\$	9,539.00	in Category 4 receipts
\$	161.17	in Lower Moreland Usage Pass-Through receipts
\$	109.58	in Finance Charges
\$	35.00	in Sewer Certification fees

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector, Bradley Cranch reported \$679,518.35 in Real Estate Taxes collected in March; \$59,258.83 remains uncollected. Mr. Cranch noted that the discount period has ended.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

A & T Auto and Truck Repair Inc.	\$358.70
Am-Trust North America	4,166.60
Aqua PA	18.99
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	39,530.00
Building Inspection Underwriters Inc.	520.00
Calebe Nobre	180.00
Chuck’s Service Center Inc.	81.15
Cranch Landscapers LLC	245.00
DeLage Landen	175.00
Independence Blue Cross	6,502.20

Keystone Recognition	280.00
Kimberly Kleinguenther	1,987.50
Lower Moreland Township	14,017.32
McDonald Uniform Company	191.47
NAPA Weldon Auto Parts	151.99
Peco Energy	1,192.29
Petty Cash – Steve Gray	129.63
Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	58.86
ProTract Engineering Inc.	442.00
Suzanne Snyder	5.00
TGI Office Automation	19.89
The Vanguard Group	952.04
Total Turf Landscape Services	900.00
USA Payroll	208.24
Verizon Wireless	199.99
Victoria Trost	50.00
<u>Wawa – Wright Express</u>	<u>1,293.15</u>
TOTAL	\$68,490.34

SEWER FUND BILLS

21 st Century Media	\$241.55
Academy of the New Church	460.40
Am-Trust North America	853.40
Delaware River Basin Commission	660.00
EEMA	875.00
Home Depot	1,492.43
Independence Blue Cross	605.02
Kimberly Kleinguenther	1,087.50
MJ Reider Associates Inc.	503.90
Mac Medical Gases Inc.	34.25
McGovern Environmental LLC	243.00
Peco Energy	271.75
Postmaster	174.00
USA Payroll	104.80
Verizon	159.58
<u>Wawa – Wright Express</u>	<u>687.25</u>
TOTAL	\$8,500.06

BMO MASTERCARD

<u>General Fund</u>	
Adobe AcroPro	14.99
PTC EZ Pass	70.00
Wawa Catering	52.99
Samsclub.com	71.80
<u>Amazon.com</u>	<u>79.45</u>
TOTAL	289.23

<u>Sewer Fund</u>	
PTC EZ Pass	35.00
GasTec Enterprises	151.13
Amazon.com	1,372.10
Ebay.com	49.99
USPS	42.00
Patriot Chevrolet	154.95
TOTAL	1,805.17

On a motion by Duane Hyatt, seconded by Mark Pennink, Council unanimously voted to authorize payment of the bills as listed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Swear-In Part-Time Police Officer

President Jeff Elsing reported that Ryan Kroll would be sworn as a Part-Time Police Officer. Mayor Ken Schauder administered the oath of office to Officer Ryan Kroll.

Award Presentation

Chief Steve Gray presented awards to Police Officers:

Officer of the Year: Officer Douglas Hotchkiss

Traffic Safety Officer of the Year: Officer Ken Johnson

Traffic Enforcement Awards: Alessandro Cricelli and Kevin Green

Bryn Athyn Church School Committee

Mr. Elsing reported that he and Councilman Pennink met with the school committee to review plans for site work and discussed sidewalks and school crossings, as well as gas and telecom needs for the sewage treatment plant that could be installed during site work construction. The committee will work with Fire Chief Derek Zecher for emergency services planning.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Public Safety Committee Chair Jeff Elsing reported the following activity for March:

Alarms	09
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	12
Assist Other Police Agencies	30
Miscellaneous Activity	83
Public Service Calls / Assist Citizens	01
Special Traffic Details	20
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	04
Traffic Citations	84
Vehicle Accidents	03
Vehicle Investigations	114

On Tuesday March 1st at 5:26pm, police responded to the 600 block of Tomlinson Road to investigate a report of a Domestic Dispute. Upon arrival, police found that the dispute was verbal only and there were no signs or reports of any physical violence. The situation appeared to be resolved and police resumed patrol.

On Thursday March 3rd at 9:50pm, police took a theft report from a student who resides at King Hall on Campus Drive. The theft report involved a missing Xbox limited edition gaming system listed at a value of \$1,500. The investigation is ongoing.

On Thursday March 10th at 7:37am, police responded to the Pennypack Watershed Trail to investigate a report of a woman screaming. Upon arrival, the caller pointed police in the direction of where they heard the screams coming from. Abington Police assisted our department by flying a drone throughout the area. While searching the woods, police came upon an elderly female who said that it was she who was screaming due to her dog who had gotten loose for a moment. All was okay and police resumed patrol.

On Sunday March 13th at 11:15am, police received a call of a reckless driver who was traveling Eastbound on Byberry Road towards Bryn Athyn. While checking the area, police observed the vehicle swerving Southbound on Huntingdon Pike and then suddenly coming to a stop in the middle of the highway in the 2900 block of Rt.#232, at which time police conducted a vehicle stop. Upon investigation, police arrested the driver, a 32-year-old female resident of Philadelphia for Driving while Under the Influence of Alcohol or a Controlled Substance. Police are still awaiting the results of the toxicology report from NMS Lab.

On Sunday March 13th at 5:30pm, police responded to a call of a Domestic In-Progress in the 2000 block of Buttonwood Lane. Police found that the dispute was verbal only and there were no signs or reports of any physical violence. All was okay and police resumed patrol.

On Friday March 25th at 12:29pm, police received a call from the Bryn Athyn Church School reporting that there were two missing children who did not get onto their bus. They were last seen when school let out for the day at 12:15pm. Upon investigation, it was learned that the children did get onto the correct bus and it was confirmed with their father that they made it home safely. All was okay and police resumed patrol.

On Monday March 28th at 11:39am, police responded to the 800 block of Campus Drive to investigate a report of a Domestic Disturbance. Upon arrival, police found that the dispute was verbal only and there were no signs or reports of any physical violence. The situation appeared to be resolved and police resumed patrol.

On Tuesday March 29th at 4:52pm, police responded to the Junge Pavilion on Cairnwood Drive to investigate a report of trespassing. Upon arrival, police were advised by the Director of Campus Security that he wished to pursue trespassing charges against the individuals who were playing soccer inside of the pavilion after they had already been warned about it being private property and that they were trespassing. Police issued Trespassing Citations to two 17-year-old male residents of Philadelphia and sent them on their way without further incident.

On Thursday March 31st at 11:06pm, conducted a vehicle stop at the Bryn Athyn Post Office. Police detected signs of intoxication, however, the 41-year-old male resident of Bryn Athyn refused to perform field sobriety tests and refused to provide a blood sample. The driver was subsequently arrested and charged with Driving under the Influence of Alcohol and/or a Controlled Substance.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Mayor Schauder reported 41 Fire calls in March, 5 in Bryn Athyn 33 in Lower Moreland; 151 EMS calls in March, 14 in Bryn Athyn; 100 in Lower Moreland; 23 in Abington. There were 107 Transports.

There were two new part-time hires.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mayor Schauder reported that he has written to Stewart Asplundh at the Bryn Athyn Elementary School to inquire about the used generator that may be available when the new elementary school is built.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ken Schauder reported that he worked with two Troop 97 Boy Scouts last month, one of whom was in attendance at tonight's meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

2021 Annual Audit

The Municipal Annual Audit and Financial Report was completed by the elected auditors on March 30 and has been submitted to PA DCED.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Lower Moreland Township Fire Services Planning Meeting

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that he and Vikki Trost met on March 16, 2022 again with Commissioner Sirken and Manager Chris Hoffman to further the discussion on joint fire services. Mr. Elsing reported that Lower Moreland is looking to improve the situation with Huntingdon Valley Fire Company. Newtown Fire Chief Glenn Forsyth shared merger issues experienced with the successful joining of Newtown Township and Newtown Borough fire departments. The next meeting is scheduled in May.

July 4th Fireworks

Mr. Elsing reported that he is waiting to hear back from International Fireworks on dates for fireworks (July 2, 3, 4), noting that costs have increased 15-20%. Mr. Elsing added that Glen Henderson will plan the other events for the Independence Day celebration.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alden Road Improvements Project

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that the Committee is reviewing the Alden Road plans. The committee plans to meet by next week and expect to finalize the plan by the May meeting of Council. Bids can be solicited in June for July bid opening. Mr. Elsing urged the committee to keep the project moving.

Mr. Pennink will get plans to members of Council as soon as possible to review before the May Council meeting. Mr. Hyatt noted that the Finance Committee has not reviewed how to pay for the project.

Lower Moreland Paving Bid Opening

Mr. Pennink reported that depending on the asphalt prices, Lower Moreland may toss all bids. Cathedral Road, Tomlinson Road and Masons Mill milling and paving is included in the Lower Moreland bid specifications.

Aqua PA Water Main Replacement Project

Bradley Cranch, Public Works Manager, noted that there is a lot of damage to the edges of Buck Road as a result of the Aqua PA water main replacement project. Mr. Pennink reported that no repairs will be made to Buck Road until 2023. Mr. Elsing suggested that Mr. Pennink meet with Aqua PA to document damage caused by Aqua PA equipment.

Mayor Schauder noted that many residents have complained about the condition of Buck Road. Mrs. Genzlinger replied that Buck Road will be improved when Aqua PA restores at the completion of their project.

Mr. Elsing noted that the restored area on Huntingdon Pike and Alnwick Road is sinking and should be brought to the attention of Aqua PA.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Duane Hyatt reported that the Pension Committee and Finance Committee will have a joint meeting later this month.

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 (1) Zoning Permit application approved in March. One (1) Building Permit was issued. No (0) Grading Permits were issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

The Sewer Committee is requesting quotes for a new generator which will be forwarded to the Finance Committee.

The Chapter 94 Report has been submitted to PA DEP.

Maintenance pumping started this week.

Sewer Pickup Truck

The 2013 Chevrolet Silverado truck which was donated to the Sewer Department in 2019 is dying and needs replacement. Mr. Pennink noted that the Public Works Department and Sewer Department have been sharing the 2012 GMC Sierra pickup truck. Mr. Pennink recommended that the GMC truck pass to the Sewer Department and the Public Works Department purchase a new pickup truck in 2023. The Sewer Department would

be able to plow the pump station and treatment plant areas. The Sewer Committee will meet later in the month.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS

Municipal Facilities Committee

The committee met to review plans prepared by Brian Horner. The Academy of the New Church, owner of the building, had no objections to the stormwater improvements. It was noted that a revision added another pipe across Buck Road and increased pipe sizes. The final plan will be circulated to Council for review, with the expectation that Council will authorize a motion to advertise a request for bids at the May meeting. Bid opening scheduled for June.

NEW BUSINESS – None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Resident Lee Moorhead expressed appreciation to Bryn Athyn Police and EMT's for saving his wife's life two weeks ago.

Mr. Elsing announced that an Executive Session will be held immediately after the meeting.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary