



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

***COUNCIL CHAMBER  
March 11, 2019***

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Elsing at 7:00p.m. The following were present:

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Glenn Gurney  
Mark Pennink  
Jeffrey Elsing

Brent McCurdy  
Duane D. Hyatt  
Aurelle Genzlinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Bradley E. Cranch, Reid Heinrichs, R. Scott Cooper, Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder. Councilman Ric Asplundh was excused.

**MINUTES**

*On a motion by Mark Pennink, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimous approval of the March minutes.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for February was \$126,229.27. General Fund Expenses were \$87,662.63. Net Income was \$38,566.64.

Sewer Fund Revenue for February was \$278,406.53. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$37,789.88. Net Income was \$240,616.65.

Today PLGIT paid 2.25%. PLGIT I-Class paid 2.38%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$ 4,704.00	in Transfer Tax receipts
\$ 52,004.31	in Earned income Tax receipts
\$ 9,014.90	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$ 1,519.27	in Interest Income
\$ 1,867.30	in Comcast Franchise receipts
\$ 3,030.36	in Verizon Franchise receipts
\$ 30.00	in Police Report receipts
\$ 1,679.13	in Fines
\$ 300.00	in Zoning Permit receipts
\$ 44,550.00	in Woodmount Contributions
\$ 80.00	in Road Opening Permit receipts
\$ 7,450.00	in Sales of Fixed Assets (Police Car & Salt Spreader)

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$ 171,672.85	in Reimbursement of STP Improvements from ANC
\$ 185.73	in Finance charge assessments
\$ 42,479.70	in Category 2 Usage receipts
\$ 47,413.00	in Category 3 Usage receipts
\$ 9,546.00	in Category 4 Usage receipts
\$ 7,086.33	in Masons Mill Pass-through Usage receipts
\$ 22.92	in Interest Income

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collector, Bradley Cranch reported \$246,699.41 in Real Estate Taxes collected in February; \$1,120,179.05 remains uncollected.

**BILLS**

*On a motion by Duane Hyatt, seconded by Aurelle Genzlinger, Council unanimously voted to authorize payment of the bills as shown on the attached list, which is made a part of these minutes.*

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Jeff Elsing thanked Councilmembers Aurelle Genzlinger, Ric Asplundh, Brent McCurdy and Glenn Gurney for filing election petitions to serve another term on Borough Council.

**POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT**

In the absence of Chief Gray, President Jeff Elsing reported the following activity for February:

Citations Issued: Traffic & Non-Traffic	77
Alarms	15
Animal complaints	02
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	13
Assist other Police Agencies	39
Assist Citizens / Public Service calls	07
Miscellaneous Complaints	69
Special Traffic Details	20
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	05
Vehicle Accidents	04
Vehicle Investigations / Warnings Issued	132

On Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:08pm, police assisted the Bryn Athyn Fire Company at the new student union center construction site at 900 Campus Drive for a report of a heater that was on fire. The Fire Company was able to shut off the gas and extinguished the fire.

On Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:22am, police conducted a vehicle stop at Huntingdon Pike and Cathedral Road which resulted in the arrest of a 52-year-old male resident of Elkins Park on an active warrant for theft in another jurisdiction. The subject was turned over to the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department.

During the month of February, our officers continued to conduct proactive patrols, which led to five vehicles being towed for the month. This brings the total to ten vehicles that have been removed from the Borough streets in the first two months of the year for various reasons, including vehicles that were being driven by unlicensed drivers, vehicles driven without valid insurance, valid inspection and/or vehicles being driven by drivers with a suspended driver’s license. Removing such vehicles are helping to make the Borough streets much safer and I commend our Officers for always being vigilant while on patrol.

The Borough saw a significant reduction in traffic congestion since Philmont Avenue re-opened in February after being closed for construction since June of 2018.

Officer Kevin Green completed a three-day SFST (Standardized Field Sobriety Testing) school in February, which included training on HGN (Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus) evaluation. This is a specialized school that all of our other officers have previously attended.

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**

26 Fire Calls, 3 in Bryn Athyn were reported for February; 102 EMS Calls, 12 in Bryn Athyn, with 72 transports, 8 of those in Bryn Athyn.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None**

**MAYOR’S REPORT - None**

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None**

**BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT**

Byberry Road Bridge

Vikki Trost spoke with the local Penn DOT representative for the Byberry Road Stone Arch Bridge Rehabilitation project regarding the schedule for the bridge work. The work was scheduled for early 2019 however other urgent bridge repairs have bumped this project to later in the schedule. We expect to have more information next month when the construction schedule is updated.

Questions were raised about the upcoming Red Lion Road bridge construction work in Lower Moreland Township.

Aqua Pa Water Main Project

Last month Council asked Vikki Trost to contact Lower Moreland to find out how to get money to restore roads after the Aqua PA water main replacement project on Feters Mill Road between Alden and Hallowell Roads.

Steve Woerner informed Vikki Trost that the utility is required to restore roads (mill and pave half-width) in Lower Moreland by ordinance. He noted that Aqua PA seems to do this everywhere anyway. Steve said that when Aqua PA finishes a project, they offer a monetary payment in place of paving the half width. This payment actually pays for about two-thirds of the entire road paving using the contracted price each year, so they are able to pave more. Since this new Aqua PA project on Feters Mill Road also extends into Lower Moreland, Steve recommended that we let Aqua PA pave half the width, since that road was paved more recently.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that he received a letter from the police officer contract negotiation team to open negotiations for a new employment contract for 2020-2021-2022. The Borough Committee for Police Contract Negotiations will include Jeff Elsing, Duane Hyatt and Drew Nehlig.

Mr. Elsing reported that the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks proposal is \$1,000 higher this year. Mayor Schauder reminded Council of the fireworks every other year discussion. Mr. Elsing plans to go ahead with fireworks this year, to which Council agreed. Businesses along Huntingdon Pike will be solicited for donations.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that Borough Engineer, Nick Rose, is working on the plans for Alden Road and Tomlinson Road.

There were 2-3 snow/ice events last month which mainly required salting.

Mr. Pennink has been in contact with Steve Woerner at Lower Moreland Township with regard to 2019 paving. Mr. Pennink is looking to pave King Road and Sycamore Road and the bottom of Alden Road near 2500 Alden. He also plans to continue the five-foot patching along Buck Road.

Mr. Pennink stated that he will need funds for Alden Road at Feters Mill Road drainage work. There have been no recent complaints from the homeowner dealing with the underground spring. There has been a great deal of water freezing on Alden Road down to Feters Mill Road this winter.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Duane Hyatt reported that the Committee discussed the status of the Portnoff collections accounts. We will be filing with Portnoff for current delinquent accounts. Mr. Hyatt explained that it is not fair to residents who pay their bills to not file for these funds.

The Committee discussed increasing the Borough's MasterCard limit for the Sewer Department from \$2,000. The Committee recommended increasing the limit from \$2,000 to \$2,500. Council had no objections.

Mr. Hyatt reported that the Sewage Treatment Plant Equalization Project is well on the way to completion and looks to be under budget.

The Finance Committee recommends that Borough Council approve the transfer of the 2018 budget allocation for Police Car Reserve to the Police Car Reserve Account. After the completion of the 2018 Annual Audit, the Finance Committee recommends that the remaining surplus, not to exceed \$200,000 be transferred to the Public Works Reserve Account.

*On a motion by Aurelle Genzlinger, seconded by Brent McCurdy, Council voted unanimously in favor to transfer \$10,500 from the General Fund to the Police Car Reserve Account representing the 2018 allocation and to transfer the remaining surplus, not to exceed \$200,000, after completion of the 2018 Annual Audit to the Public Works Reserve Account.*

**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 January.

No Building Permits were issued.

No Grading Permits were issued.

The Zoning Hearing Board met on Tuesday, February 26, and granted a special exception for a two-family dwelling at 2744 Alnwick Road.

**SEWER ADMINISTRATOR**

Reid Heinrichs reported the he submitted a monthly update to PA DEP on the status of the failed on-lot system at 2800 Quarry Road. The Sewer Committee hopes to move forward with a small flow treatment facility at the property.

The Digester Project is 85% complete.

Both pumps at the Fetters Mill Pump Station were down during the month and the diesel-powered Godwin pump was able to keep the pump station operating. One of the electric pumps was replaced and is running smoothly. The second pump was repaired and reinstalled and is also running well.

The Equalization Project is 98% complete.

Sewer Committee Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that it has been difficult for the sewer employees to share the 2012 GMC Pickup Truck with the Public Works Department. The Sewer Department recently acquired a used two-wheel drive pickup truck with the help of Mark Pennink and Ric Asplundh, which is all that the employees need. Mr. Gurney expressed thanks to Mr. Pennink and Mr. Asplundh. Mr. Pennink noted that it is helpful for the Public Works Department to use the GMC Pickup during the summer.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER - None**

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ashley Road Issue

It was reported that a resident of Ashley Road is putting a barrier in the roadway to permit children to play in the street. This creates a false sense of security for children to play in the roadway. Mr. Elsing will discuss this issue with the resident.

Peter Bostock Letter to Council

Mr. Bostock offered his services to the Sewer Administrator to review the billing process. Mr. Bostock stated that parts of the Act 537 Plan are not being followed. Mr. Elsing thanked Mr. Bostock for bringing this to the attention of Borough Council and will discuss this issue with the Sewer Committee. Mr. Elsing will then respond directly to Mr. Bostock.

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Your Speed Signs

Bradley Cranch reported that the solar panels were adjusted on the new Your Speed Sign on Buck Road.

**ADJOURN**

*There being no further business presented, on a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Duane Hyatt, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.*

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost  
Secretary