



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

***COUNCIL CHAMBER***  
**February 2, 2026**

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

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Ric Asplundh  
Jeffrey Elsing  
David Steen

Mark Pennink  
Steven Huntzinger  
Glenn Gurney

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

**MINUTES**

*On a motion by Glenn Gurney, seconded by David Steen, Council voted unanimous approval of the January minutes.*

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

General Fund Revenue for January was \$34,444.70. General Fund Expenses were \$850,201.26. Net Income was -\$815,756.56.

Sewer Fund Revenue for January was \$1,240.21. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$40,943.13. Net Income was -\$39,702.92.

Today PLGIT paid 3.55%. PLGIT Prime paid 3.79%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	25,068.86	in Real Estate Tax receipts
\$	3,568.50	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	612.47	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$	591.70	in Fines

\$	1,862.67	in Interest Income
\$	767.50	in Building Permit receipts
\$	700.00	in Road Opening Permit fees
\$	230.00	in Trash Tote fees
\$	375.00	in Soap Box Derby donations
\$	500.00	in Contributions to the Police Department

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$	206.00	in Category 2 Usage receipts
\$	88.95	in Category 4 Usage receipts
\$	369.06	in Finance Charges
\$	541.20	in Late Fee Assessments
\$	35.00	in Sewer Certification fees

The Alden Road Loan GO Note of 2025 was satisfied in the amount of \$637,862.59. In addition, interest from July through December in the amount of \$10,351.25 was paid.

**TAX COLLECTOR - None**

**BILLS**

**GENERAL FUND BILLS**

Aqua PA	\$3,691.32
Benchmark Professional Seminars Inc.	295.00
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	334.08
Cranch Landscapers LLC	1,815.00
DeLage Landen	175.00
Eastburn & Gray	3,712.50
First National Bank of Newtown	637,862.59
HA Thomson Company	2,807.00
Independence Blue Cross	6,678.55
Kenneth J Schauder	125.00
KMRD	713.00
LexisNexis Matthew Bender Inc.	76.08
Lower Moreland Township	11,820.57
McDonald Uniform Company	76.92
Michael Hayes	60.00
Peco Energy	1,714.11
Petty Cash – Brigdon Odhner	303.94
Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	13.67
T & G Industries Inc.	279.00
TGI Office Automation	26.95
Verizon Wireless	277.82
Victoria Trost	605.00
Wastequip	17,332.50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$690,795.60</b>

**SEWER FUND BILLS**

Deckman Motor & Pump Inc.	\$8,658.00
George Allen Wastewater Management	2,030.00
Gurney Kerr Contractors Inc.	4,368.80
Home Depot	418.72
Independence Blue Cross	767.55
Lower Moreland Township	88.95
MJ Reider Associates Inc.	790.80
Mac Medical Gases Inc.	44.00
Peco Energy	342.54
USA Blue Book	42.67
Verizon Internet	79.00
Verizon Wireless	39.56
Wawa Wright Express	367.09
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,037.68</b>

**BMO MasterCard**

**General Fund**

**Borough Office**

Adobe AcroPro	\$19.99
21 Century Media	26.00
Gannett Newspapers	16.99
Staples	177.12
Amazon.com	26.31
USPS	267.25
Sam's Club	157.21
Wawa	83.59
Davis Feed Mill	509.00
Yearli.com	38.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,321.80</b>

**Police Department**

Amazon.com	\$242.76
eBay.com	1,140.56
OpticsPlanet.com	-360.14
EB UAS Drone Advanced	232.60
Chapman Auto Group	124.77
EB Practical Fraud	232.60
Microsoft	137.79
PSI Exams	175.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,925.94</b>

**Sewer Fund**

Amazon.com	\$207.64
eBay.com	444.50

Fishers Ace Hardware	9.53
<u>AutoZone</u>	<u>208.81</u>
TOTAL	\$870.48

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Lot Line Change Application 2745 Alnwick Road

President Elsing reported that the application for lot line change has been reviewed by the Bryn Athyn Planning Commission, the Montgomery County Planning Commission and the Alternate Borough Engineer Tim Woodrow. Engineer Nick Rose verified that the sewer location for either lot will not be in conflict with the new lot lines.

*On a motion by Steven Huntzinger, seconded by Jeffrey Elsing, Council voted in favor to approve the lot line change for 2745 Alnwick Road, with Councilman Glenn Gurney abstaining.*

Trash Collection

President Elsing thanked everyone for their patience during the first month of the new trash and recycling collection contract. A list of issues and concerns is being compiled. The new hauler, AJ Blosenski handled residual problems with former trash hauler, Republic Services, as well as weather issues in January. We are working with residents who have requested smaller totes and Mr. Elsing urged residents to assist neighbors with putting the larger totes at the curb. Mr. Elsing reminded residents to use the Borough-supplied totes while we resolve these issues. We have a limited number of smaller totes and can order additional totes. Mr. Elsing noted that AJ Blosenski will not pickup trash bags and they will occasionally pickup an extra non-Borough trash can.

Mr. Elsing reminded residents to stay clear of the trash truck while in operation. We are working to resolve the recycling pickup day for Fetters Mill Road residents. Mr. Elsing also requested that residents wait until the snow is gone before putting out bulk items as space along the roads is limited by the snow.

Councilman Gurney asked how yard waste will be handled. Mr. Elsing reported that the Communication/Public Relations Committee will take a poll on who would be interested in yard waste collection for a fee and what the volume of yard waste might be. The Committee is open to suggestions for yard waste collection.

**POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT**

Chief Brigdon Odhner reported the following activity for January:

All Police Activities	774
Alarms	16
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	14
Assist Other Police Agencies	14
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	10
Vehicle Accidents/ disabled	12
Animal Complaints	4
Traffic Stops	36
Theft	2
Community Policing	0

**JANUARY COUNCIL REPORT**

- Bryn Athyn and Lower Moreland Police teamed up to do an active shooter training with the Huntingdon Valley Surgery Center.
- A special “Bryn Athyn Day” was arranged for the Montgomery County SWAT teams’ negotiators. The group of 10 negotiators did tours of Cairnwood, Glencairn and the Cathedral. Reverend Steven Gunther then explained the New Church and the religion. The purpose of this day was to have the negotiators have an understanding of Bryn Athyn and its uniqueness in case the SWAT team were to be deployed here.

Chief Odhner followed up on the discussion from last month on E-Scooters and E-Bikes with an information sheet. Chief Odhner reported that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has not yet classified E-Scooters, and as of now, E-Scooters are illegal and not permitted on public roads and sidewalks. They may only be used on private property. The police officers will be advising anyone using an E-Scooter in the Borough that they are not permitted on roads or sidewalks. Chief Odhner noted that E-Bikes are regulated by the state and that riders must be 16-years-old and that the bikes cannot weigh more than 100 pounds.

**FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**

Chief Ken Schauder reported that the monthly statistics are not yet available.

Chief Schauder reported that the Stroke Unit was utilized in January. The Stroke Unit is dispatched from Bensalem and can perform CT Scans in the ambulance and start treatment right away.

The Chief reported that the third ambulance is now fully staffed and was in service on the first day after being certified. On that day, all three ambulances were called out at once.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None****CHIEF OF EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT**

Chief Mark Showmaker submitted his monthly report:

***January 2026 Monthly Report***

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

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***Meetings and Coordination***

- *Attended Bryn Athyn Borough Council meetings and Lower Moreland Meeting*
  - *Participated in the Fire Marshals Meeting.*
  - *Attended the Bryn Athyn Fire Company Board of Directors meeting.*
  - *Participated in county-level meetings, including Emergency Medical Association meetings, Municipal Fire Chiefs meeting, PA State Career Fire Chiefs meeting*
  - *Met with BAFC officers regarding operational and administrative matters.*
  - *Met with the Representatives of HVFC and BAFC and Assistant Manager to coordinate required information for Tax Relief Program*
  - *Attended New Fire Station weekly work group meetings*
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***Training and Professional Development***

- *Joint training drills are scheduled and in progress for 2026*
  - *Individual training sessions and daily career staff training continued without interruption.*
  - *I attended medical training and tested classes to maintain regulatory compliance.*
  - *Attended part 1 of mandatory HazMat Operations refresher training as required by federal regulation*
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***Administrative and Operational Updates***

- *Engine 19-1 has been advertised for sale as part of the approved fleet reduction plan.*
- *Engine 19 has been stripped of equipment and taken out of service in preparation for trade in on new pumper*
- *Worked on travel plans for final inspection of new Engine in mid-February*
- *Conducted research on Relief Association regulations to assist in the modification of a proposed new relief association, including development of draft bylaws.*
- *Reviewed comments regarding proposed FMFR bylaws*
- *Coordinated with both Deputy Fire Chiefs regarding equipment specifications for the new engine, which remains on schedule and is progressing well.*
- *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 equipment and furnishing items for the new station that may be procured outside of prime contracts through COSTARS or similar cooperative purchasing programs.
- Continued development of future volunteer officer position descriptions and qualification requirements in preparation for a consolidated and streamlined command structure.
- Conducted Career Employee update meeting

### **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**.

- Stations Data was unavailable at the time of this report due to the NIEMS/NIERS system transition.

### **Notable Fire Incidents**

- January 10, 2026 - 89 Steele La. Structure Fire
- January 17, 2026 - 1369 Rhoades Dr. Chimney Fire
- January 20, 2026 3063 Philmont, Arch Medical. Extinguished Machine Fire Investigate
- January 25, 2026 – Huntingdon Valley Skilled Nursing, Gas leak during heavy snow
- January 31, 2026 - Sprinkler Pipe freeze up break 5<sup>th</sup> floor with extensive water damage all floors

### **Emergency Response Activity Summary (Month-to-Date)**

#### **Emergency Medical Services – BAFC**

- Bryn Athyn: 10
- Lower Moreland: 136
- Other jurisdictions: 100
- Total EMS responses (January): 246
- Year-to-date EMS responses: 246

#### **Fire Responses**

- BAFC January fire responses: 48
- BAFC year-to-date fire responses: 48
- HVFC January fire responses: 43
- HVFC year-to-date fire responses: 43

Fire Alarm- 18

Woods/Field Fire- 3

Assist EMS- 7

Officer Investigation- 5

Gas Leak (Inside & Outside)- 3

Building Fire- 7 (1 Heater Relief Valve, 1 House Fire, 1 Heater Issue, 1 Chimney Fire, 1 Sparking Outlet, 2 mutual aid)

Trash Fire- 1

*Electrical Fire Outside- 1  
Vehicle Accident (FP)- 1  
Carbon Monoxide Detector- 2*

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**Conclusion**

*January reflected continued progress across operational readiness, administrative initiatives, and regional coordination. 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.*

Chief Showmaker noted that the Building Committee has approved the floor plan and site layout for the new FMFR Fire House. This will be presented to the Lower Moreland Board of Commissioners on February 10, 2026, and then brought to Bryn Athyn Borough Council in March. The new building is a larger structure, planned for thirty-plus years of use and will house both Fire and EMS.

Chief Showmaker reported that the FMFR Agreement and By-Laws have been reviewed by both municipal solicitors, Lower Moreland and Bryn Athyn consolidation committees and Bryn Athyn Fire Company. Huntingdon Valley Fire Company has not completed their review.

The Chief has been working with Lower Moreland for the municipal Tax Rebate Program for Volunteer Firefighters. Chief Schauder noted that Bryn Athyn should offer this benefit to volunteers. Chief Showmaker noted that the impact of the Tax Rebate on Borough tax revenue must be reviewed.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor Ken Schauder reported that he attended “Montgomery County Day” at Montgomery County Community College in January. All County Departments were represented and offer to all municipalities in Montgomery County.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None**

**BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT - None**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - None**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

First Snow Event

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that there was one large snow event during January, the largest in ten years and commended the snowplow crew on their efforts during this difficult storm. There was a water main break on South Avenue today.

Stop Sign at Rose Lane

Mr. Pennink noted that stop bars have been painted on both roads at their intersection but stop signs have not been installed. An ordinance is required for placement of stop signs. The Solicitor was asked to prepare an ordinance for stop signs at Rose Lane at Alden Road.

Mr. Elsing noted that stop signs at Rose Lane on Alden Road were part of the improvement plan because of the reopening of the Fetters Mill Bridge.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - None**

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

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

Chairman Steve Huntzinger thanked Gwen Rhodes and Vikki Trost for getting announcements for the trash collection changes out promptly. Mr. Huntzinger noted that the Bryn Athyn Post is best for short blurbs directing residents to the Borough website for information. The Committee will meet next week.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - None**

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None**

**ZONING OFFICER**

Vikki Trost reported that there were two (2) Zoning Permit applications approved in January. Four (4) Building Permits were issued. Two (2) Grading Permits were issued. Five (5) Road Opening Permits were issued.

**SEWER ADMINISTRATOR**

Reid Heinrichs reported that the AEMR report was submitted in January to the DRBC. Bill Brown will complete the Chapter 94 Report. New doors were installed on the Chlorine Room at the sewage treatment plant. A clean-up day is planned for the spring.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER - None**

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Glen Henderson noted that Lower Moreland Township held a meeting for residents of Feters Mill Road to discuss safety concerns and asked if Bryn Athyn Borough is doing anything there. Residents would like to have sidewalks along Feters Mill Road. Mr. Elsing responded that the Borough has collected traffic data for the bridge reopening. Mr. Elsing also noted that Nina Finkeldey brought up safety concerns on Feters Mill Road at last month's meeting. Chief Odhner has investigated possible speed lines on Feters Mill Road. Mr. Elsing added that Bryn Athyn has a partial sidewalk from Connelly's Woodshop to the Foster's house at Woodland Road and crosswalks are painted on the road at the Post Office and Alden Road.

Mr. Pennink mentioned that Feters Mill Road may not actually be within the legal right of way. Nick Rose noted that the Feters Mill Road ROW is 33 feet (16.5 feet on each side). Mr. Elsing noted that the Borough will work with Lower Moreland Township and Lower Moreland Police Department. Chief Odhner noted that the police department is paying attention to the bridge and long-term planning in that area, and that the Borough has been talking about the bridge traffic for a year and a half. Lach Brown added that people want to get to the trail via Feters Mill Road safely and pick up mail at the Post Office.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

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

Victoria S. Trost  
Secretary