



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

COUNCIL CHAMBER
May 2, 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
Mark Pennink
Aurelle Genzlinger

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

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for April was \$157,735.99. General Fund Expenses were \$142,557.20. Net Income was \$15,178.79.

Sewer Fund Revenue for April was \$187.43. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$18,448.78. Net Income was -\$18,261.35.

Today PLGIT Class paid 0.1307%. PLGIT PRIME paid 0.4656%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	144,060.00	in Real Estate Tax receipts
\$	998.42	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$	7,046.15	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	2,223.80	in Fines
\$	45.00	in Police Report receipts
\$	1,452.00	in Building Permit receipts
\$	50.00	in Zoning Permit receipts
\$	1,797.12	in Insurance Dividends
\$	50.00	in Fireworks Contributions

Included in the Sewer Fund cash receipts were:

\$	130.00	in Category 2 Usage receipts
\$	22.43	in Finance Charges
\$	35.00	in Sewer Certification fees

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector, Bradley Cranch reported \$16,504.89 in Real Estate Taxes collected in April; \$70,238.65 remains uncollected.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

21st Century Media	\$377.79
Academy of the New Church	1,051.56
Aqua PA	19.35
Aqua PA	2,715.30
Auto Spa Xpress	25.00
Building Inspection Underwriters Inc.	588.00
Calebe Nobre	400.00
Classic Pistol	770.00
Cowley Tree Service	4,675.00
Cranch 2.0	120.00
Davidheiser’s Inc.	50.00
DeLage Landen	685.45
Department of the Navy	300.00
Eastburn & Gray PC	817.50
Fisher’s Ace Hardware	21.18
Hess Embroidery & Uniforms LLC	1,950.00
Independence Blue Cross	7,405.34
John P Fraunces, Ed.D.	185.00
LexisNexis Matthew Bender Inc.	7.00
McDonald Uniform Company	521.45
Peco Energy Company	1,152.93
Petty Cash – Steve Gray	310.24

Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	136.91
ProTract Engineering Inc.	1,858.00
Shapiro Fire Protection Co.	83.34
Stephen Gray	200.00
The Vanguard Group	1,003.92
USA Payroll	336.40
<u>Victoria Trost</u>	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL	\$27,916.66

SEWER FUND BILLS

Academy of the New Church	\$514.31
Home Depot	640.17
Independence Blue Cross	605.02
MJ Reider Associates Inc.	750.90
Mac Medical Gases Inc.	35.50
McGovern Environmental LLC	203.00
Peco Energy	387.56
SCP Distributors LLC	1,981.10
USA Payroll	154.24
<u>Verizon</u>	<u>248.28</u>
TOTAL	\$5,520.08

DEBT SERVICE BILLS

Wilmington Trust Company	\$1,842.50
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BMO MasterCard

Sewer Fund

Amazon.com	247.46
FarmRanchStore.com	129.90
PayPal BratVA4	25.00
Ebay O 20-08538-52050	238.00
<u>Industrial Supplies</u>	<u>115.91</u>
TOTAL	\$756.27

General Fund

Adobe AcroPro	\$14.99
USPS	123.38
Zoom.us	108.39
<u>PA Uniform Construction</u>	<u>72.00</u>
TOTAL	\$318.76

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Borough Park Grassland Project – Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust

President Elsing introduced Chris Mendel, Executive Director of Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust (PERT). Mr. Mendel reported on the success of the mowing program to improve insect diversity in the Borough Park, recommending the continuation of the bi-annual mowing in late June and late September. PERT has also obtained approval of Bryn Athyn College, the Academy of the New Church (B-99) and the General Church to conduct the grassland program. PERT will continue data collection and offered to post informational signs in the park. It was agreed that if questions are received, the signs will be posted.

2040 Buttonwood Lane Sewage Facilities Planning Module

Mr. Elsing explained that the necessary approvals have been obtained by the Montgomery County Health Department, the Montgomery County Planning Commission and the Bryn Athyn Planning Commission. Council approved the submission of the module to the PA Department of Environmental Protection.

Buck Road Stormwater Improvements

Mr. Elsing reported that the project is ready to begin the bid process. The project will be paid with ARPA – American Rescue Plan funds.

On a motion by Aurelle Genzlinger, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimously in favor to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the bid package for the Buck Road Stormwater Improvements and if time permits, to advertise a bid opening for the June meeting.

Cross County Trail East Committee

President Elsing reported that he attended a meeting on April 12 of the Cross County Trail East Committee. The committee plans to connect trails from Upper Dublin through industrial areas to the Pennypack Trust trails.

MAYOR’S REPORT - None

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Steve Gray reported the following activity for April:

Alarms	05
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	04
Assist Other Police Agencies	19
Miscellaneous Activity	75
Public Service Calls / Assist Citizens	02
Special Traffic Details	22
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	08
Traffic Citations	60
Vehicle Accidents	05
Vehicle Investigations	107

On Wednesday April 6th at 10:15am, police responded to the 3200 block of Buck Road to investigate a report of a hit and run vehicle accident. The striking vehicle was described as a black Toyota Prius (No Registration Provided) who had fled the scene. Upon investigation, police learned that the driver of the vehicle that had been struck was wanted on a warrant by Philadelphia Police for the same stolen vehicle that he was driving during the accident in Bryn Athyn. The 20-year-old resident of Philadelphia was taken into custody and turned over to Philadelphia Police. Bryn Athyn Police charged the wanted subject with Receiving Stolen Property, Unauthorized Use of an Automobile, Possession of a Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

On Tuesday April 12th at 10:04pm, Police took a report of harassment in the 600 block of Tomlinson Road. The situation had been on-going; however, it has since been resolved.

On Wednesday April 13th at 5:25pm, police stopped a vehicle in the 1800 block of Byberry Road which was driven by a 30-year-old male resident of Philadelphia. The investigation resulted in the vehicle being impounded and the driver being charged for using a fictitious Florida registration and for driving without a license.

On Wednesday April 13th at 7:15pm, police found a cell phone laying on the ground in the 2800 block of Buck Road. Police were able to determine that the phone belonged to a resident of Ambler, Pennsylvania, who had lost their phone earlier in the day, but had not yet reported the missing phone to police. The phone was returned to its owner.

On Friday April 22nd at 2:25am, police conducted a vehicle stop in the 3000 block of Huntingdon Pike to investigate a fictitious temporary license plate. The 34-year-old male resident of Philadelphia was driving without a driver's license was also wanted by the Delaware State Police on a warrant for Aggravated Assault. The driver was taken into custody and turned over to the Delaware State Police. The vehicle was impounded and the driver was cited by our department for the motor vehicle violations.

On Saturday April 23rd at 5:17pm, police conducted a vehicle stop in the 1800 block of Byberry Road due to the vehicle displaying a fictitious temporary registration and fictitious inspection stickers. The vehicle was impounded due to the driver being unable

to provide any paperwork for the unregistered vehicle. The 22-year-old female resident of Philadelphia was issued multiple citations, including driving without a license.

On Tuesday April 26th at 5:02pm, police observed a vehicle traveling South on Huntingdon Pike near Cathedral Road that was driving at a slow rate of speed while swerving in and out of traffic. The vehicle in question suddenly drove into the Northbound Lane of oncoming traffic and came to a stop without striking any vehicles, however, when the Officer tried to approach the vehicle, the vehicle quickly drove off into the Southbound Lane of traffic and struck the rear of a vehicle at Huntingdon Pike and Alnwick Road. The striking vehicle then drove up onto the curb and knocked down a Rt#232 sign. Bryn Athyn Ambulance arrived on-scene and transported the 69-year-old male to Abington Hospital due to an altered mental status condition that he was experiencing. A request has been made by our department to PennDOT to retest the driver, including a medical clearance requirement.

Chief Gray reported that the department was selected by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office to sit on a three-person oral board panel on April 7th, along with a member of the Berks County Sheriff's Office and a member of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Office in interviewing Montgomery County Sheriff Deputies who were eligible for promotions. The Bryn Athyn Police Department is always happy to assist the other police departments in any way that we can and it was certainly an honor to have been able to help the Sheriff's Department in this case.

Chief Gray reported that the Asplundh Foundation, which has been very generous over the years, will donate \$25,000 this year which will be use to upgrade the police radios. Councilman Gurney asked about the purchase of bulletproof vests. Chief Gray explained that the vests must be replaced every five years and that they are typically budgeted. In many instances it has been possible to pass on used vests to new employees. Chief Gray will look into using donated funds towards the purchase of vests in future.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Mayor Schauder reported 26 Fire Calls in April, 19 in Lower Moreland and 5 in Bryn Athyn; 138 EMS Calls in April, 75 in Lower Moreland and 8 in Bryn Athyn. There were 81 Transports, 54 in Lower Moreland and 6 in Bryn Athyn. The BAFC continues to put a second ambulance on duty during the daytime several times per week.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Schauder reported that the team will meet in June to plan for the July 4th Fireworks.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

American Rescue Plan Act

Manager Vikki Trost reported that the first compliance report for the State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) was completed and submitted prior to the 4/30/2022 deadline.

PA DOT Audit

The 2021 Liquid Fuels Fund Audit was completed by PA DOT. There were no findings.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that the fireworks company has July 2 or July 3 available for the display. Council agreed to hold the fireworks, parade, races and picnic on Saturday, July 2, with a rain date of July 3. A planning meeting will be held on June 8.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

2022 Paving Project

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that Lower Moreland has accepted the paving bids and awarded the contract to James D. Morrissey Inc. The Borough alternate includes milling and paving on Cathedral Road, Tomlinson Road and Masons Mill Road. The bid is 20% higher than planned, so reserves may be needed to cover the cost. We will be notified of the start date.

Aqua PA Water Main Replacement

Mr. Pennink reported that Aqua PA will be starting the restoration of Buck Road following the water main replacement project.

Alden Road Improvements

A rough estimate has been obtained from Cornell for the Alden Road project. The estimate is in excess of \$2,000,000. Mr. Pennink noted that concrete is exceedingly expensive now. Nick Rose expects to receive a rough estimate from Whiting-Turner. Nick Rose will give Borough Council a cost for the formal bid package at the June meeting. Mr. Pennink noted that we don't know what is under Alden Road which will make bidding difficult. Mrs. Genzlinger suggested raising the road and eliminating the existing concrete gutters. It was suggested that making the road one-way may still be an option due to the cost. It was agreed that Alden Road is safe, and that some maintenance needs to be done. The Public Works Committee will meet to discuss the next step.

Fetters Mill Road

Mr. Pennink reported that pipe has been ordered to repair the sinkhole on Fetters Mill Road.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Duane Hyatt reported that the committee met on April 19 and discussed the projects for the ARPA funds – the Buck Road Stormwater Improvements and the Sewage Treatment Plant Generator. The committee expects that the funds will cover both projects.

The Pension Committee met with the Finance Committee to review the status of the plan. Ray Doman suggested that Cpl. Doug Hotchkiss replace him on the committee as police department representative.

On a motion by Ric Asplundh, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimously in favor to accept the resignation of Ray Doman from the Police Pension Committee with thanks.

On a motion by Aurelle Genzlinger, seconded by Ric Asplundh, Council voted unanimously in favor to appoint Cpl. Douglass Hotchkiss to the Police Pension Committee.

Mr. Hyatt announced that the Finance Committee will not meet in May.

LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES/ SHADE TREE COMMITTEE - None

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - None

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None

ZONING OFFICER

There were four (4) Zoning Permit applications approved in April. Three (3) Building Permits were issued. No (0) Grading Permits were issued.

Zoning Hearing Board

The Zoning Hearing Board met on April 26 to review an application from the Academy of the New Church for a Use Variance on a 1.9-acre section of the Buck & Byberry parcel. The application was rescheduled for May 24, due to the discovery that additional relief is needed.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that the sewage treatment plan is running well. Spring cleaning is taking place at the plant in preparation for a visit by members of Council next month. Mr. Gurney reported that the Sewer Committee will meet on May 24.

Mr. Gurney reported that the committee is soliciting prices for a 60K generator, though it is necessary to determine the actual load for the plant. The generator will be converted to natural gas.

Mr. Gurney reported that the new elementary school will be built right over the newly installed sewage plant internet line. An existing easement for the sewer force main along the soccer field may be the location for a new internet line, a new gas line and a new conduit for power to the sewage plant. Solicitor Herder will review the existing easements. Reid Heinrichs purchased a used 500-gallon LP tank for the new generator. Mr. Pennink has a 500-gallon LP tank that he will donate to the Borough.

Mr. Hyatt suggested that the Borough ask the BA Elementary School to install these lines. Mr. Elsing will contact the BA Elementary School Committee.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

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

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary