



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

COUNCIL CHAMBER
September 12, 2022

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, Russ Cooper, Steve Gray, Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder. Councilman Ric Asplundh was excused.

President Elsing announced that Borough Council will hold an Executive Session immediately following this meeting.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for August was \$107,918.70. General Fund Expenses were \$218,145.05. Net Income was -\$110,226.35.

Sewer Fund Revenue for August was \$93,421.36. Sewer Fund Expenses were 16,267.83. Net Income was \$77,153.53.

Today PLGIT Class paid 2.06%. PLGIT PRIME paid 2.44%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	36,505.00	in Transfer Tax receipts
\$	9,213.32	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$	52,099.90	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	1,844.90	in Fines
\$	1,630.45	in Comcast Franchise Fee receipts
\$	2,752.33	in Verizon Franchise Fee receipts
\$	15.00	in Police Report receipts
\$	50.00	in Zoning Permit receipts
\$	25.00	in Grading Permit receipts
\$	402.80	in Building Permit receipts
\$	3,380.00	in Fireworks Contributions

Included in the Sewer Fund cash receipts were:

\$	41,201.75	in Category 2 Usage Receipts
\$	43,075.00	in Category 3 Usage Receipts
\$	9,088.00	in Category 4 Usage Receipts

TAX COLLECTOR - None

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

AquaPA	\$63.67
Asure- Cherry Hill	283.15
Auto Spa Xpress	60.00
Berkheimer	752.88
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	226.48
Building Inspection Underwriters Inc.	294.40
Davidheiser's	50.00
DeLage Landen	424.00
Eastburn & Gray PC	4,057.50
Frank A. Malizia, Jr. Inc.	6,400.00
Independence Blue Cross	6,437.35
Kenneth J. Schauder, Inc.	870.00
Napa Auto Parts	17.98
Nobre Computer	270.00
Peco Energy	1,284.96
Petty Cash – Steve Gray	203.57

Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	60.00
Pioneer Auto Body & Repair	53.88
PSAB	45.00
Standard Insurance Company	1,791.55
Staples	222.97
TGI Office Automation	11.05
The Harrison Group	150.00
The Vanguard Group	977.74
Trugreen Processing Center	959.70
Verizon Wireless	200.90
Victoria Trost	900.50
Wawa – Wright Express	1,597.89
TOTAL	<u>\$28,667.12</u>

SEWER FUND BILLS

Academy of the New Church	\$3,558.65
Asure-Cherry Hill	143.30
Commonwealth of PA	65.00
GasTec Enterprises	951.96
Home Depot	667.50
Independence Blue Cross	605.02
Kenneth J. Schauder Inc.	290.00
MJ Reider Associates, Inc.	824.80
Mac Medical Gases, Inc.	3.50
McGovern Environmental LLC	647.46
Martha & David Nash	1,150.00
Peco Energy	749.07
SCP Distributors LLC	1,996.10
TW Reiss Inc.	332.40
The Harrison Group	30.00
UMHJSA	5,314.05
USA Blue Book	362.51
Verizon	83.54
Verizon Internet	79.00
Verizon Wireless	49.70
Wawa – Wright Express	342.23
Wind River Environmental LLC	1,414.51
TOTAL	<u>\$19,660.30</u>

POLICE PENSION BILLS

Duda Actuarial Consulting, Inc.	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
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On a motion by Duane Hyatt, seconded by Brent McCurdy, Council unanimously voted to authorize payment of the bills as listed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bryn Athyn Church Elementary School

President Jeff Elsing reported that he, and Councilman Mark Pennink met with Nick Rose and the BACES Committee to discuss the progress on plans for the new elementary school. Mr. Elsing noted three items:

1. Verizon Line ROW
BACES will take care of reconnecting the Verizon line to the Sewage Treatment Plant during construction.
2. Natural Gas Line
A large gas line will be needed for the school. An underground trench will extend to the school to a point where the Borough will pickup the line to extend to the Sewage Treatment Plant. A decision will be made at that point on whether it is cost effective to use natural gas or propane for the STP.
3. Tomlinson Road Sidewalks
The new school design will include a new sidewalk and curbing the entire length of Tomlinson Road on the school side. The Borough agreed to work on extending the school zone and flasher lights. Children will be directed to cross to school at Marlin Road. The Borough will move forward with the planned sidewalk improvements on the upper part of Tomlinson Road to provide a wider path for pedestrians.

Mr. Hyatt noted that the Finance Committee recommended that the BACES be responsible for the sidewalks both sides of Tomlinson Road. Mr. Elsing stated that the Borough is not permitted to contribute funds to a private project. It was noted that the BACES is cutting back on their plans due to funding. There is some disagreement in the BACES group with regard to doing sidewalks for the Borough.

Councilman Pennink added that the Borough's priority is to provide a safe pedestrian walkway; Mr. Gurney agreed that safety is paramount.

Mr. Elsing reported that Stop signs and speed bumps have been suggested on Tomlinson Road. All agreed that the new housing project at Tomlinson Road and Pine Road (175 homes) will have a significant impact on Tomlinson Road traffic in the Borough.

Mr. Elsing will invite Bryn Athyn Church Elementary School representatives to present their updated plans to Borough Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT - None

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Steve Gray submitted the following report for August 2022:

Alarms	08
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	12
Assist Other Police Agencies	42
Miscellaneous Activity	78
Public Service Calls / Assist Citizens	02
Special Traffic Details	05
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	12
Traffic Citations	81
Vehicle Accidents	04
Vehicle Investigations	107

On Tuesday August 3rd at 2:04am, police stopped a vehicle in the area of Byberry & Buck Road to investigate a suspended vehicle registration. Further investigation resulted in the vehicle being impounded and a search warrant issued due to suspected drugs that were inside of the vehicle. The search of the vehicle resulted in finding 96 grams of marijuana, along with a loaded Glock 9mm handgun that was underneath a child safety seat. The driver of the vehicle, a 22-year-old male resident of Philadelphia, did not have a permit to carry a concealed firearm. A warrant was issued for the driver's arrest and on August 15th, the male driver turned himself into police and was charged with Carrying a Firearm Without a License, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and also for several traffic violations. The male was unable to make bail and was transported to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility in Eagleville.

On Saturday August 13th at 10:11am, police responded to the 1200 block of Cathedral Road to take a report of theft from a vehicle which occurred sometime overnight. Items were taken from inside of the vehicle

On Saturday August 13th at 12:41pm, police responded to the 2800 block of Quarry Road to take a report of theft from two vehicles which occurred overnight. Items were taken from inside of the vehicles.

On Sunday August 14th at 6:05pm, police conducted a vehicle stop at 1800 Byberry Road to investigate an expired registration. Police learned that the driver, a 35-year-old female resident of Philadelphia, was wanted on an active Philadelphia Probation Warrant. The wanted person was taken into custody without incident and turned over to the Philadelphia Warrant Unit.

On Thursday August 25th at 2:23pm, police responded to the Masons Mill Business Park Building #11 to assist Fire and EMS with a 64-year-old man whose leg was stuck between his car seat and his wheelchair. The Emergency Responders were able to free the man's leg. The man was transported to Abington Hospital for further evaluation.

Chief Gray reported that Montgomery County will coordinate Active Shooter Training for all County police departments to ensure that all officers receive the same training.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Mayor Ken Schauder reported 37 Fire Calls in August, 26 in Lower Moreland, 7 in Bryn Athyn and 4 in other municipalities; 169 EMS Calls in August, 102 in Lower Moreland, 11 in Bryn Athyn. There were 100 Transports in August, 66 in Lower Moreland, 10 in Bryn Athyn. Scratches in August: 14.

Mayor Schauder reported that a second ambulance crew is available and responded 22 times this year. It was noted that Bryn Athyn Ambulance is providing much more mutual aid this year.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Schauder reported that the team met in July. The next meeting is scheduled on July 14. The new Academy of the New Church Safety Director will attend the meeting.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

2023 MMO

Manager Vikki Trost reported that the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation of the Borough for the Police Pension Fund is zero dollars. No state aid will be received next year as a result.

Workers Compensation Insurance

Act 108 of 2020 is now in effect. It adds clarifications of members of fire companies to the Workers Compensation Act and states under what circumstances each type of member is eligible for workers compensation coverage. The issue is coverage of "Participating Members" who provide necessary operational support and do not respond to emergency calls. If the Borough will cover these members with workers compensation insurance, then the insurance company will require a resolution of Borough Council at the beginning of each workers compensation policy year.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that he and Vikki Trost will meeting tomorrow with Manager Chris Hoffman and David Sirken, President of the Lower Moreland Board of Commissioners, to continue the work on creating the position of Chief of Emergency Services for both municipalities.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

PECO Issues

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that Manager Vikki Trost is working with PECO to remove unused utility poles. It was also reported that PECO has not yet found the gas leak on Woodland Road.

Alden Road Improvements

Mr. Pennink asked Borough Engineer Nick Rose to distribute the updated plan with the requested changed to Borough Council.

Municipal Building Area Drainage Improvements

Mr. Pennink reported that the bid specifications have been advertised and that contractors will submit bids on the PennBid website. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be scheduled for contractors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Duane Hyatt reported that the committee met in August and discussed the ARPA funding projects: Sewage Treatment Plant Generator and Municipal Building Drainage.

Mr. Hyatt noted that Joe Duda, the police pension actuary will attend the October Finance Committee meeting to report on the pension plan. The 2023 Budget Calendar was distributed to members of Council. Members of the Budget Committee include Duane Hyatt, Jeff Elsing, Glenn Gurney, Chris Carter and Vikki Trost. Departments will present their 2023 budget requests on October 18. All department heads should submit their budget requests to Vikki Trost by September 30.

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 August. Two (2) Building Permits were issued. One (1) Grading Permit was issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Annual DEP inspections were completed in August. No issues were reported. Flow meters were inspected.

Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that the electrical engineer has recommended a period of time to determine the electric load for the new generator; an electrician will be hired to determine the load. The Sewer Committee will meet on October 19.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pennink reported that he met with Susan Asplundh to request completion of the sidewalk restoration on Alnwick Road as soon as possible.

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Lee Moorhead asked Council to consider safety in the new school building in light of school shooting violence reports. Ken Schauder reported that the Emergency Management Team has reviewed safety in all Bryn Athyn schools and has identified weaknesses to each school.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary