



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

COUNCIL CHAMBER
November 5, 2018

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
Aurette Genzlinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Bradley E. Cranch, Stephen Gray, Reid Heinrichs, Derek Zecher, R. Scott Cooper, Mayor Ken Schauder. Solicitor Rex Herder was excused.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for October was \$31,068.41. General Fund Expenses were \$201,176.61. Net Income was (\$170,108.20).

Sewer Fund Revenue for October was \$150.00. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$27,901.66. Net Income was (\$27,751.66).

Today PLGIT paid 1.95%. PLGIT I-Class paid 2.14%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	69.16	in Real Estate Tax receipts
\$	6,288.76	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$	585.97	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$	2,940.00	in Transfer Tax receipts
\$	1,374.71	in PURTA Tax receipts
\$	5,691.00	in Building Permit receipts
\$	387.57	in Fines
\$	15.00	in Police Report receipts
\$	12,000.00	in Reimbursement from BA Fire Company
\$	1,488.24	in Insurance Dividends
\$	84.00	in Copy receipts

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$	150.00	in Lower Moreland Pass-through receipts
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TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector, Bradley Cranch reported \$11,895.05 in Real Estate Taxes collected in October; \$28,331.10 remains uncollected.

BILLS

On a motion by Duane Hyatt, seconded by Jeffrey Elsing, 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 - None

MAYOR’S REPORT - None

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

Police Chief Stephen Gray reported the following activity for October 2018:

Citations Issued: Traffic: 62 Non-Traffic: 00	62
Alarms	15
Animal complaints	02
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	09
Assist other Police Agencies	42
Assist Citizens / Public Service calls	10
Miscellaneous Complaints	110
Special Traffic Details	30
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	13
Vehicle Accidents	14
Vehicle Investigations / Warnings Issued	108

On Saturday October 6th, Bryn Athyn Fire Police assisted with traffic for the first annual Nicole's Place 5k Walk/Run. Nicole's Place provides support to individuals and families in Eastern Montgomery County who have been impacted by domestic violence.

On Monday October 8th at 12:01pm., police conducted a vehicle stop for traffic violations observed in the 3000 block of Huntingdon Pike. The investigation resulted in the arrest of a 41-year-old male resident of Philadelphia for driving without the court ordered ignition interlock device on his vehicle. The subject was also charged for driving while under suspension DUI Related.

On Wednesday October 10th at 10:00pm, police stopped a vehicle in the 3000 block of Huntingdon Pike to investigate an expired registration. The investigation resulted in a DUI arrest of a 30-year-old male resident of Huntingdon Valley. The subjects BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) was 0.17%

On Thursday October 11th at 2:20am, police conducted a vehicle stop in the 3000 Block of Huntingdon Pike which resulted in a DUI arrest of a 39-year-old male resident of Philadelphia. The subject refused to take a blood test and was charged with DUI.

On Saturday October 13th, Bryn Athyn Fire Police assisted with traffic for the Bob Eide Annual Run. We are very fortunate to have our Bryn Athyn Fire Police, who volunteer their time to assist our community.

On Tuesday October 30th at 8:52am, police conducted a vehicle stop in the area of Huntingdon Pike and Cathedral Road to investigate a vehicle with an expired registration. The investigation resulted in several citations issued, including driving with an expired

vehicle registration, driving with counterfeit inspection stickers and driving without vehicle insurance.

On Wednesday October 31st, police handed out candy to the kids while patrolling the streets on Halloween night. While on patrol, police responded to the 2600 block of South Avenue at 7:48pm to investigate a report of a suspicious trick or treater who was invited into a home to receive candy at 7:30pm. The trick or treater, described as a tall skinny male dressed as a scarecrow, proceeded to wander around the inside of the home, including walking up the stairs to the second floor without the resident's permission. The trick or treater then returned to the first floor, took the candy that was offered to him and left the home. The home owner did not find anything missing in the home. Police checked the area, but were unable to locate the suspicious person.

Chief Gray presented the Traffic Safety Officer of the Year for 2016-2017 to Officer Ken Johnson.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Fire Chief Derek Zecher reported that October was the fifth busiest month for the year with 24 Fire Calls, 5 in Bryn Athyn; and 126 EMS Calls with 88 patients transported.

Chief Zecher noted that typically there is an increase in vehicle accidents this time of year and cautioned drivers to take extra care.

Chief Zecher reported that there have been more water rescues this year than fires. Huntingdon Valley Fire Company intends to acquire a "Deuce and a Half" in early 2019, a military vehicle that can be used for water rescues rather than using a boat. The Chief noted that it is extremely dangerous to put rescuers in the water.

The Fire Company held their bi-annual banquet in October at the Huntingdon Valley Country Club.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Sewer Delinquencies Update

Portnoff has reported that all three of the delinquent accounts have made payment. We should be receiving payment from Portnoff soon. Unfortunately, none of those property owners have made payments on current bills, so they will be again turned over to Portnoff.

Audit

A Workers Comp audit was performed last month for the period ending 7/19/18.

Aqua PA

Aqua PA submitted a plan to replace water mains on Alnwick Road and Cathedral Road, but withdrew the plan since both roads have been repaved less than five years ago. They will resubmit in a few years.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeff Elsing offered congratulations to Officer Ken Johnson for his Traffic Safety Officer award.

New Signs

Mr. Elsing reported that the "Your Speed Is..." signs have arrived. These signs were funded by \$13,500 in donations from Borough residents and Walsh Construction, the project management firm overseeing the Philmont Avenue bridge replacement for PADOT.

Ashley Road

President Elsing reported that Borough Council has received many comments from residents affected by the Ashley Road safety concerns. The Public Safety Committee recommended to Council that the first step taken will be installation of signs to regulate traffic away from Ashley Road during school opening and closing. "No Turn" signs specifying *when the school crossing lights are flashing*, will be placed on Tomlinson Road approaching Ashley from both directions. "Do Not Enter" from 7:30-8:30, 12:00 to 1:00 and 2:30 to 3:30, will be posted on Waverly Lane at Ashley Road. It was noted that approximately 90% of the Ashley Road traffic is drivers cutting through from Tomlinson Road to Buck Road to avoid the stop sign at the Buck & Tomlinson intersection. It was noted that Ashley Road residents may enter the road at any time. A notice about the signs will be put in the Bryn Athyn Post.

A single speed bump was discussed on Tomlinson Road between the two Bryn Athyn Elementary School driveways. Mr. Pennink suggested installing a raised sidewalk in front of the school. Nick Rose will review the suggestion.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alden Road

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that Public Works will paint lines at the top of Alden Road at Huntingdon Pike to delineate an area for children to walk on their way to school.

Alden Road Resident Bennet Dunlap offered to look into how Lower Moreland Township gets grant funding for projects.

Concerns were raised about additional traffic in the Borough from a new Lower Moreland housing development near Tomlinson Road and Pine Road.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

General Fund Budget for 2019

Chairman Duane Hyatt reported that the 2019 Budget has been completed by the Finance Committee and noted the following points:

1. Police budget is decreased by 3.5% from 2018. Chief Gray is working to reduce costs by using more part-time police officers.
2. Public Works budget is increased 33% to permit Mr. Pennink to maintain and build better roads.
3. The Committee recommends creating a Capital Improvement Reserve Fund to build a fund for needed improvements. \$31,000 is allocated for 2019.
4. Mr. Pennink's road maintenance plan will give about 5 additional years to roads.
5. \$15,000 is allocated to the study for Alden Road improvements.
6. Health insurance did not see much of an increase.
7. Salaries were increased 3% per the Police Contract.

Mr. Hyatt reported that there is a small surplus with no tax increase, however the Committee agreed that a small increase to create a capital improvement reserve was prudent. The tax increase proposed is 1.5%, with all of the increase going into the new Capital Improvement Reserve Fund. The proposed 2019 Budget is \$1,635,224.

Sewer Fund Budget for 2019

Mr. Hyatt reported that projected expenses for 2019 are 2% lower than 2018. The proposed budget is balanced at \$417,301. Revenue allocations to Categories 2, 3 and 4 will be inserted before the budget is adopted in December because the Sewer Committee has not yet finished the calculations. The calculations will be based on a better methodology developed by the Finance Committee, special thanks to Chris Carter, which

will more accurately allocate costs of treatment based on actual inflow into the plant and actual costs to process both liquids and solids.

Mr. Pennink asked if funds need to be allocated for the 2800 Quarry Road sewage issues, however Mr. Gurney answered no.

Mr. Hyatt noted that \$75,000 would again be budgeted for capital upgrades to the sewage treatment plant.

Debt Service Fund Budget 2019

The debt service for the General Obligation Bonds (*Sewer Collection System Construction*) and General Obligation Note (*Fire Truck and Dump Truck*) is budgeted at \$138,778.

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 were no Zoning Permit application approved in October. Three (3) Building Permits were issued. No Grading Permits were issued.

ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The Zoning Ordinance Committee met to discuss the concerns from the October 1, 2018 public hearing. Solicitor Herder is working with the Lord's New Church to measure the "A" Residential area on Masons Mill Road. Mr. Herder's recommendations to the Zoning Ordinance Committee will be forwarded to members of Council.

On a motion by Ric Asplundh, seconded by Aurelle Genzlinger, Council voted unanimously to instruct the Secretary to advertise a continuation of the Public Hearing at the December 3, 2018 meeting of Borough Council.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Sycamore Road Pump Station

Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that the pump station shed is complete and that more insulation will be added next year. The sound and odor issues have been resolved.

2800 Quarry Road

An update on the situation has been sent to PA DEP along with the owner's engineer's recommendations.

Equalization Project

The project is scheduled to begin the last week of November.

Sewage Treatment Plant

PA DEP conducted a spot inspection today. They noted a few minor items.

A volunteer clean-up day at the plant will be scheduled for the early spring 2019.

ANC Land Lease Addendum

The land lease for the sewage treatment plant requires an amendment to extend the leased ground area to allow the installation of the holding tanks for the equalization project.

On a motion by Ric Asplundh, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted to approve the Sewage Treatment Plant Land Lease Addendum, with Mr. Hyatt abstaining due to his employment at the Academy of the New Church.

Sycamore Pump Station Easement

Mr. Gurney explained that the current easement for the pump station needs to be redone because the easement is not correct. The pump station manhole was installed outside of the easement area and so the shed is also outside of the easement. Mr. Gurney has spoken with the adjoining property owners and will see that the easement is corrected. Council agreed to proceed with the easement correction.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS

Borough Safety Committee

Scott Cooper reported that the Safety Committee has been recertified with the PA Department of Labor and Industry which gives the Borough a 5% workers compensation insurance premium discount.

The Committee recommended removing the exit sign over the door behind the Council table in Borough Hall because there is not a safe exit area outside of the door. A new light was installed in it's place to provide additional light during a power outage.

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR – None

Mr. Elsing noted that tomorrow is Election Day and he urged all to vote.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary