



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

***COUNCIL CHAMBER***  
**October 5, 2020**

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

**MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Glenn Gurney  
Ric Asplundh  
Jeffrey Elsing

Brent McCurdy  
Duane D. Hyatt  
Aurelle Genzlinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Bradley E. Cranch, Stephen Gray, Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder, Nick Rose, Russell Cooper, Lach Brown. Councilman Mark Pennink was excused.

**MINUTES**

*On a motion by Duane Hyatt, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimous approval of the September minutes.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

General Fund Revenue for August was \$46,801.71. General Fund Expenses were \$220,064.22 Net Income was -\$173,262.51.

Sewer Fund Revenue for August was \$180.88. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$29,209.17. Net Income was -\$29,028.29.

Today PLGIT-Class paid .01%. PLGIT Reserve-Class paid .08%. PLGIT Prime paid .23%

The second page of this report shows the cash balances to date. Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$	37,232.26	Earned Income Tax
\$	8,717.55	Local Services Tax
\$	57.29	Fines
\$	775.50	Building Permits

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$	155.88	Interest Income
\$	25.00	Sewer Certification Fee

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Tax Collector, Bradley Cranch reported \$8,954.32 in Real Estate Taxes collected in September; \$38,416.32 remains uncollected.

**BILLS**

**GENERAL FUND BILLS**

21 <sup>st</sup> Century Media	\$367.31
Berkheimer	89.80
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	43,949.22
Chuck’s Service Center, Inc.	255.40
DeLage Landen Financial Services	510.45
Eastburn & Gray PC	1,522.50
Frank A Malizia, Jr. Inc.	1,980.00
Joseph Bresnan, Esq.	285.00
Keystone Health Plan East	9,743.60
McDonald Uniform Company	182.97
NAPA Auto Parts	5.98
Peco Energy	1,079.01
Petty Cash RX	45.00
Petty Cash – Steve Gray	156.11
Petty Cash – Victoria Trost	87.57
ProTract Engineering Inc.	576.00
RHR Mechanical Contractors Inc.	198.00
Staples	149.30
The Vanguard Group	884.37
USA Payroll	68.11

Victoria Trost	50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$62,185.70</u></b>

**SEWER FUND BILLS**

Billows Electric Supply	\$100.23
Environmental Engineering Mgmt. Assoc.	875.00
Eurofins	1,584.88
Franc Environmental Inc.	2,026.00
Frank A. Malizia, Jr. Inc.	2,450.00
Legacy Craft LLC	200.00
MJ Reider Associates Inc.	494.00
Mac Medical Gases Inc.	28.50
McGovern Environmental LLC	225.00
PA Dept. of Environmental Protection	500.00
Peco Energy	842.33
Postmaster	165.00
Scott's Emergency Lighting & Power	476.27
SCP Distributors LLC	1,302.40
TW Reiss Inc.	7.96
USA Payroll	21.83
Verizon	78.03
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$11,377.93</u></b>

**SEPTEMBER 2020 BMO MASTERCARD BILLS**

**General Fund**

Adobe Software Subscription	\$14.99
Amazon.com	214.90
Harbor Freight Tools	102.78
EZ Key.com	13.90
USPS	55.00
LiteSource	155.53
Wix.com	139.92
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$697.02</u></b>

**Sewer Fund**

E-Rigging.com	\$39.71
BatterySharks.com	446.06
Amazon.com	127.04
Edward W Langel	84.50
STS-Mavis Tire	403.94
Manufacturers Edge	474.88
AutomationDirect.com	174.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,750.13</u></b>

*On a motion by Duane Hyatt, seconded by Glenn Gurney, 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**

Chief Steve Gray reported the following activity for September:

Alarms	09
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	06
Assist Other Police Agencies	25
Miscellaneous Activity	59
Public Service Calls / Assist Citizens	05
Special Traffic Details	00
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	15
Traffic Citations	33
Vehicle Accidents	04
Vehicle Investigations	60

On Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:23pm, police investigated a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of the Masons Mill Business Park at 3401 Masons Mill Road. Upon further investigation, police learned that the vehicle had been reported stolen. The driver, a 17-year-old male resident of Jenkintown, was taken into custody for being in possession of the stolen vehicle.

On Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:28am, police stopped a vehicle in area of Buck and Byberry Road that was driving with a defective muffler. Upon further investigation, police took the driver of the vehicle, an 18-year-old male resident of Philadelphia into custody for unlawfully possessing a handgun while being a convicted felon, possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.

On Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:29am, police responded to 3501 Masons Mill Road to investigate a call for a Fight In-Progress that involved two motorists. Upon arrival, police were advised by the involved parties that a fight had ensued when one driver yelled to the other driver to learn how to drive, at which time both drivers exited their vehicles and punched each other several times. In an effort to end the fight, one of the motorists got back into his vehicle to leave the scene, but accidentally put the vehicle into reverse instead of drive and in doing so, he ran the rear of his vehicle into a tree, which caused damage to his vehicle and ruined the small tree. The 43-year-old resident of

Abington and the 69-year-old resident of Chalfont apologized to each other and refused to press charges against one another.

On Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:23pm, police conducted a vehicle stop on a vehicle not displaying a registration plate in the area of Huntingdon Pike and Alnwick Road. Upon investigation, police searched the vehicle due to the strong odor of marijuana emitting from the inside of the vehicle and also the driver stating that there were drugs inside of the vehicle. The search resulted in the confiscation of drugs, drug paraphernalia and also a handgun that the driver was not allowed to carry concealed in the vehicle due to not having a license to carry a firearm. The 21-year-old male resident of Jenkintown was taken into custody for the violations.

On Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:40 am, police took ten (10) reports of thefts from vehicles that had occurred sometime overnight. The thefts occurred on Ashley, Dale and Waverly Roads. In all cases, the vehicles had been left either unlocked or with windows down prior to the thefts occurring.

On Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 3pm, police responded to the 2900 block of Cherry Lane to take a report of fraud. The resident learned that someone had opened up a Verizon account in her name in January of 2018 and had charged \$2,797 to the account. The resident only learned of this when she was contacted by a collection agency requesting for her to pay the money owed to the account. This case is currently under investigation.

On Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:47am, police assisted the Bryn Athyn Fire Company investigating a chimney fire in the 600 block of Tomlinson Road. The fire was extinguished by the Fire Company, who determined that the fire had been caused by a chimney that had not been cleaned and had been blocked due to the excess of soot.

On Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:40pm, police conducted a vehicle stop to investigate a fictitious temporary registration that was displayed on the vehicle in the area of Huntingdon Pike and Cathedral Road. While attempting to stop the vehicle, police observed the driver throwing a small package out of the window and into the street. The vehicle was stopped on Spur Road and the package was recovered by police. The package contained 15 packets of heroin with the word "Sticky" stamped on the packets. Police also smelled a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside of the vehicle. After a search of the vehicle, police took the driver, a 25-year-old resident of Philadelphia into custody and charged him with Possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Driving with a suspended license, Expired Registration, Driving with no Vehicle Insurance and operating a vehicle without inspection. The driver was arraigned on the following day by Judge Cersky and then transported to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

## **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Mayor Ken Schauder reported 35 Fire Calls in September, 29 in Lower Moreland, 4 in Bryn Athyn and 2 in other municipalities; 121 EMC Calls in September, 53 in Lower Moreland and 6 in Bryn Athyn.

Mayor Schauder reported that a paid EMT/Firefighter tested positive for COVID-19 and was immediately quarantined. Six additional employees were quarantined and the Fire House was shut down until October 15, 2020. Mutual aid companies will provide coverage for the station until October 8, 2020. BAFC is following guidelines which are more stringent than the current CDC Guidelines.

President Lach Brown reported that the 2021 Budget Request has been forwarded to the Borough Treasurer.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Mayor Schauder reported that the EM Committee has not met since March. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7. Mayor Schauder noted that Scott Cooper has resigned from the Committee.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None**

## **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **2020 General Election**

Vikki Trost reported that the Montgomery County Election Board has confirmed that in-person voting for the 2020 General Election will be held in Borough Hall.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

### **School Opening**

Bryn Athyn College - Mask restrictions will be in place while on campus. Elementary and High Schools will open over the next two weeks.

### **Halloween**

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that the Public Safety Committee has offered recommendations for Halloween will be put in the BA Post, Facebook and the Borough website.

### **Borough Park**

Mr. Elsing reported that the Committee discussed the recent request from a Borough resident to hold a wedding in the Borough Park. The Committee is working on a new permit form.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - None**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Duane Hyatt reported that the Committee met in September to begin work on the 2021 Budgets. Budgets should be submitted to Vikki Trost as soon as possible.

**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 two (2) Zoning Permit applications approved in August. One Zoning permit was denied. Eight (8) Building Permits were issued. Two (2) Grading Permits were issued.

An application was made to the Zoning Hearing Board as a result of a permit denial. The hearing will be held on October 27 at 7:00pm in Borough Hall.

**SEWER ADMINISTRATOR**

Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that the Verizon conduit will be installed in the next two to three weeks. The plant is running smoothly. Reid Heinrichs is working on the budget.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER**

Nick Rose reported that the MS4 permit application has been submitted to PA DEP.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Hyatt asked for an update on the Fetters Mill Bridge Renovation. Lach Brown reported that Peco has moved electric lines from the bridge and Verizon needs to move their utility lines.

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None**

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost  
Secretary