



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

***COUNCIL CHAMBER
May 6, 2019***

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, Bradley E. Cranch, Stephen Gray, Derek Zecher, R. Scott Cooper, Mayor Ken Schauder. Councilman Ric Asplundh and Solicitor Rex Herder were excused.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for April was \$501,729.98. General Fund Expenses were \$109,263.17. Net Income was \$392,466.81.

Sewer Fund Revenue for April was \$155.00. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$32,403.89. Net Income was -\$32,248.89.

Today PLGIT paid 2.23%. PLGIT I-Class paid 2.36%.

Included in the General Fund cash receipts were:

\$ 476,585.93	in Current Real Estate Tax receipts
\$ 1,184.50	in Liened Real Estate Tax receipts
\$ 15,995.57	in Earned income Tax receipts
\$ 657.84	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$ 2,144.82	in Fines
\$ 2,956.00	in Building Permit receipts
\$ 15.00	in Police Report receipts
\$ 225.00	in Zoning Permit receipts
\$ 75.00	in Grading Permit receipts
\$ 300.00	in PA Beverage Permit receipts
\$ 1,516.32	in Insurance Dividend receipts
\$ 20.00	in Fireworks donations

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$ 155.00	in Lower Moreland Usage Fees
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TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector, Bradley Cranch reported \$175,973.81 in Real Estate Taxes collected in April; \$100,741.00 remains uncollected.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

A & T Auto and Truck Repair	\$401.05
Academy of the New Church	900.40
Aqua PA – Park Fountain	17.42
Aqua PA – Fire Hydrants	2,651.25
Armour & Sons Electric, Inc	4,250.00
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	203.44
Building Inspection Underwriters	21,329.60
Davidheiser’s Inc.	30.00
DeLage Landon – Police Copier	86.00
DeLage Landon Financial Services	136.95

Dischell Bartle Dooley	30.00
Eastburn & Gray PC	3,450.00
Frank A. Malizia, Jr., Inc.	400.00
Home Depot	40.94
John P. Fraunces, Ed.D.	165.00
Ken Johnson	63.33
Kevin Green	67.98
Keystone Health Plan East	10,096.36
Lower Moreland Township	5,663.00
Lowe's	60.50
McDonald Uniform Company	149.97
Peco Energy – Street Lights	959.26
Peco Energy – Traffic Signals	99.78
Petty Cash RX	288.08
Petty Cash Steve Gray	252.58
PSAB	45.00
Shapiro Fire Protection Co.	36.67
Staples	273.12
Stephanie Doman	56.80
TGI Office Automation	35.39
The Vanguard Group	782.57
USA Payroll	26.13
Verizon Wireless	172.40
Victoria Trost - cellphone	50.00
Wawa Wright Express Gasoline	<u>804.54</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$54,209.10</u>

SEWER FUND BILLS

Academy of the New Church	935.45
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	32.52
Cranch Landscapers LLC	5,640.00
DeLage Landen Financial Services	112.05
Eastburn & Gray PC	225.00
FlowTech, LLC	375.00
Frank A. Malizia, Jr. Inc.	1,920.00
Gilmore & Associates	125.00
Home Depot	983.85
Keystone Health Plan East	998.28
Kopyna & Turner Plumbing	3,609.00
Lower Moreland Township	155.00
MJ Reider Associates, Inc.	794.00
Mac Medical Gases, Inc.	3.50
McMaster-Carr Supply Co.	414.27

Peco Energy	264.92
Peco Energy	114.46
Postmaster	165.00
SCP Distributors LLC	1,703.90
UMHJSA	6,744.27
USA Blue Book	100.98
USA Payroll	138.74
Verizon	38.96
Verizon	41.90
Verizon Wireless	54.96
Wawa – Wright Express	<u>101.13</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$25,792.14</u>

DEBT SERVICE BILLS

Wilmington Trust Company	<u>\$6,630.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$6,630.00</u>

BMO MASTERCARD CHARGES

General Fund

Adobe Software	\$13.59
Weather Tech	73.25
Amazon.com	<u>110.67</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$197.51</u>

Sewer Fund

American Process Equipment	\$651.25
Amazon.com	195.58
PayPal CFI Industries	22.50
Simply Pumps	<u>53.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$922.33</u>

On a motion by Duane Hyatt, seconded by Mark Pennink, Council unanimously voted to authorize payment of the bills as shown on the above list, which is made a part of these minutes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jeff Elsing reported that Vikki Trost forwarded request from an individual who wanted to exercise his privilege under the PA Right-to-Know law. The individual claimed to be a voter and donor and requested all of Mr. Elsing's emails for the past month. The request was forwarded to Solicitor Herder who gave the appropriate response to the individual. Mr. Elsing recommended that if any other members of Council receive a similar request that they forward the request to Vikki Trost.

MAYOR'S REPORT - None**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Steve Gray reported the following activity for April:

Alarms	18
Animal Complaints	01
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	05
Assist Other Police Agencies	47
Assist Citizens / Public Service Calls	07
Miscellaneous Complaints	83
Special Traffic Details	23
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	12
Traffic Citations	51
Vehicle Accidents	03
Vehicle Investigations / Warnings Issued	85

On Monday April 1st at 5:14pm, police responded to 1800 Byberry Road to take a report of Road Rage at the Masons Mill Business Park. The investigation resulted in Police charging a 68-year-old male resident of Willow Grove with Harassment and Trespass by Motor Vehicle.

On Friday April 12th at 5:22pm, police responded to the 3400 block of Masons Mill Road to investigate a four-vehicle accident. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of a 56-year-old female resident of Bryn Athyn for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol. The defendant's BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) was 0.29%.

On Friday April 12th at 8:45pm, police responded to the 2700 block of South Avenue to assist Bryn Athyn Ambulance with a 38-year-old male resident of Bryn Athyn who had overdosed on drugs and alcohol. While on location, the subject became combative and had to be restrained due to trying to bite and punch the medics.

On Friday April 12th at 10:07pm, police responded to the 2500 block of Woodland Road to take a report of suspicious circumstances. The complainant advised police that she could not locate her vodka and bourbon liquor bottles. It was later determined that a relative was responsible for consuming the liquor without the home owner's permission. The complainant did not wish to press charges for theft of the liquor.

On Tuesday April 23rd at 12:56pm, police attempted to stop a vehicle South on Huntingdon Pike in the area of Buck Road due to an expired vehicle registration. The vehicle refused to stop and drove at a high rate of speed and into the opposing lane of traffic. For the safety of the other drivers, police terminated the pursuit of the vehicle. The same vehicle was used one week later to commit a strong-armed robbery at a Burger King in Bucks County. The driver of the vehicle is still at large.

On Monday April 29th at 4:35pm, police conducted a vehicle stop in the 3400 block of Masons Mill Road to investigate counterfeit inspection stickers that were displayed on the vehicle. The stop resulted in the arrest of a 29-year-old male resident of Philadelphia for a bench warrant out of the City of Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Sheriff's Department responded and took the subject into custody.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Mayor Ken Schauder and Fire Company President Lach Brown presented annual scholarship awards to three children of Fire Company members to further their education. Rachel Radcliff, Sarah Jaslow and Derek Weiss each received \$1,000 scholarship awards.

Mayor Schauder reported that Dave Jaslow, EMS Chief, is currently in Australia at an International Conference presenting a program on Water Rescues.

Fire Company President Lach Brown reported that the PA DCED report on a merger of Huntingdon Valley and Bryn Athyn Fire Companies was received last month. Before the report was received, Huntingdon Valley Fire Company announced at a planning meeting that they are no longer interested in the merger. Mr. Brown reported that Lower Moreland is now reviewing the report and the report was distributed to Council for review.

Fire Chief Derek Zecher reported on activity for March and April:

33 Fire Calls in March, 4 in Bryn Athyn

29 Fire Calls in April, 7 in Bryn Athyn

108 EMS Calls in March, 80 transports

107 EMS Calls in April, 71 transports

Chief Zecher reported that the Fire Company assisted in numerous vehicle rescues in April, responded to three woods fires, in addition to accidents and house fires in Lower Moreland and Bucks County.

EMS Week is May 19-25, 2019. The Fire Company will hold an Open House on Wednesday, May 22. The new ambulance will be officially placed in service, tours of the fire station and food will be the highlight of the open house.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Ken Schauder reported that he attended a program sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Health System. The speaker, who was involved with the Las Vegas shooting response, presented information that was learned from the incident.

Mr. Schauder reported that he, Chief Steve Gray and Cpl. Doug Hotchkiss will attend a two-day conference this week in Whitpain Township.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Byberry Road Bridge

Vikki Trost reported that construction on the stone arch bridge began on April 1. She attended two consulting party meetings at the site to review stone and pointing style samples for the bridge work. PennDOT is making every effort to retain the historic character of the bridge. Unfortunately, none of the rehabilitation work will address the flooding at the bridge.

July 4th Fireworks

The contract for fireworks has been executed. International Fireworks has offered July 13 as a rain date. The weekend following July 4th is already booked. If this date does not work, we can select another time during the year, perhaps Labor Day Weekend.

2018 Liquid Fuels Audit

The Audit Report for the PA Liquid Fuels Fund for the year 2018 is available for review. There were no findings.

Dog Licenses

Employees from the Pennsylvania State Dog Warden Department will be going door to door in various areas of Montgomery County this week. They will check on dog licenses and rabies vaccinations. State employees will be in full uniform and drive state trucks marked State Dog Warden.

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

Vikki Trost attended a roundtable discussion hosted by Congresswoman Madeline Dean today on the issue of PFAS which have been found in Horsham, Upper Dublin and Warminster Townships at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station and Johnsville Naval Air Development Center.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Part-time Police Officer

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that Alexis Nagel was sworn-in last week as part-time police officer. Officer Nagel passed the requisite physical and psychological tests and has begun training with BAPD.

July 4th Fireworks

Mr. Elsing reported that Ken Schauder prepared a map of a new route for the Fourth of July parade around Benade Circle. The Academy has granted permission to hold the fireworks on the ANC property. It was noted that more portable toilets may be needed. Mr. Elsing announced that Brian Cooper has stepped down as emcee for the parade and a new emcee is needed. It was suggested that Glen Henderson may be interested in the position. Mr. Elsing asked for volunteers for the Fireworks Committee. Mr. Schauder volunteered to organize the parade. More committee members are needed. Mr. Elsing will contact Glen Henderson. The relay races will be cancelled without a volunteer to organize them.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that he is waiting for paving bid results from Lower Moreland Township and the Alden Road report from Borough Engineer Nick Rose.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - None

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 three (3) Zoning Permit applications were received in April. Twelve (12) Building Permits were issued. Two (2) Grading Permits were issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Glenn Gurney reported that a potential clog in the sewer main on Tomlinson Road is being investigated. The sidewalk or roadway between Ashley and Buck Roads may need to be excavated to determine the problem which resulted in a back-up into a home on Tomlinson Road.

Mr. Gurney invited members of Council to a tour of the Sewage Treatment Plant to view the recent Equalization and Digester Tank upgrades.

Mr. Gurney reported that the Sewer Committee is investigating the possibility of replacing the back-up blower (circa 1964) since the equalization project did come in under budget.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilor Aurelle Genzlinger reported that she has been contacted by members of the community with concerns about unsightly “5G” cell towers and the possibility of the towers being located within the Borough. Mrs. Genzlinger suggested that Council may want to address the issue with a zoning ordinance amendment in advance of a possible tower placement. President Elsing will contact Solicitor Herder regarding this issue.

Scott Cooper commented that the County has purchased new voting machines to be implemented at the Primary Elections on May 21. The new voting machines will use a paper ballot. Those not able to use a paper ballot will be able to create a ballot with a touch screen device.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Recent PA One Call markings on Alnwick Road will be investigated. There is no utility work planned. Vikki Trost will contact Aqua PA.

Mayor Schauder asked if the Borough really wants to recycle trash. Mr. Schauder stated that the Borough could save money by not recycling. Because of our population we may not be required to recycle. Since we are currently under contract with Republic Services, this could be considered next year with an alternate bid request in the joint contract with Lower Moreland or the Borough would need to conduct the bid process separately. Mr. Elsing will look into the recycling questions. Vikki Trost will contact Lower Moreland and Republic Services.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Council’s next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary