



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

COUNCIL CHAMBER
November 7, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Elsing at 7:30p.m. The following were present:

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Glenn Gurney
Ric Asplundh
Jeffrey Elsing
Duane D. Hyatt

Brent McCurdy
Mark Pennink
Aurelle Genzlinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Bradley E. Cranch, Glenn A. Coffin, Reid Heinrichs, Solicitor R. Rex Herder. Mayor Ken Schauder, Chief Derek Zecher and Scott Cooper were excused in order to attend mandatory training at the fire house.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Vikki Trost reported that General Fund Revenue for October was \$97,146.13. General Fund Expenses were \$221,810.32. Net Income was -\$124,810.32.

Sewer Fund Revenue for October was \$255.16. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$9,796.50.

Net Income was \$-9,541.44.

Today PLGIT paid .28%. PLGIT I-Class paid .43%.

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

\$ 25,480.00	in Transfer Tax receipts
\$ 7,148.13	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$ 519.29	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$ 182.66	in Interest income
\$ 1,489.12	in PURTA receipts
\$ 43,746.46	in Police Pension State Aid receipts
\$ 13,305.03	in Volunteer Fire Relief State Aid receipts
\$ 1,645.00	in Building Permit receipts
\$ 160.00	in Zoning Permit receipts
\$ 120.00	in Road Opening Permit receipts
\$ 50.00	in Grading Permit receipts
\$ 546.16	in Fines
\$ 1,151.28	in Insurance Dividends
\$ 1,553.00	in Centennial Donations

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$ 145.16	in Lower Moreland Pass-through Usage receipts
\$ 25.00	in Sewer Certification receipts
\$ 85.00	in Category 2 Sewer receipts

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector, Bradley Cranch reported \$5,363.82 in Real Estate Taxes collected in October; \$38,884.34 remains uncollected.

BILLS

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Jeff Elsing reported that Officer Steve Gray passed the Sergeant’s exam and that Mayor Schauder would swear him in to that position tonight. Mayor Ken Schauder administered the oath of office to the new Sergeant Stephen Gray with his family and friends in attendance.

On a motion by Ric Asplundh, seconded by Aurelle Genzlinger, Council voted unanimously in favor to appoint Officer Stephen M. Gray to the position of Sergeant in the Bryn Athyn Police Department.

Mr. Elsing then asked Chief Coffin to present a plaque from the Police Department to Reed Asplundh acknowledging his 26 years of service to the Borough as a member of the Civil Service Commission. Mr. Asplundh was recognized for a job very well done.

President Elsing presented service awards to members of the Police Department:

- Glenn Coffin 35 years
- Dennis Burns 20 years
- Stephen Gray 20 years

MAYOR’S REPORT

In the absence of Mayor Ken Schauder, Mr. Elsing reported that it was a great Centennial celebration at the bridge/post office last month, thanking Aurelle Genzlinger, Vikki Trost and the Centennial Committee for a successful day.

The Mayor participated in a Strategic Planning Session for the Pennypack Trust last month. The Trust’s mission statement and policies were reviewed. David Robertson, Executive Director, plans to retire next year. A search for his replacement is underway.

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Glenn Coffin reported the following activity for October:

Citations Issued: Traffic 25, Non Traffic 1	26
Alarms	14
Assist to Bryn Athyn Fire/Ambulance	1
Assist other Police Agencies	44
Assist Citizens	13

Complaints concerning Animals	5
Reports of Suspicious Circumstances	12
Special Traffic Details	27
Miscellaneous Complaints	106
Vehicles checked for Ownership or warned for Motor Violations	56
Vehicle Accidents	8

On October 1st at 11:43am, police responded to the 3000 block of Buck Road for a report of harassment.

On October 4th at 10:59am, police responded to the 2600 block of Alden Road for an unwanted person. A male was requested to leave the property at that time. No charges filed.

On October 10th & 16th, police responded to the 2500 block of Woodland Road for a report of harassment.

On October 12th, police charged a 20 year old Huntingdon Valley man with Disorderly Conduct after a small quantity of marijuana was found in his vehicle during an accident investigation.

On October 13th at 11:00pm, police received a report of a missing juvenile from the ANC campus. Subject was later located at his older brother's residence in Philadelphia.

On October 15th, police responded to the 2500 block of Woodland Road for a report of a disturbance between landlord and tenant. Tenant left without further incident.

On October 16th, police responded to a suspicious person/vehicle parked occupied behind the Bryn Athyn Post Office on next to the Pennypack Trail. Driver was warned for illegal parking and sent on his way. No charges filed.

On October 16th at 7:51pm, after stopping a vehicle on Mason's Mill Road police charged a 28 year old Philadelphia man with Possession of Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia and Vehicle Code violations after recovering items during a search.

On October 18th, police received a report of missing property from the 2500 block of Woodland Road.

On October 18th at 10:41pm, after a vehicle investigation in the parking lot of 3002 Cairnwood Drive, police charged a 21 year old Philadelphia man with Possession of Marijuana after searching the vehicle.

On October 20th at 2:57am, police observed a vehicle on Huntingdon Pike near Alden Road with expired PA registration. Vehicle was stopped and the driver of the vehicle

failed field sobriety tests and was charged with DUI after receiving lab results. BAC was .172%.

On October 20th, police responded to 1800 Byberry Road for a found bicycle.

On October 23rd, police received a delayed report of a damaged vehicle that was parked in the 2600 block of South Avenue. Complainant reported that the vehicle was damaged by a hit & run driver 10 days earlier.

On October 27th, after being contacted by Falls Township P.D., police took custody of a male from a Bryn Athyn Arrest Warrant and lodged him at Abington P.D.

On October 27th police assisted Homer P.D., New York with a suspected fraud/I.D. theft investigation involving a possible victim from the Borough.

On October 31st police assisted with a repossession of a vehicle from the 2800 block of Buck Road.

Police responded to three domestic disturbances during the month of October.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

In the absence of Chief Derek Zecher, Mr. Elsing reported 21 Fire calls in October, 15 in Lower Moreland, 3 in Bryn Athyn and 3 elsewhere. 115 EMS dispatches, 80 in Lower Moreland, 2 in Bryn Athyn and 33 in other municipalities were reported in October. 73 patients were transported to the hospital.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Borough Photo Contest

Vikki Trost reported that the entries of the Centennial Photo Contest are on display around the Council Chamber room. They have all been donated to the Borough.

Borough Hall Improvements

Vikki Trost thanked Russ Cooper and Robert Genzlinger for donating their time to replace all of the stained ceiling tiles in the Council chamber. They installed plastic sheeting to catch condensation which will prevent water staining on tiles in the future.

Sewer Grant Application

Mrs. Trost submitted a grant application for financial assistance for the Sewage Treatment Plant Blower and Equalization Improvement projects. There was a great response to the program with over 600 applications submitted requesting \$170million for a \$22 million pool of funds. The funding award decisions will happen March 23, 2017.

Election Day 2016

Tomorrow is Election Day! Don't forget to Vote!

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that the Centennial Picnic was great fun for all.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chair Mark Pennink reported that Rose Lane and a section of Fetters Mill Road were paved last month, noting that the road lines are a little off.

Mr. Pennink announced that the 2001 Dump Truck will be listed for sale in four to six weeks.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Resolution 2016-09

Mr. Hyatt reported that a resolution of Borough Council is required for the DCED Small Water and Sewer grant application.

On a motion by Ric Asplundh, seconded by Glenn Gurney, Council voted unanimously in favor authorizing Jeffrey Elsing and Duane Hyatt as designates to execute all documents in connection with the DCED Small Water and Sewer Grant application.

**BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN
RESOLUTION NO. 2016-09**

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Bryn Athyn of Montgomery County hereby requests a PA Small Water and Sewer Program grant of \$292,626 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for 2017-2018 Blower Replacement and Equalization System Installation.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Jeffrey E. Elsing, President, Bryn Athyn Borough Council and Duane D. Hyatt, Vice President, Bryn Athyn Borough Council as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Bryn Athyn and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

APPROVED, this seventh day of November in the year of Our Lord, 2016.

BOROUGH OF BRYN ATHYN

1982 Zoning Ordinance Update Committee Funding Request

Mr. Hyatt recalled that last year the Finance Committee pulled funds from the first draft of the proposed 2016 budget for the Zoning Ordinance Update. Council did appoint a committee of volunteers to begin the update work on the Zoning Ordinance this year; however the committee members did not realize that there was no funding for this year. The committee did use the services of the Borough Solicitor for the work on the ordinance spending \$8,300 which was questioned at the October meeting of Borough Council. The Finance Committee requested that a member of the Zoning Ordinance Update Committee come before Council tonight a make a request for funding. Mr. Bill Buick represented the committee explaining that the review of the 1982 Zoning Ordinance is going well with much progress made to date. The committee recognized that help was needed from the Solicitor who would normally review any ordinance before adoption. Mr. Buck requested another \$3,000 in funds for 2016 and \$5,000 to \$8,000 for 2017.

Mr. Hyatt is certain that there are reserves to cover \$11,000 in costs this year. It was agreed that it would benefit everyone to have the work completed and that having volunteers complete the project will certainly save the Borough money. Council agreed that they would not want to slow the progress now and that the right thing to do is to keep moving forward. Council agreed to allocate the funds requested for this year from Borough reserves.

2017 Budget

Mr. Hyatt reported that 2017 budget requests were submitted by the department heads. The Finance Committee has not yet seen the current budget spreadsheet which was just updated today. The first draft shows a deficit of \$38,000 with a 2.5% increase in real estate taxes. There is a savings this year in the police department budget as a result of a resignation and retirement. The committee would like to give a significant increase to Public Works to do road work and infrastructure improvements, while avoiding a large tax increase. The Committee will hear budget request presentations from the department on November 15.

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 two zoning permit applications were filed and approved in October. Seven building permits were issued.

- On October 8, 2016, the Zoning Hearing Board denied an application by the Academy of the New Church for a special exception to permit a sublease for philanthropic use for a residential property at 2790 Huntingdon Pike.

- On October 25, 2016, the Zoning Hearing Board approved an application by Shannon Good for a special exception permitting the residence at 2674 South Avenue a bed and breakfast/tourist use with conditions.
- The Zoning Hearing Board will hear testimony for an application for a special exception for two-family use of the residence at 2674 South Avenue on November 29, 2016.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Reid Heinrichs reported that he has been working on the second sodium-bicarbonate feeder which will significantly reduce costs at the sewage treatment plant.

Mr. Heinrichs contributed data for the recently submitted grant application for the PA DEP Improvement project.

The 2017 proposed Budget was submitted to the Finance Committee.

The PA DEP test results have been consistently good with the new sugar procedure at the sewage treatment plant.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chairwoman Aurelle Genzlinger reported that the Centennial Alnwick Grove Picnic went really well and that there is a long list of people to thank.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. David Nash, residing at 2917 Sycamore Road, asked Borough Council to resolve the odor problem from the Borough Pump Station on his property. Reid Heinrichs stated that he has budgeted next year for the project. Mr. Nash complained that the blower there now is very noisy and the odor is horrible on certain days. Mark Pennink noted that Council has discussed the situation up until about six months ago when it instructed Mr.

Heinrichs to do whatever was needed to resolve the problem. Mr. Nash said that the odor was particularly bad over Charter Day Weekend. Mr. Pennink requested that Reid Heinrichs report monthly to Council on the progress of the project until the problem is resolved.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR - None

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 7:30pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary