



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

***COUNCIL CHAMBER  
May 1, 2017***

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, Glenn A. Coffin, Reid Heinrichs, Derek Zecher, R. Scott Cooper, Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder. Councilman was excused.

**MINUTES**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for April was \$562,642.19. General Fund Expenses were \$119,106.25. Net Income was \$443,535.94.

Sewer Fund Revenue for April was \$460.68. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$18,219.47. Net Income was \$-17,758.79.

Today PLGIT paid .54%. PLGIT I-Class paid .72%.

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

|    |            |                                       |
|----|------------|---------------------------------------|
| \$ | 532,724.84 | in Real Estate Tax receipts           |
| \$ | 174.44     | in Transfer Tax receipts              |
| \$ | 6,623.40   | in Earned Income Tax receipts         |
| \$ | 50.00      | in Zoning Permit receipts             |
| \$ | 487.50     | in Zoning Hearing Board Fee receipts  |
| \$ | 1,070.41   | in Fines                              |
| \$ | 3,098.00   | in Building Permit receipts           |
| \$ | 17,600.00  | in Sales of Fixed Assets – Dump Truck |
| \$ | 1,263.60   | in Insurance Dividends                |

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

|    |        |                                      |
|----|--------|--------------------------------------|
| \$ | 253.68 | in Finance Charge receipts           |
| \$ | 25.00  | in Sewer Certification receipts      |
| \$ | 35.00  | in Category 2 Usage receipts         |
| \$ | 147.00 | in Lower Moreland Usage Fee receipts |

**TAX COLLECTOR - None**

**BILLS**

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 Glenn Coffin reported the following activity for April:

|   |                           |     |
|---|---------------------------|-----|
| Citations Issued  | Traffic 41, Non Traffic 0 | 41  |
| Alarms  |                           | 11  |
| Assist to Bryn Athyn Fire/Ambulance                           |                           | 8   |
| Assist other Police Agencies                                  |                           | 31  |
| Assist Citizens   |                           | 7   |
| Complaints concerning Animals                                 |                           | 2   |
| Reports of Suspicious Circumstances                           |                           | 16  |
| Special Traffic Details                                       |                           | 23  |
| Miscellaneous Complaints                                      |                           | 124 |
| Vehicles checked for Ownership or warned for Motor Violations |                           | 67  |
| Vehicle Accidents   |                           | 8   |

On April 4<sup>th</sup> police received a set of found car keys on the Pennypack Trail. Owner of the keys was located at mile marker 3.75.

On April 6<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> police investigated a suspicious vehicle parked on Campus Drive at 3:39AM. Driver of vehicle was asleep and waiting to transport two College residents to work later in the morning.

On April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:58 PM police charged a 16 year old Philadelphia juvenile with trespass by motor vehicle after he was found doing “donuts” with his vehicle in the Bryn Athyn Cemetery parking lot.

On April 10<sup>th</sup> police responded to Suite 909, Masons Mill Business Park for an unwanted person. The man was a customer of the business and left without incident.

On April 15<sup>th</sup> police warned two trespassers for being on the Pennypack Trail at night.

On April 15<sup>th</sup> police received a report of a theft from an apartment at Cairnwood Village. Resident reported that 5 jewelry items were missing, unknown when theft occurred. At this time two items have been located in the apartment. Total Value: \$4,500.

On April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:27 AM police warned several trespassers from Philadelphia on Bryn Athyn College Campus. One driver was cited for traffic violations.

On April 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:23 AM police responded to the 3000 block of Buck Road for an unwanted person/disturbance. The individual was transported to her home in Lower Moreland Township.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> police received a report that a resident from the 800 block of Fetters Mill Road had her credit card used fraudulently to make charges for approximately \$500.00. Investigation is ongoing.

On April 21<sup>st</sup> police received a report of a theft of a Borough Stop Sign from Alnwick Road & South Avenue.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> police received a report of vandalism to the Bryn Athyn Cathedral grounds. Several light posts were vandalized, plants damaged, and broken beer bottles were found on the grounds.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> police responded to a report of a domestic disturbance outside at the Bryn Athyn Thrift Shop. Two men were arguing and sent on their way after a verbal altercation.

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> police received a report that the American Flag was stolen from the flagpole at Borough Park.

On April 24<sup>th</sup> police received a report that two custom No Trespassing signs were stolen from the Cairncrest driveway where it meets Quarry Road.

On April 30<sup>th</sup> at 11:47 AM police warned a trespasser for flying a drone in the area of 900 Cathedral Road.

## **FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

Chief Zecher reported 12 Fire Calls in April, 2 in Bryn Athyn; 98 EMS Calls, 8 in Bryn Athyn. 77 patients were transported to hospitals. BAFC participated in two vehicle assists in Lower Moreland and two DUI checkpoints to perform DUI Blood Draws.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT**

Scott Cooper reported that the Emergency Management team observed an Armed Intruder Drill at the Lower Moreland High School conducted by Montgomery County.

A future Color Run is planned on the ANC Campus, along with a Cyclo-cross event on September 8, 2017 on the College Campus.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT - None**

**BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT**

**PA Auditor General Audit**

Manager Vikki Trost reported that the Police Pension Audit for 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016 was completed last month with no findings.

**Grant Writing Seminar**

Vikki Trost attended a grant writing seminar presented by PSAB last month which was very informative and will be useful for our next grant application.

**PEMA Severe Weather Exercise**

Mrs. Trost participated in the PEMA Severe Weather Exercise on April 25, monitoring the events. Only 5 homes in the Borough were destroyed in the exercise. Scott Cooper added that he participated actively in the exercise and more fully described the event and “damage” as an active participant.

**Byberry Road Bridge Rehabilitation**

Vikki Trost attended the Act 106 Consulting Parties meeting on April 5 where PA DOT presented the plan for rehabilitation of the arch bridge to one other person and me. The project will close Byberry Road for four to five months. They are still in the planning stage so we are looking at late 2018 or 2019. When asked how this will affect the flooding situation in the area, she learned that the team was unaware of the problem. The Bridge team will keep us posted on the progress.

**Fetters Mill Bridge Closing**

We were notified last Thursday by Lee Soltyziak at Montgomery County that the Fetters Mill Bridge inspection revealed serious problems, and that PennDOT required that it be closed indefinitely. The County is reviewing the inspection report and Mr. Soltyziak said that it doesn’t look like it will be a quick fix this time. The bridge rehabilitation project is in the preliminary engineering stage now and they expect a final design by the end of the year. Then it will take two years to get the federal funding that they need to do the rehabilitation work which they expect to begin in 2020. A question regarding foot traffic on the bridge was raised.

**Resolution in Support of Citizens’ Commission**

Lisa Hyatt Cooper submitted a draft resolution for Council’s consideration in support of a citizens’ commission for legislative and congressional redistricting to avoid

gerrymandering of districts to favor one political party over another. State Representative Tom Murt supports this plan. Information was distributed members of Council.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that Officer Michelle Williamson has completed the required training for a Part-time Officer.

Mr. Elsing reported that the Civil Service Commission has two vacancies and urged residents to consider this important volunteer position.

Mr. Elsing reported that an interview is scheduled for a new Part-time Police Officer, David Thomas O’Neill. Mr. Elsing asked Council to approve a conditional offer of part-time employment to Mr. O’Neill, subject to physical and psychological evaluations. Mr. O’Neill is currently employed by Montgomery County as a Corrections Officer.

*On a motion by Brent McCurdy, seconded by Ric Asplundh, Council voted unanimously in favor to authorize Mr. Elsing to extend a conditional offer of employment to David Thomas O’Neill for the position of Part-time Police Officer.*

Mr. Elsing reported that the parking problems at Masons Mill Business Park appear to have gone away.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that Lower Moreland has advertised for bids for a joint paving contract with the Borough. Bids will be reviewed and considered at the Township’s May 9, 2017 meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE - None**

**LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES/ SHADE TREE COMMITTEE - None**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - None**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Brent McCurdy reported that Fireworks are scheduled for July 4<sup>th</sup>, noting that the cost of the fireworks increases each year. Mr. McCurdy reported that after July 4<sup>th</sup>, he will step down as Fireworks Chair, noting that if no one steps up there will be no more fireworks. Council briefly discussed the possibility of Lower Moreland Township participating in future fireworks events.

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None**

**ZONING OFFICER**

Vikki Trost reported that one zoning permit application was filed and approved in April. Six building permits were issued.

There was one application to the Zoning Hearing. The hearing is scheduled for May 30 at 7:00pm.

**SEWER ADMINISTRATOR**

Sycamore Road Pump Station Odor Issue

Reid Heinrichs reported that he continues to work with several experts to resolve the odor problem. One estimate of \$60,000 was received; however, Mr. Heinrichs is working on a resolution in the range of \$10,000. Mr. Heinrichs reported Coyne Chemical is currently working on a trial at the pump station. Council agreed that regardless of the cost, the odor issue must be resolved for the residents in the area. Council asked Mr. Heinrichs to have a proposal to resolve the odor problem within thirty days. Mr. Gurney noted that \$16,000 is budgeted for the project which is a very challenging problem.

**BOROUGH ENGINEER - None**

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS - None**

**QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Michael Hogan stated that the upcoming Primary Election is important as members of Council and the Mayor are up for re-election. There were issues with petitions filed and Mr. Hogan asked candidates to contact him to be sure they are on the ballot.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost  
Secretary