



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

COUNCIL CHAMBER
May 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Jeffrey Elsing at 7:04p.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, Stephen Gray, Derek Zecher, Mayor Ken Schauder, Nick Rose, Russ Cooper. Solicitor R. Rex Herder was excused.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for April was \$212,169.74. General Fund Expenses were \$151,843.16. Net Income was \$60,326.58.

Sewer Fund Revenue for April was \$1,404.35. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$20,814.78. Net Income was -\$19,410.43.

Today PLGIT paid .01%. PLGIT PRIME paid .04%.

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

\$ 198,002.77	in Current Year Real Estate Taxes
\$ 4,575.12	in Earned Income Tax receipts
\$ 21.50	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$ 3,332.00	in Transfer Tax receipts
\$ 1,952.99	in Fines
\$ 300.00	in Zoning Permits
\$ 1,572.48	in Insurance Dividends
\$ 100.00	in Grading Permit Fees
\$ 75.00	in Police Report Fees
\$ 2,073.38	in Building Permit Fees
\$ 80.00	in Road Opening Permit Fees
\$ 35.00	in Fireworks Contributions

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$ 657.00	in Category 2 Usage Fees
\$ 162.12	in Lower Moreland Pass-through Usage Fees
\$ 25.42	Interest Income
\$ 89.01	in Finance Charges
\$ 470.80	in Late Fees

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax Collector, Bradley Cranch reported \$23,035.94 in Real Estate Taxes collected in April; \$91,893.30 remains uncollected.

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

Academy of the New Church	\$846.22
AquaPA	18.80
AquaPA – Fire Hydrants	2,715.30
Austin Rose	300.00
AutoTronics	551.14
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	3,476.23
Building Inspection Underwriters, Inc.	3,593.40
Calebe Nobre	375.00
Cut Paste and Print	211.20
DeLage Landen	249.00
DeLage Landen	183.75
Havis, Inc.	456.00

Independence Blue Cross	5,795.46
Joseph Bresnan, Esq.	135.00
Kimberly Kleinguenther	1,537.50
Kirsten Cranch	300.00
LexisNexis Matthew Bender Inc.	105.88
Lower Moreland Township	14,326.67
McDonald Uniform Company	339.95
Peco Energy – Street Lights	956.10
Peco Energy – Traffic Lights	89.62
Petty Cash Steve Gray	148.91
Petty Cash Victoria Trost	7.00
PSAB Training	100.00
Staples	512.73
Tanner’s Lawn & Snow Equipment Inc.	295.53
TGI Office Automation	9.86
The Vanguard Group	1,216.08
USA Payroll	202.79
Verizon Wireless	158.74
Victoria Trost	50.00
Wawa – Wright Express	642.61
Total	<u>\$39,906.47</u>

SEWER FUND BILLS

Academy of the New Church	\$419.26
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	35.33
Eurofins	60.03
Home Depot	188.79
Independence Blue Cross	551.32
Lower Moreland Township	162.12
MJ Reider Associates Inc.	506.00
Mac Medical Gases Inc.	3.50
McGovern Environmental LLC	270.00
Peco Energy – FM Pump Station	505.08
Peco Energy – Sycamore Pump Station	113.57
SCP Distributors LLC	1,925.00
USA Payroll	84.89
Verizon – FM Pump Station	42.79
Verizon – Sycamore Pump Station	38.71
Verizon – Internet	77.67
Verizon Wireless	42.34
Wawa – Wright Express	159.10
Total	<u>\$5,185.50</u>

DEBT SERVICE BILLS

Wilmington Trust Company	\$3,630.00
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BMO MasterCard – General Fund

Adobe Subscription	14.99
PA Uniform Construction Code	67.50
Headsets.com	6.25
<u>Amazon.com</u>	<u>50.97</u>
Total	<u>\$139.71</u>

BMO MasterCard – Sewer Fund

Floyd Bell	\$38.12
Ken’s Distributing Co.	248.00
Jiangbeizhe eBay	14.30
Industrial Odor Control	670.00
<u>Amazon.com</u>	<u>200.70</u>
Total	<u>\$1,171.12</u>

On a motion by Mark Pennink, seconded by Brent McCurdy, Council unanimously voted to authorize payment of the bills as shown on the above list.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Jeff Elsing thanked the residents in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Elsing stated that a letter was received from an Alden Road resident this afternoon and that Council has not had time to review the letter prior to this meeting. Borough Engineer Nick Rose will be engaged to review and comment on the letter. Council will respond to the letter after a thorough review.

MAYOR’S REPORT - None

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Steve Gray reported the following activity for April:

Alarms	13
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	07
Assist Other Police Agencies	23
Miscellaneous Activity	72
Public Service Calls / Assist Citizens	02
Special Traffic Details	15
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	12
Traffic Citations	40
Vehicle Accidents	07
Vehicle Investigations	66

On Thursday April 1st at 3:19pm, police investigated a report of Trespassing at the Masons Mill Business Park. Upon arrival, police spoke to a 47-year-old male resident of Rydal, who had been verbally abusive towards a representative of the business park. The person in question apologized to the representative for his actions. At the request of the complainant, police issued a trespass warning to the offender and advised that he would be cited if there was a second offense in the future on the Business Park property.

On Thursday April 1st at 10:10pm, police observed a vehicle in the area of Huntingdon Pike and Cathedral Road that was registered to a wanted person. Police stopped the vehicle to investigate the driver for the warrant that was issued by the Warrington Township Police Department. Once the warrant was confirmed as still being active, police took the 29-year-old male resident of Warminster into custody. Warrington Township police responded to the Borough and took custody of their wanted subject.

On Sunday April 18th at 7:05am, police responded to the area of Buck Road and Dale Road to investigate a one car vehicle accident. Upon arrival, police found that the driver had struck a telephone pole and then drove over the sidewalk and through a wooden privacy fence. The 20-year-old driver stated that the accident occurred when he was changing a song that he was listening to on his cell phone. While assisting the driver out of the vehicle, police smelled an odor of marijuana coming from inside of the vehicle, which the driver admitted smoking prior to driving. After performing field sobriety tests, the driver agreed to submit to a blood test due to suspicion of DUI. Test results and charges are pending.

On Friday April 23rd at 8:18am, police observed a vehicle in the area of Huntingdon Pike and Cathedral Road that was registered to a person who was wanted on a felony burglary warrant by the Jenkintown Police Department. Police stopped the vehicle and once the warrant was confirmed as still being active, the 38-year-old male resident of Jenkintown was taken into custody. Police then transported the wanted subject to the Jenkintown Police Department where he was turned over to their Patrol Sergeant.

On Sunday April 25th at 3:53pm, police conducted a vehicle stop in the area of 1800 Byberry Road to investigate a vehicle that was registered to a person who was wanted by the Tredyffrin Township Police Department for retail theft. Upon further investigation, police learned that not only was the 30-year-old male resident of Philadelphia still wanted for the retail theft, but his 24-year-old female passenger was also wanted for the same retail theft. Police took both subjects into custody. Tredyffrin Police Officers responded to the Borough and took custody of their wanted subjects.

On Friday April 30th, all Bryn Athyn Police Officers received training on their new body worn cameras. This will be a great addition to our department. We will also continue to use the dashcam video systems, which have been in both of our police vehicles for the past fifteen years.

Chief Gray reported that a new part-time police officer was hired. Her name is Chitra Sethuraman. Ms. Sethuraman is a retired Philadelphia Police Department officer.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Derek Zecher reported 21 Fire Calls in April, 2 of those in Bryn Athyn. There were 144 EMS Calls in April, 9 of those in Bryn Athyn. The ambulance transported 89 patients.

Chief Zecher reported no significant incidents for April, but noted that there have been a number of bad accidents this year. Chief Zecher commented that traffic in the area has been a mess.

The Chief reported that cameras will be installed in all vehicles to watch the road, as well as interior to view the driver and crews.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Schauder reported that the team met in April and discussed the July 4th events which Mr. Elsing will mention in the Public Safety Report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT - None

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that a new part-time officer will come on board to fill in shifts and especially with the summer coming up. Chitra Sethuraman has a ton of experience from Philadelphia PD in crisis negotiation, narcotics investigation with great commendations. She will begin training with our officers.

Body cameras will be operational very soon. Technology has been installed and officers are receiving training. Thank you especially to the Asplundh Foundation for donations to purchase the body cameras. Mr. Elsing noted that the ongoing maintenance for the body cams will be budgeted and the department hope to receive future donation funds.

Mr. Elsing reported that as of today we will not be able to sponsor the fourth of July fireworks because the Academy has denied use of the property this year. Mr. Hyatt noted that if state and county Covid regulations change the Academy may change their position on use of the property. A "virtual" parade may be considered for July 4th. Mr. McCurdy noted that other municipalities are hosting fireworks this year. Mr. Elsing has been in

communication with the fireworks vendor. Mr. Elsing noted that Public Safety does not condone individual homeowner fireworks.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Chairman Mark Pennink reported that Borough Engineer Nick Rose is working on a bid package for curbing on Tomlinson Road which will include curbing and a path for two blocks. Mr. Pennink expects that the work can be started late summer/early fall.

Mr. Pennink reported that he is waiting for a cost proposal from Nick Rose for engineering work for Alden Road.

Mr. Pennink reported that Councilor Aurelle Genzlinger received several questions on locations of speed bumps in the Borough. Mr. Pennink stated that about fifteen years ago Police Chief Coffin requested speed humps at specific locations. Mr. Pennink noted that Borough roads are difficult to place speed humps due to the drainage along the roads. Six locations were identified and humps were installed. Mr. Pennink noted that the Public Safety Committee should review any resident requests for speed humps. The humps were recently requested for Buck Road and Tomlinson Road. Mr. Pennink also noted that the speed humps were installed on Buck Road because there are no school flashers and they were not installed on Tomlinson Road because there are school flashers there.

Mr. Pennink reported that some edge repair was completed on the 2500 block of Alden Road to improve driveway access for several properties there.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Duane Hyatt reported that the Finance Committee met in April and discussed funding for the Alden Road Improvement project. After review of the Borough borrowing capacity, Mr. Hyatt reported that the Borough can easily finance a major project with several options to keep the debt service level constant. The Finance Committee will wait for Council to determine the scope of the Alden Road Improvement project.

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 three (3) Zoning Permit applications approved in April. Eleven (11) Building Permits were issued. Two (2) Grading Permits were issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman Glenn Gurney reported that the Sewer Committee met last month to catch up on projects including the DEP project. The final piece of the DEP project is to automate the actuator valve which was installed a while ago.

Also discussed were changes that may take place this year at the sewer plant.

The committee discussed the increased use of the C & S Club septic system. The club is seeing a lot of use and the system is being overtaxed. The recommendation for the C & S Club may be that they pump their system on a regular basis once per year rather than the three-to-five-year pumping schedule that the Borough provides. The club would need to pay for the year one and two pumping, while the Borough covers the year three pumping.

A new generator is being planned for the plant.

Reed bed emptying began today.

BOROUGH ENGINEER - None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Pennink reported that the 2021 paving bids came in within the budget. Quarry Road near the church was an alternate. The 2021 paving will include Masons Mill Road and Cathedral Road in front of the Cathedral. There is a different contractor, Glasgow Paving. Mr. Pennink will hire Malizia to oversee the project.

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Alden Road Comments

Mr. Elsing opened the meeting to questions from the floor. Commenters were asked to identify themselves before speaking.

Daric Smith, 2771 Alden Road in Lower Moreland, was introduced. Mr. Smith thanked Council for listening to him and other Alden Road residents. He sent the letter that Council received today. Mr. Smith stated that the option recommended by the Public Works Committee at the April meeting for the improvements to Alden Road did not include a simple option of building a modern road with low profile curbs. This could set up a baseline for further improvements in the future. Mr. Smith circulated a petition to Alden Road residents.

Jane Bostock, 2752 Alden Road Bryn Athyn, said that she appreciated what Daric Smith did and commented that she thought the Borough survey was confusing. Mrs. Bostock stated that people want more done with the road.

Kay Alden, 2709 Alden Road Lower Moreland, said that she mostly wanted to listen to the meeting. She was disappointed with the survey and option recommended by the Public Works Committee. She stated that a sidewalk is very important and that the road is dangerous.

Brian Horner, 2620 Alden Road Bryn Athyn, spoke about the drainage issue at the lower end of Alden Road. He appreciated the repairs that the Borough made last year but he is concerned that the small pipe will become clogged again.

Borough Park Question

Michelle Chapin was introduced as the organizer for the Borough Park Summer Concert Series. Ms. Chapin was concerned about the parking information that she received when Council approved the park use permits last month. She requested an exception to permit concert attendees to park on the grass on the Borough side of Quarry Road, stating accessibility challenges for families. Ms. Chapin needs 12 parking spaces for concert attendees. Mr. Elsing commented stressing pedestrian safety and respect for private property. Official guidelines and a map will be created for parking after consulting with Public Works, the Academy, BA Police Department and BA Fire Department.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary