



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

COUNCIL CHAMBER
April 1, 2019

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

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Glenn Gurney
Duane D. Hyatt
Jeffrey Elsing

Brent McCurdy
Aurelle Genzlinger

ALSO: Victoria S. Trost, Stephen Gray, Reid Heinrichs, Derek Zecher, R. Scott Cooper, Mayor Ken Schauder, Solicitor R. Rex Herder. Councilmembers Mark Pennink and Ric Asplundh were excused.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Vikki Trost reported General Fund Revenue for March was \$489,148.59. General Fund Expenses were \$101,401.30. Net Income was \$387,747.29.

Sewer Fund Revenue for March was \$1,049.45. Sewer Fund Expenses were \$27,657.77. Net Income was -\$26,608.32.

Today PLGIT paid 2.23%. PLGIT I-Class paid 2.38%.

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

\$	351,630.37	in Real Estate Tax receipts
\$	6,274.39	in Earned income Tax receipts
\$	160.44	in Local Services Tax receipts
\$	51,078.71	in State Highway Aid receipts
\$	30,213.50	in Building Permit receipts
\$	75.00	in Police Report receipts
\$	1,501.05	in Fines
\$	48,760.00	in Academy of the New Church Contributions
\$	220.00	in Refunds

Included in the Sewer Fund Cash Receipts were:

\$	95.94	in Finance charge assessments
\$	953.51	in Late Fee assessments

Mrs. Trost reported that the 2018 Annual Audit was completed on March 27, 2019. The General Fund closed 2018 with a surplus of \$313,530. The Sewer Fund net income indicates a loss of \$130,660.53, however the Academy of the New Church was billed and has reimbursed the Borough \$128,803.24 of 2018 expenses for the STP Equalization Project. Net Income with the adjustment is -\$1,857.29.

TAX COLLECTOR - None

BILLS

GENERAL FUND BILLS

Academy of the New Church	1,893.93
Aqua PA	17.20
Armour & Sons Electric, Inc.	105.00
Austin Rose	200.00
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	2,800.00
Bryn Athyn Fire Company	32,370.37
Calebe Nobre	240.00

Cranch 2.0	70.00
Cranch Landscapers, LLC	275.00
DeLage Landon – Police Copier	86.00
DeLage Landon – Borough Copier	149.40
Eastburn & Gray PC	772.50
Internal Revenue Service	434.65
Jane Roscoe	200.00
Ken Johnson	151.93
Keystone Health Plan East	10,096.36
Kimberly A. Bursner	278.50
Lach Brown	134.68
LexisNexis Matthew Bender Inc.	93.83
Lower Moreland Township	5,533.00
PA DCED	76.50
Petty Cash RX	180.45
Petty Cash Steve Gray	288.64
Petty Cash Victoria Trost	196.55
Police Chief's Assn of Montgomery County	150.00
Postmaster	92.00
ProTract Engineering Inc.	240.00
Steven Huntzinger	200.00
The Vanguard Group	1,013.02
US Municipal Supply Inc.	172.42
USA Payroll	99.93
Victoria Trost	50.00
Wawa Wright Express	<u>803.53</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$59,465.39</u>

SEWER FUND BILLS

Bryn Athyn Fire Company	\$32.58
DeLage Landen Financial Services	112.05
Delaware River Basin Commission	626.00
Home Depot	337.63
Keystone Health Plan East	998.28
MJ Reider Associates Inc.	494.00
Mac Medical Gases Inc.	3.50
McGovern Environmental LLC	684.00
McMaster-Carr Supply Co.	1,748.19
Peco Energy	217.66
Peco Energy	119.58
ProTract Engineering	1,584.00
USA Payroll	93.82
Verizon	41.80
Verizon	42.02

Wawa Wright Express	<u>159.47</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$7,294.58</u>

BMO MASTERCARD CHARGES

General Fund

Adobe Acrobat	14.99
Amazon.com	<u>18.95</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$33.94</u>

Sewer Fund

Superbreakers	128.92
Paypal FloridaSpra	43.80
Amazon.com	15.60
Simplypumps	41.00
Harbor Freight Tools 2	272.41
HFT Harbor Freight Tools	<u>81.60</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$583.33</u>

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT - None

POLICE CHIEF’S REPORT

Chief Steve Gray reported the following activity for March:

Alarms	17
Animal Complaints	03
Assist Bryn Athyn Fire / Ambulance	07
Assist Other Police Agencies	53
Assist Citizens / Public Service Calls	06
Miscellaneous Complaints	89
Special Traffic Details	16
Suspicious Circumstance Investigations	08
Traffic Citations Issued	50
Vehicle Accidents	07
Vehicle Investigations / Warnings Issued	100

On Saturday March 2nd at 1:00am, police conducted a vehicle stop on Copper Beach Circle in Lower Moreland Township due to a speeding violation that occurred in the 1800 Block of Byberry Road in Bryn Athyn Borough. Further investigation revealed that the driver was intoxicated. The 37-year-old driver was arrested for DUI. His Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) was 0.11%

On Monday March 4th at 9:39pm, police responded to the Asplundh Field House to investigate a Fire alarm. Police assisted the Bryn Athyn and Huntingdon Valley Fire Companies in locating an active flow of water in the gymnasium. The cause of the problem was an overhead sprinkler that was broken by one of the men's basketball league players who kicked a soccer ball that struck the sprinkler.

On Saturday March 9th at 4:24am, police conducted a vehicle stop in the Pitcairn Hall parking lot at 801 Tomlinson Road. Further investigation resulted in the arrest of a 34-year-old female resident of Philadelphia for DUI. The driver's Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) was 0.23%

On Monday March 11th at 12:53am, police responded to the 2500 block of Woodland Road to investigate a report of a Domestic In-Progress. Upon arrival, police determined that the argument was verbal only. One party agreed to leave the residence for the night and police resumed patrol.

On Wednesday March 20th at 1:13am, police responded to the 2700 block of Alden Road to investigate a report of a Domestic In-Progress. Upon arrival, police determined that the argument was verbal only. Both parties agreed that their argument had been resolved and there was no need for further police assistance.

On Wednesday March 27th at 12:10pm, police conducted a vehicle stop in the 1800 block of Byberry Road to investigate a Nissan Altima that was being driven with a Registration that belonged on a Buick. Upon further investigation, police learned that the driver was wanted in three different counties for failure to appear in reference to multiple traffic citations. The subject was transported to Hatboro District Court, where Judge Paul Leo remanded the defendant to the Montgomery County Correctional Facility.

Chief Gray presented the 2018 Officer of the Year Award to Corporal Doug Hotchkiss. Officer Kevin Green received the Rookie of the Year 2018 award.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Chief Derek Zecher reported that the monthly County statistics are not yet available, but he will have a full report for March at the next meeting in May.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT - None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Ken Schauder reported that Lower Moreland Township has rejoined the Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust board after a period of absence, along with Bryn Athyn Borough and Upper Moreland Township.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - None

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Byberry Road Bridge

Construction on the stone arch bridge was scheduled to begin today. Vikki Trost has been invited to a consulting party meeting on Wednesday, April 3 to review stone and pointing style samples for the bridge work. Construction will take 15 weeks, re-opening by July 17.

New Voting Machines

Montgomery County will introduce new voting machines for the upcoming Primary Election in May. There will be demonstrations at town hall events scheduled by the County Commissioners over the next several weeks. There will also be a demonstration on Saturday, April 6 from 9am to 12pm at Ambler Borough.

Pa Liquid Fuels Fund Audit

The PA Office of the Auditor General completed an audit of the Liquid Fuels Fund on March 1. There were no findings.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman Jeff Elsing reported that the Committee discussed creating a safer route for the Fourth of July Parade. Fire Chief Zecher is working on an alternate route which would bring the parade from the Swedenborg Library to Benade Circle. Mayor Schauder will create a map for the new route. Mr. Elsing announced that volunteers are needed to organize the speeches and races due to the retirement of Brian Cooper.

Mr. Elsing thanked Chief Gray for recognizing the tremendous work of our police officers.

Chairman Elsing reported that part-time officer Joe DeCarlo has resigned so we are down two part-time officers. Chief Gray has presented a candidate for part-time officer who has been with Drexel University Police for three years and was named Officer of the Year. Alexis Nagel is a resident of Hatboro.

On a motion by Aurelle Genzlinger, seconded by Duane Hyatt, Council voted unanimously in favor to extend an offer of conditional employment for a part-time position to Alexis Nagel, pending physical and psychological testing.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Aurelle Genzlinger reported that estimates of the proposed paving work for King Road, Sycamore Road and the bottom of Alden Road, came in at \$85,000; edge repair for Buck Road would be approximately \$32,000. Lower Moreland will solicit bids for the milling and paving work. Bids will be opened at the May 14, 2019 meeting of the Lower Moreland Township Commissioners.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Sewer Equalization Project

Chairman Duane Hyatt reported that the Finance Committee met on March 19 at which time they reviewed the Sewer Equalization Project. The project is almost completed and came in under budget. The Committee discussed possibly replacing the original blower (from 1967) which is currently the designated back-up blower. Glenn Gurney will submit a request to the Academy to add the cost of a new back-up blower to the project cost.

Mr. Gurney reported that the lower cost of the Equalization Project was a result of employees doing work that could have been contracted out. Mr. Hyatt reported that the Sewer Administrator went above and beyond by performing 149 hours of work that would have been paid to a contractor. In view of the \$5,200 saved, the Finance Committee recommended that Council offer a \$2,500 bonus to Reid Heinrichs.

On a motion by Glenn Gurney, seconded by Duane Hyatt, Council voted unanimously in favor to pay a one-time bonus or \$2,500 to Reid Heinrichs for work performed in the Equalization Project.

LAND USE AND NATURAL RESOURCES/ SHADE TREE COMMITTEE - None

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - None

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE - None

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT - None

ZONING OFFICER

No Zoning Permit applications were received in March.
Sixteen (16) Building Permits were issued.
No Grading Permits were issued.

SEWER ADMINISTRATOR

2800 Quarry Road

Reid Heinrichs reported that he continues to update PA DEP on the progress of the 2800 Quarry Road situation. Mr. Heinrichs has requested a sample easement for the Cairnrun Homeowners Association. Mr. Heinrichs is attempting to move forward with a small-flow treatment facility on the site.

Equalization Project

Reid Heinrichs reported that the Equalization Project area is being graded and seeded. Mr. Gurney reported that after the project clean-up he plans to hold an open house to include an early to mid-May tour of the facility.

Reid Heinrichs reported that he will meet with Peter Bostock on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 to address Mr. Bostock's concerns.

BOROUGH ENGINEER

Borough Engineer Nick Rose reported that he is working on the Sycamore Road Easement and Alden Road improvements.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Lee Moorhead introduced himself as Chairman of the Bryn Athyn Republican Committee. Mr. Moorhead recognized and thanked Gerry Bostock for his many years as machine operator for the elections. Two new machine operators will attend training next month on the new voting machines recently purchased by Montgomery County. The new voting machines will use paper ballots. All are encouraged to attend the voting machine demonstrations before the May elections.

There being no further business presented, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Council's next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Borough Hall.

Victoria S. Trost
Secretary