

Borough of Bryn Athyn
Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2016
6:00pm

In attendance: Duane Hyatt, Chair
 Chris Carter
 Vikki Trost
 Jeff Elsing
 Glenn Gurney

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duane Hyatt at 6:00pm.

The November 30, 2016 minutes were approved with changes.

Chris Carter offered to draft a letter to our state representatives with concerns about the increasing expenses of municipalities.

Sewer Debt

The committee members agreed to pay for PA DEP sewer plant improvements and then address the \$164,000 sewer debt. Vikki will provide detail on the debt.

Police Car Purchase

Chief Coffin asked for permission to order a new police car at a cost of \$32,000 informing the committee that Ford Motor Company only takes police car orders through February. The committee would like Chief Coffin to provide information on the life expectancy of police vehicles, including a 10 year vehicle purchase schedule.

The committee members agreed that we need to develop the process for a vehicle purchase. What is the basis for the decision to purchase a new car?

Chief Coffin will be asked to provide the following information:

- What is the reasoning behind his purchase schedule?
- What is the vehicle life span for other police departments?
- What other types of vehicles are available?
- Why do we need two cars?

The Committee agreed to present the following three options to Borough Council, keeping in mind that the questions are in no way adversarial, but a legitimate review of the process:

1. Recommend the purchase of a new car this time, BUT all of the questions above must be answered AND a major review of the process be conducted.

OR

2. If Chief Coffin can answer the above questions satisfactorily before the February meeting then okay to order after February meeting.

OR

3. Flip cars and deal with what we have while reviewing the purchase schedule and process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

For the next meeting:

1. Vikki will amend the November 30 minutes and forward to Duane Hyatt for approval.
2. Vikki will make contact with other boroughs to start gathering budget data.
3. Vikki will send a reminder to the committee regarding the January meeting on Friday, January 6.

Next meeting date: **Tuesday, January 24, 2017** at 6:00pm in Borough Hall.