

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS

AUGUST 2023

AUGUST 1st COUNCIL MEETING

- Approved Topography proposal for the Pollution Reduction Plan in the amount of \$3,750.00 to be performed by Barry Isett & Associates.
- Approved request for Handicap Parking space at 435 George Street.
- Approved USG quote for vacuum excavation of old filters of pool in the amount of \$4,060.00.
- Adopted Resolutions 2023-06 & 2023-07 to pursue LSA grants from Monroe and Lehigh/Northampton for Aquatic facility.
- Agreed to purchase a laptop for the Street Department for a not to exceed price of \$3,600.00.
- Approved Slate Belt YMCA's application for Fire Police usage for the Slate Belt Sprint event.
- Approved Lookout Fire Company's Insurance coverage package for 2023-2024 in the amount of \$30,249.00.
- Adopted Resolutions 2023-08 & 2023-09 to pursue LSA grants from Monroe and Lehigh/Northampton for a new Fire truck.
- Hired Kim Allen Buskirk to fill the vacant laborer position in the Public Works Department.
- Accepted Vancleef Engineering's proposal to complete an "as-built" survey on N. Lobb Ave. in the amount of \$3,000.00.
- Accepted VanCleeef Engineering's proposal to redesign driveway aprons on N. Lobb Ave. in the amount of \$17,500.00.

PUBLIC WORKS

During the month of June, the Public Works Department performed scheduled maintenance tasks and completed all requested tasks.

- Scraped, sealed, and painted areas of bandshell.
- Routine greasing & maintenance of equipment.
- Accepted delivery of new truck. All trucks lettered.
- Daily trash runs at Park. Weekly lawn maintenance. Shrubs clean out by ballfield. Removal of dead trees by lower parking lot. Weeded town hall rain garden.
- Reported streetlight outages (1). Installed NO TRUCK signs on George St.
- Cleaned catch basins & storm wash outs. (7/17)
- PA one calls (1). Shoulder clearing & cleaning on Delabole Junction Rd. Trimmed low branches throughout town.
- Meter malfunctions/coin collection.
- Swept Vine St, & E. Plainfield Ave. intersection

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency) and 610-759-8523 (Fax). In June officers responded to 524 calls for service, with 133 in Pen Argyl.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In July, the Lookout Fire Company responded to 10 calls. They spent 360 hours on drills and 210 hours on calls. The Borough thanks our dedicated volunteers. Follow their Facebook page for fundraiser events <https://www.facebook.com/Lookout-Fire-Company-1-209804491353/>

ZONING/CODE DEPARTMENT

In July, the following permits were issued: 3 residential buildings, 2 dumpster, 1 commercial & 1 residential electrical, 1 commercial & 1 residential mechanical, 1 sidewalk, & 3 zoning. Also completed: 2 residential rental inspections and 3 re-sale property inspections. **Landlords are reminded to contact the**

Zoning Officer to register rental properties and to schedule inspection of rental properties to comply with the Licensing of Rental Properties Ordinance. Violators can be fined. The Zoning Officer can be reached at 610-863-1821 or at zoning@penargylborough.com

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Influent process control/lab analysis performed daily (14 procedures). Effluent process control/lab analysis performed daily (8 procedures). Maintenance to all system works. Pump stations equipment and grounds maintenance. Monthly pump greasing and maintenance. Answered several weather-related alarms. Staff on site for severe weather. Accepted delivery and training on skid steer. PA one calls (13). Staff ongoing training towards certification.

REAL ESTATE/PER CAPITA TAX REMINDERS

REMINDER REAL ESTATE TAXES UNPAID ARE NOW DELINQUENT. Please pay now to avoid more penalties and interest. Taxes are remitted to Pen Argyl Borough, 501 George Street, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Call for hours or appointment: 610-863-9487.

WEONA PARK HAPPENINGS!

Weather permitting.....from 6/3/2023 through 8/27/2023 hours of operation will be as follows: Fridays: 3 P.M. to 9 P.M. - Sizzling Sale \$2 off a game of Golf. Saturday & Sundays - 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. 8/18 Fidelity Bank's Sweet Treats Truck will provide free ice cream from 4 P.M. to 7 P.M. Summer Sounds schedule: 8/6-Large Flower Heads; and 8/20-Philadelphia Funk Authority. All concerts are free, begin at 6 P.M. Concerts are subject to cancellation because of the weather.

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

Borough Newsletter- The Borough Newsletter is published each month following the Borough Council Meeting. It can be found at the Borough Hall or on our website at www.penargylborough.com. You can receive the newsletter by email by contacting: manager@penargylborough.com and requesting it. You will need to provide your name, address, and email contact. *You can also find us on Facebook.*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ITEMS OF INTEREST!

Garbage/Recycling –Garbage collection is every Friday. Recycling will be on Fri. 8/11 & 8/25, as well as Sat. 9/9 (delayed because of Labor Day), 9/22 & 10/6. Garbage pickup will be delayed to 9/9, due to the Labor Day Holiday. **Garbage/recycling containers are to be placed on the resident's property at the curb line and are not to be placed before 2 P.M. on the day before pickup.**

Blue Mountain Community Library- The next board meeting will be on 8/15 at 6:30 pm. Summer Fun with the Library, registration required, begins at 10:30 am rain or shine: 8/9 - *Balloons the Clown* & 8/23 – *Fun with Science* will be at Weona Park. Open to ages 4 through students entering 4th grade. Preschool Storytime Program will begin 9/13 at 10:30 am. Book Club meets at 6:30: 8/8 – *The Plot*, Jean Korelitz; 9/12 – *A Little Hope*, Ethan Joella; and 10/10 – *Horse*, Geraldine Brooks. Fundraisers: Sundaes in Weona Park, Summer Sounds - 8/6. Visit their web site www.bmcl.org Author Luncheon, 9/26 at Grace United Methodist Church, Ethan Joella, tickets are \$15.00 include lunch at 12 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am

Community Yard Sale - No permit needed. September 15th – 17th.

CALENDAR

Mon. August 7th – Municipal Authority, 5 P.M, Borough Hall
Wed., August 9th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Tues., August 29th – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Tues., Sept. 5th – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall