

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS
AUGUST 2025

AUGUST 5th COUNCIL MEETING

- Approved Bathhouse Change Order #2 in the amount of -\$16,444.00.
- Approved purchase of playground equipment for phase 2 of playground.
- Agreed to go out to bid for Phase 2 of playground.
- Agreed to go out to bid to repair various roadways areas of concern throughout the Borough.
- Agreed to contact B & B Custom Pools for an estimate on a pool at Weona Park.
- Agreed to advertise Ordinance #739 for Stop Sign at the intersection of N. Lobb and W. Babbitt Avenue.
- Approved Block Party application for E. Laurel Avenue on Saturday, 8/23/2025.
- Agreed to correspond with Plainfield Township's Solicitor regarding the Borough's concerns about a proposed zoning change from a landfill being a Conditional Use to a Use by right.
- Enacted Ordinance #738 amending Chapter 53 of the Borough Code of Pen Argyl, declaring the discharge of certain weapons a summary offense, amending Section 53-8 to delete the penalty for discharge of weapons and Amending Chapter 79 of the Borough Code of Pen Argyl to delete the prohibition of the discharge of firearms on Park property of Pen Argyl Borough and penalties as well.
- Approved the hiring of Darren Yeisley as full-time laborer at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Approved the purchase of UV lamps for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$9,602.88.
- Approved the renewal of Lookout Fire Company Insurance with an annual premium of \$27,742.00.
- Approved Resolution 2025-04 updating the Borough's Emergency Operations Manual.
- Approved Resolution 2025-05 to apply for \$500,000.00 grant from LSA NC/LC for Aquatic Facility.
- Approved Resolution 2025-06, 2025-07, & 2025-08 to apply for \$20,955.00 grants for preemptive device installation for first responders.
- Approved Resolution 2025-09 to apply for a \$127,641.50 LSA Statewide grant for upgrades to car radios for SBRPD.
- Approved Resolution 2025-10 to apply for \$175,000.00 LSA Monroe County grant for two (2) police vehicles for SBRPD.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Building checks, daily trash runs, & lawn maintenance on Borough properties. Removed dead trees & bushes from various Borough properties. Weeded rain garden.
- Carousel sprinkler inspection. Replaced barrel lock. Repairs to 18th hole. Golf Prep & Stain wood.
- Routine greasing of equipment. Ram 1 & 2 inspected. Replaced tire on Z Trak. GMZ oil change.
- Streetlight outage reports (3). Installed stop sign at Lobb & Babbitt. Curb painting throughout Borough continues.
- Re-built catch basin on W. Main & Broad Streets. Catch Basin taps & storm clean up 7/14-7/15. Confirming GSI data for stormwater infrastructure. Attended pre-con for Westbrook.
- PA one calls (4). Meter malfunctions. Pothole patrol 7/15 & 7/2. Swept stone wash out.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency) and 610-759-8523 (Fax). Regional Police responded to 675 calls for service in June. 136 in Pen Argyl.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

The Borough thanks our dedicated volunteers. Lookout Fire Company has a website: www.lookoutfireco.com and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Lookout-Fire-Company-1-209804491353/> for more details on events and fundraisers. Lookout responded to 17 calls in June. Completed 268 hours on drills and 349 hours for calls. In July, Lookout responded to 11 calls. Completed 273 hours on drill and 265 on calls.

ZONING/CODE DEPARTMENT

In July, the following permits were issued: 1 building, 1 electrical, 1 plumbing & 8 residential zoning. Also completed; 5 residential resale property inspections & 37 rental inspections as well as processed 3-yard sale applications. **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

Monthly, weekly, and quarterly sampling was done; all comply. Rebuilt solenoid valve on fine screen. Pulled new wire for roof fans (3 phase). Painted soil pipes in headworks. Form 43 renewal. NPDES permit renewed, Lab company notified of new requirement. Equipment, plant, and pumping station maintenance were completed. Answered and marked PA One Calls. Plant staffed during heavy rain. W. Babbitt & W. Applegate lines videoed. Lawn maintenance for all properties completed.

NIXLE NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up for Nixle alerts for up-to-date relevant information from the Borough, public safety departments. <https://local.nixle.com/zipcode/18072/>

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, 9/5 will be delayed until 9/6 due to holiday. Recycling will be on 8/8 & 8/22, as well as 9/6 & 9/19. **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.**

Yard Sale dates: 9/12/2025 – 9/14/2025

Blue Mountain Community Library- Summer Fun ages 4 to 10, 10:30 A.M., rain or shine. 8/6 & 8/20 at Weona Park Please register. Summer Preschool Storytime: 8/13, 10:30 A.M. Book Group meets at 6:30 P.M.: 8/12 – *The First Ladies*, Marie Benedict; 9/9 – *The Briar Club*, Kate Quinn. Board Meeting 8/19 at 6:30 P.M. Visit their web site www.bmcl.org

CALENDAR

Weds., Aug. 13th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Thurs., Aug. 21st – Planning Commission, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Tues., Aug. 26th – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Mon., Sept. 8th – Municipal Authority, 5 P.M., Borough Hall (if needed)
Tues., Sept. 2nd – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Mon., Sept. 8th – Weona Park Pool Pals, 7 P.M., Borough Hall