

Agenda - Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, November 25, 2025

Pledge of Allegiance:

Roll Call:

An Executive Session was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at Pen Argyl Borough Hall at 7:00 P.M. regarding personnel.

Visitors:

Discussion and Tentative Adoption of Year 2026 Budget:

General Fund - \$2,455,329.00

Sewer Fund - \$1,514,725.00

State Fund - \$279,705.00

Reserve Fund - \$1,928,021.00

*Garbage Fund - \$535,000.00

**Reserve Fund - \$813,000.00

Tax Structure

Real Estate Tax Millage – 14 Mills (1 mil increase for Fire Tax)

Local Services Tax (LST) - \$52.00

Real Estate Transfer Tax - 1% - Shared Equally with School District

Earned Income Tax - 1% - Shared Equally with School District

Sewer Rental Fee -No increase - \$123.00 Minimum Quarterly Charge per Unit/10,000 Gallons,

\$13.50 per Thousand Gallon over 10,000 Gallons, Schools - \$15.39 per person, and non-metered wells

\$184.62 per quarter.

Garbage Fee - Garbage Fee Waived for year 2026

The Borough Assessment Valuation for 2026 is \$66,647,500, 2025 was \$67,031,000, 2024 was \$66,900,200; 2023 was \$66,817,200; 2022 was \$66,969,800; 2021 was \$67,093,100; 2020 was \$67,029,500; 2019 was \$67,113,200; and 2018 was \$67,092,500. One (1) Mill equals \$66,647.50; less 5% uncollectible, collectible amount is \$63,315.12. Prior years Millage: Years 2025, 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020 were 13 Mills; and 2019 was 12 Mills.

*Garbage investment is in case of the landfill closing, or if as per facility agreement quarterly tonnage accepted drops below agreed amount and reinstates fees for collection. This fund will smooth out the transition from free collection to a fee for collection for the residents of Pen Argyl.

**Reserve investment is in case of emergency funding of an event considered to be a rare expenditure that the Reserve Fund cannot absorb.

Millage Resolution, suspend Residential Garbage Charges:

Authorize Borough Solicitor to prepare Ordinance for the fixing of tax rate and collection of annual tax for 2026.

Authorize Solicitor to suspend residential garbage charges under Section 60-4D for the calendar year of 2026 for adoption at the Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2025.

Review and potentially approve Berkone Change Order Authorization for 2026 tax invoices to include a separate line for 2026 Fire Tax.

Electric Fixed Capacity Rate:

Review and potentially approve the recommendation of IGS to accept the fixed capacity rate for electric pricing through January 2027.

Hometown Press:

Review and potentially approve Hometown Press' 2026 newsletter order form.

Executive Session:

Personnel.

Adjournment:

December Council Meeting & Final Adoption of Budget - Wednesday, December 10, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.

No Workshop for December

January Re- Organizational and Regular Council Meeting - Monday, January 5, 2026 - 7:00 P.M.