

Pen Argyl Borough Council held a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 7:00 P.M in the Borough Social Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Council President Joseph LeDonne opened the Council Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Council Members present and responding to roll call: Joseph LeDonne, Tammy Kemp, Scott Brumbaugh, Steven Goffredo, John Apgar, Stephanie Cooper, Joann Anderson, and Josephine Hildabrant.

Also present were Mayor Stephen Male, Borough Solicitor Peter Layman, Borough Manager Robin Zmoda and Borough Secretary Juli Lemak.

Visitors:

Adrienne Fors, Waste Management Representative, provided all Council Members with a Grand Central Landfill update.

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 Wealth Fund - \$535,000.00
Reserve Wealth Fund - \$813,000.00

Tax Structure:

Real Estate Tax Millage - 14.00 Mills (1 Mill 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 - \$123.00 Minimum Quarterly Charge per Unit/10,000 Gallons
 \$13.50 per Thousand Gallon over 10,000 Gallons
 \$15.39 per person at Schools
 \$184.62 per quarter for non-metered wells
Garbage fee- Garbage fee waived for the year 2025

Discussion and Tentative Adoption of Year 2025 Budget con't:

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; 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 2020 to 2025 were 13 Mills; and 2019 was 12 Mills.

Councilman Steven Goffredo made a motion to adopt the Tentative Year 2026 Budget, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Kemp. Unanimous by roll call.

Tax Structure & Sewer Rental Fee:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to tentatively adopt the Year 2026 Tax Structure with a 14 Millage Real Estate Tax which includes a one (1) Mill increase for Fire Tax, and the sewer rental rate of \$123.00 minimum quarterly charge per unit for 10,000 gallons, \$13.50 per thousand gallons over 10,000 gallons, \$184.62 for unmeasurable water consumption, and \$15.39 per quarter per body in public and private schools, seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. Unanimous by roll call.

Councilwoman Tamy Kemp made a motion to approve to advertise for the proposed one (1) Mill Fire Tax ordinance as presented, with the language; "unless reenacted by Borough Council this ordinance shall sunset and terminate and be of no effect as of Dec 31, 2028", seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. Unanimous by roll call.

Millage, Ordinance, Suspend Residential Garbage Charges:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to authorize Solicitor Layman to prepare and advertise the necessary Ordinance providing for the fixing of the tax rate and collecting of an annual tax for the calendar year 2026, seconded by Councilwoman Joann Anderson. Unanimous by roll call.

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to authorize Solicitor Layman to prepare and advertise the necessary ordinance to suspend residential garbage charges under Section 60-4D for the calendar year of 2026, for adoption at the Council Meeting of Wednesday, December 10, 2025, seconded by Councilwoman Joann Anderson. Unanimous by roll call.

Councilwoman Josephine Hildebrandt made a motion to authorize BerkOne to include a separate line for the fire tax in 2026, seconded by Councilman Steven Goffredo. Unanimous by roll call.

Electric Fixed Capacity Rate:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to approve the recommendation of IGS to accept the fixed capacity rate for electric pricing for one year, seconded by Councilwoman Joann Anderson. Unanimous by roll call.

Hometown Press:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to approve the Hometown Press 2026 newsletter order form, seconded by Councilman Scott Brumbaugh. Unanimous by roll call.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to adjourn, seconded by President LeDonne. Unanimous by voice vote. Council meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juli Lemak
Borough Secretary