

Pen Argyl Borough Council held a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 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, and Josephine Hildabrant. Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper arrived at 7:03 P.M.

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

Visitors:

None.

Planning Commission:

Councilman Scott Brumbaugh made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-05, as recommended by the Planning Commission, for a plan revision for new land development at 910 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, seconded by Councilman Steven Goffredo. Unanimous by roll call.

Council was made aware of the Planning Commission's recommendation for the change of use for 507 E. Main Street from commercial/residential to residential.

Special note: Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper arrived at 7:03 P.M.

Discussion and Tentative Adoption of Year 2025 Budget:

General Fund - \$2,574,640.00 - 13 Mills (No increase)

Sewer Fund - \$1,468,100.00

State Fund - \$264,093.00

Reserve Fund - \$2,714,672.00

Garbage Wealth Fund - \$540,000.00

Reserve Wealth Fund - \$800,000.00

Tax Structure:

Real Estate Tax Millage - 13.00 Mills (no increase)

Per Capita - None

Local Services Tax (LST) - \$52.00

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

Tax Structure con't:

Earned Income Tax - 1% - Shared Equally with School District
Sewer Rental Fee - \$123.00 Minimum Quarterly Charge per Unit/10,000 Gallons
(increase of \$9.00 per quarter)
\$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 2025 is \$67,031,000; 2024 is \$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 \$67,031.00; less 5% uncollectible, collectible amount is \$63,678.45

Prior Years Millage: Years 2020 to present remains at 13 Mills.

Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant made a motion to adopt the Tentative Year 2025 Budget, seconded by Councilman Steven Goffredo. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Joseph LeDonne, Scott Brumbaugh, John Apgar, Stephanie Cooper, Josephine Hildabrant and Joann Anderson. Councilwoman Tammy Kemp voted no. There being seven (7) yes votes and one (1) no vote, the motion carried.

Tax Structure & Sewer Rental Fee:

Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant made a motion to adopt the Tentative Year 2025 Tax Structure with a 13 Millage Real Estate Tax and the sewer rental rate of \$123.00 minimum quarterly charge per unit for 10,000 gallons, with an increase of \$9.00 to the quarter base rate of \$114.00, \$13.50 per thousand over 10,000 gallons, a 7.89% rate increase for unmeasurable water consumption from \$171.10 to \$184.62, and a 7.89% increase for bodies in the public and private schools from \$14.26 per quarter to \$15.39 per quarter, seconded by Councilman Steven Goffredo. Unanimous by roll call.

Millage Resolution, suspend Residential Garbage Charges:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to authorize Borough Manager Zmoda to prepare a Resolution for the 13.00 Tax Millage and collection of annual tax for 2025, seconded by Councilwoman Joann Anderson. Unanimous by roll call.

Millage Resolution, suspend Residential Garbage Charges con't:

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 2025 for adoption at the Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 10, 2024, seconded by Councilman John Apgar. Unanimous by roll call.

Buy back of two (2) weeks unused vacation:

Councilman Steven Goffredo made a motion to buy back two (2) unused weeks' vacation for management employees, seconded by Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant. Unanimous by roll call.

Sanitation, Solid Waste & Recycling:

Councilwoman Joann Anderson made a motion for Borough Solicitor Peter Layman to amend the Sewer Ordinance to reflect a \$9.00 rate increase to the quarter base rate of \$114.00 to \$123.00, a 7.89% rate increase for unmeasurable water consumption from \$171.10 to \$184.62, and a 7.89% rate increase for students in the public and private schools from \$14.26 per quarter to \$15.39 per quarter, seconded by Councilman Scott Brumbaugh. Unanimous by roll call.

Adjournment

Councilwoman Joann Anderson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. Unanimous by voice vote. Council meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juli Lemak
Borough Secretary