

Tuesday 29th of November 2022 - November Special Meeting

Pen Argyl Borough Council held a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2022

at 7:00 P. M. at 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 were Joseph LeDonne, Tammy Kemp, Janell Connolly, Stephanie Cooper, Charles Kandl Jr., and John Apgar. Councilman Scott Brumbaugh attended remotely via phone.

Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant was absent.

Also present were Borough Manager Robin Zmoda and Borough Secretary Juli Lemak.

Visitors:

None

Discussion and Tentative Adoption of Year 2022 Budget:

General Fund - \$2,533,100.00 - 13.00 Mills (No increase)

Sewer Fund - \$1,549,000.00

Garbage Fund - \$526,275.00

State Fund - \$303,669.00

Reserve Fund - \$3,298,604.00

Capitol Reserve Fund - \$657,873.00

Tax Structure

Real Estate Tax Millage - 13.00 Mills

Per Capita - \$ 5.00

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 - \$105.00 Minimum Quarterly Charge per Unit/10,000 Gallons

(Increase of \$3.00 Per Quarter) \$13.50 per Thousand Gallon over 10,000 Gallons

Unmeasurable water consumption \$157.59

Private/Public School Charge \$13.13/Student

Garbage Fee - Garbage Fee Waived for year 2023

The Borough's Assessment Valuation for 2023 is \$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; 2017 was \$67,572,400 and 2016 was \$67,524,800. One (1) Mill equals \$66,817.20 less 5% uncollectible, collectible amount is \$63,476.34.

Discussion and Tentative Adoption of Year 2021 Budget con't:

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

*Special Note: Decrease in valuation, due to properties appealing their assessment.

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to adopt the Tentative Year 2023 Budget, seconded by Councilwoman Janell Connolly. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members Joseph LeDonne, Tammy Kemp, Scott Brumbaugh, Janell Connolly and Stephanie Cooper. Voting not in favor of the motion were council Members Charles Kandl Jr. and John Apgar. There being Five (5) yes votes and two (2) no votes, the motion passed.

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to adopt the Tax Structure for year 2023 with a 13 Millage Real Estate Tax, seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. **Unanimous by roll call vote.**

Sewer Rental Fee:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to approve the sewer rental rate of \$105.00 minimum quarterly charge per unit for 10,000 gallons with an increase of \$3.00 to the quarter base rate of \$102.00, \$13.50 per thousand gallons over 10,000 gallons, a 3% rate increase for unmeasurable water consumption from \$153.00 to \$157.59, and a 3% rate increase for students in the public and private schools from \$12.74 per quarter to \$13.13 per quarter, seconded by Councilman Scott Brumbaugh. **Unanimous by roll call.**

Millage Resolution and to Suspend Residential Garbage Charges:

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to authorize Borough Manager Zmoda to prepare a Resolution for the 13.00 Tax Millage and collection of annual tax for 2023, seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. **Unanimous by roll call.**

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. 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 2023 for adoption at the Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 13, 2022, seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. **Unanimous by roll call.**

Buy back of two (2) weeks unused vacation:

Councilman Charles Kandl Jr. made a motion to buy back two (2) unused weeks' vacation for management employees, seconded by Councilman John Apgar. **Unanimous by roll call.**

Sanitation, Solid Waste & Recycling:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion for Borough Solicitor Peter Layman to amend the Sewer Ordinance to reflect a \$3.00 rate increase to the quarter base rate of \$102.00 to \$105.00, a 3% rate increase for unmeasurable water consumption from \$153.00 to \$157.59, and a 3% rate increase for students in the public and private schools from \$12.74 per quarter to \$13.13 per quarter, seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. **Unanimous by roll call.**

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Stephanie Cooper. **Unanimous by voice vote.** Council Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juli Lemak
Borough Secretary

Final Budget Adoption/Borough Council Meeting - Tuesday, December 13, 2023 – 7:00 P. M.

No Workshop for December

January Re-organizational and Council Meeting - Tuesday, January 3, 2023 - 7:00 P. M.