

Pen Argyl Borough Council held a Special Meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 5:00 P. M. in the Borough Social Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is for Council to review and potentially act upon a personnel issue and other general issues.

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, Stephanie Cooper, Tammy Kemp, John Apgar, Steven Goffredo, Scott Brumbaugh and Joann Anderson. Council Member Josephine Hildabrant was not in attendance at roll call.

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

Visitors:

None

Executive Session:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters, seconded by Councilman John Apgar. Unanimous by roll call.

Council went into Executive Session at 5:02 P.M. and reconvened at 6:40 P.M.

Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant arrived at 5:03 P.M.

Finance, Tax Exoneration, Insurance & Personnel:

Councilman Steven Goffredo made a motion to discipline Public Works Director Steven Bender for his unprofessional and abrasive behavior towards the Pen Argyl Athletic and Park Association (Park Board) and the Public Works employees by making him publicly apologize to the Park Board at a meeting and apologize to the Public Works employees with Borough Manager Robin Zmoda present, with the understanding that if there is another incident of this type of behavior, he will be suspended without pay for a period of three (3) days, and then if it continues to a third (3rd) time he will be terminated, seconded by Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant. Voting in favor of the motion were: Scott Brumbaugh, Josephine Hildabrant and Steven Goffredo, Council Members voting no were Joseph LeDonne, Tammy Kemp, Joann Anderson, Stephanie Cooper, and John Apgar. There being three (3) yes votes and five (5) no votes, the motion did not carry.

Finance, Tax Exoneration, Insurance & Personnel con't:

Council President Joseph LeDonne made a motion to discipline Public Works Director Steven Bender for his unprofessional and abrasive behavior towards the Pen Argyl Athletic and Park Association (Park Board) and the Public Works employees by making him publicly apologize to the Park Board at a meeting, apologize to the Public Works employees with Borough Manager Robin Zmoda present, and have a three (3) day suspension without pay at the discretion of Borough Manager Robin Zmoda, with the understanding if there is another incident of this type of behavior he will be terminated, seconded by Councilwoman Tammy Kemp. Voting in favor of the motion were Council Members: Joseph LeDonne, Tammy Kemp, Joann Anderson, Stephanie Cooper, and John Apgar, Council Members voting no were Scott Brumbaugh, Steven Goffredo, and Josephine Hildabrant. There being five (5) yes votes and three (3) no votes, the motion carried.

Adjournment:

Councilwoman Tammy Kemp made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman John Apgar. Unanimous by voice vote. Council meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robin Zmoda
Borough Manager

Workshop – Tuesday, October 29th - 7:00 P. M.
Regular Council Meeting – Wednesday, November 6th - 7:00 P. M.