

On behalf of the Mayor and Borough Council we thank the following for their contributions to the Holiday Event: Mayor and Kim Male, Council and families, Pen Argyl Park Board, Boy Scouts, Stealth Clearing & Demolition, A Scott Enterprises, Steve Bender & the Pen Argyl Public Works, Pen Argyl Borough Manager, Slate Belt Regional Police Dept., Lookout Fire Company Fire Police, Slate Belt Regional Police Department, Denny Miller, Mackenzie Hughes, Giant Wind Gap, Dale's Concessions, Crayola, Blue Triton Brands, Keystone Snacks, and Dr. & Mrs. Robert McEvoy.

NOVEMBER 28th SPECIAL MEETING

- Tentatively adopted the 2024 Budget with no mill tax increase, repealed the Per Capita Tax, waived the garbage fee for 2024, and sewer fees will increase \$9.00 per quarterly charge per unit/10,000 gallons (\$105.00 to \$114.00), \$13.50 per thousand gallon over 10,000 gallons, \$171.10 flat rate for unmeasurable water consumption, and \$14.26 school charge per student.

DECEMBER BUDGET ADOPTION AND COUNCIL MEETING

❖ Approved the Year 2024 Budget with no tax increase:

General Fund - \$2,847,109.00	Sewer Fund - \$1,527,600.00	State Fund - \$285,549.00
Garbage Fund - \$500,000.00	Reserve Fund - \$2,740,100.00	Capitol Reserve Fund - \$760,000.00

❖ Approved the Tax Structure:

Real Estate Tax Millage – 13.00 Mills Local Services Tax (LST) - \$52.00
Real Estate Transfer Tax – 1% - Shared Equally with School District
Earned Income Tax – 1% (0.50% Borough/0.50% School District)

- Sewer Rental Fee - \$114.00 Minimum Quarterly Charge per Unit/10,000 gallons., \$13.50 per thousand gallon over 10,000 gallons, \$171.10 flat rate for unmeasurable water consumption, and \$14.26 school charge per student.
Garbage Fee – Waived for 2024

- ❖ Adopted Ordinance #728 increasing the quarterly Sewer Rental Fees.
- ❖ Adopted Ordinance #729 suspending 2024 Residential Garbage Fees.
- ❖ Adopted Ordinance #730 to repeal the Per Capita Tax.
- ❖ Passed Resolution #2023-14 fixing the 2024 millage rate as 13 mills (same as last year).
- ❖ Passed Resolution #2023-15 for earned income tax, local services tax & property transfer tax for 2024.
- ❖ Passed Resolution # 2023-16 appointing Berkheimer Associates as Collector of the Local Services Tax and Keystone Collection Group as Collector of the Earned Income Tax for the Year 2023.
- ❖ Accepted Reimer Bros., Inc. Gas & Oil bid for 2024.
- ❖ Approved Handicap Parking spaces for Broad St. & S. Schanck Ave.
- ❖ Approved a waiver for the submission of separate preliminary & final plans for the Railroad Ave. development.
- ❖ Approved Change Order #2 for a time extension for the flow meter installation on the W. Main St. force main.
- ❖ Approved the No Nonsense Neutering 2024 Contract.
- ❖ Approved the Hometown Press Newsletter contract for 2024.
- ❖ Approved the Street Décor Quote for 20 more Snowflakes in 2024.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency) and 610 759-8523 (Fax). In October officers responded to 330 calls for service, with 97 in Pen Argyl.

PUBLIC WORKS

During the month of November, the Public Works Department performed maintenance on equipment at the park, Borough property, parking meters, traffic signs and lights.

- ❖ Leaf collection throughout the Borough and Park.
- ❖ Installed & checked all spinners & spreaders on trucks.
- ❖ Placed barricades & posted area for Fall Event on S. Robinson Ave.
- ❖ Holiday Lights maintenance, repair, and installation.
- ❖ Reported streetlight outage (2).
- ❖ PA One Calls (3).
- ❖ Catch basin cleaning, repaired storm sewer on W. Main St.
- ❖ Pothole patrol, meter maintenance.
- ❖ Assisted with holiday tree lighting and event at park.

ZONING DEPARTMENT

In November the following permits were issued: 2 building and 1 electrical. Also, the following inspections were completed: 4 re-sale and 6 rental properties. The Zoning/Code Office, can be reached at 610-863-1821 or at zoning@penargylborough.com

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

The WWTP is fully compliant with all regulations. During November routine maintenance on equipment, plant and pumping station maintenance was completed. All mandated testing completed and submitted as required. Received and completed 26 PA one call requests. Utility pump #1 still out for repair.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

Lookout Fire Company's volunteers provide top-notch fire protection for the residents of Pen Argyl and surrounding communities. Thank you to all the volunteers. Don't forget to support their fund-raising efforts at- <https://www.facebook.com/Lookout-Fire-Company-1-209804491353/>

LANDLORD RESPONSIBILITY

It is the responsibility for all landlords to get property inspected prior to a new tenant moving into the property and to update the tenant registration form. If you are in arrears with any Borough fees you will not get a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) to occupy the building. Landlords are also reminded of the Rental Licensing Ordinance requiring annual registration of all rental properties in the Borough.

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

The Borough Newsletter is published each month following the Borough Council Meeting. It can be found at the Borough Hall, on our website: www.penargylborough.com and on our Facebook Page. You can receive the newsletter online by going to our website and requesting it.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Borough offices will be closed 12/25/2023 & 1/1/2024.

Garbage/Recycling –Garbage collection is every Friday. Recycling will be on Dec. 1st, 15th & Sat. the 30th as well as Jan. 12th & 26th. **Garbage/recycling containers are to be placed on the resident's property at the curb line and are not to be placed before 2 P.M. on the day before pickup.**

Blue Mountain Community Library-visit their website: <http://www.bmcl.org> for the latest news!

CALENDAR

Tues., Jan. 2nd – Borough Council Re-organization & Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Social Hall
Mon., Jan. 8th – Authority Meeting, 5 P.M., Borough Social Hall