

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 of America, Muschlitz Excavating, A Scott Enterprises, Waste Management, Steve Bender & the Pen Argyl Public Works, Pen Argyl Borough Manager, Lookout Fire Company Fire Police, Denny Miller, Richard & Carol Shaplin, Mackenzie Hughes, Dale's Concessions, Crayola, Keystone Snacks, Just Born, and Dr. & Mrs. Robert McEvoy.

NOVEMBER 26th SPECIAL MEETING

- Adopted Resolution 2024-05 as recommended by Planning Commission for a plan revision for new land development at 910 W. Pennsylvania Avenue.
- Tentatively adopted the 2025 Budget with no mill tax increase, waived the garbage fee for 2025, and sewer fees will increase \$9.00 per quarterly charge per unit/10,000 gallons (\$114.00 to \$123.00), \$13.50 per thousand gallon over 10,000 gallons, \$184.62 flat rate for unmeasurable water consumption, and \$15.39 school charge per student.

DECEMBER BUDGET ADOPTION AND COUNCIL MEETING

❖ Approved the Year 2025 Budget with no tax increase:

General Fund - \$2,574,640.00 Sewer Fund - \$1,468,100 State Fund - \$264,093.00
Garbage Fund - \$540,000.00 Reserve Fund - \$2,714,672.00 Capitol Reserve Fund - \$800,000.00

❖ 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 - \$123.00 Minimum Quarterly Charge per Unit/10,000 gallons., \$13.50 per thousand gallon over 10,000 gallons, \$184.62 flat rate for unmeasurable water consumption, and \$15.39 school charge per student.
- Garbage Fee – Waived for 2025

- ❖ Passed Resolution #2024-07 fixing the 2025 millage rate as 13 mills (same as last year).
- ❖ Adopted Ordinance #733 amending Section 79-6 of Pen Argyl Borough Code.
- ❖ Adopted Ordinance #734 increasing the quarterly Sewer Rental Fees.
- ❖ Adopted Ordinance #735 suspending 2025 Residential Garbage Fees.
- ❖ Passed Resolution #2024-08 for earned income tax, local services tax & property transfer tax for 2025.
- ❖ Passed Resolution # 2024-09 appointing Berkheimer Associates as Collector of the Local Services Tax and Keystone Collection Group as Collector of the Earned Income Tax for the Year 2025.
- ❖ Accepted quote from Snyder Technologies for camera improvements at Weona Park.
- ❖ Agreed to remove 3 meters near the intersection of George Street & S. Robinson Avenue.
- ❖ Agreed to move forward with N. Westbrook Avenue Stormwater Replacement Project.
- ❖ Accepted Reimer Bros., Inc. Gas & Oil bid for 2025.
- ❖ Approved FURR 2025 Contract.
- ❖ Agreed to purchase a Sutphen Fire Truck in partnership with Lookout Fire Company.
- ❖ Approved entering a 3-year contract with Teamster Local 773 beginning 1/1/2025.
- ❖ Directed Borough Manager to sign settlement & mutual agreement for Lobb Ave.
- ❖ Hired Darren Yeisley as a seasonal worker at Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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 691 calls for service, with 187 in Pen Argyl. Officers investigated 11 criminal offenses & made 5 criminal arrests. Residents can receive important, official information directly from the Slate Belt Regional Police Department through Nixle. Messages will be delivered by email, SMS text message, and over the web. <https://local.nixle.com/slate-belt-regional-police-department/>

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.

- ❖ Building checks, daily trash runs, cleaned all rain gutters at park.
- ❖ Lookout Fire Company assisted in cleaning up vandalism at pavilion.
- ❖ Leaf collection throughout the Borough and Park.
- ❖ Equipment maintenance: GMC 08, GMC 13 inspection.
- ❖ Holiday Lights maintenance, repair, and installation.
- ❖ Reported streetlight outage (1). PA One Calls (5).
- ❖ Pothole patrol, meter maintenance & sign repair. Spot salting 12/4 & 12/5
- ❖ Assisted with holiday tree lighting event at park.

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 1 PA one call request. Decanters repaired. Centrifuge overhauled with Alfa Laval. Allstate sludge removal while centrifuge being repaired. UV PLC crashed, cloud-based stream application installed, operators now capable of monitoring remotely.

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. 2025 Rental License invoices will be going out in January.

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.penargyllborough.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 12/25/2024, 1/1/2025 & close at Noon on 12/24/2024.

Garbage/Recycling –Garbage collection is every Friday. Recycling will be on Dec. 13th & 28th (Sat, due to holiday) as well as Jan. 10th & 24th. Garbage Collection will be Sat., Dec. 28th & Jan. 4th due to holidays.

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. 7th – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Social Hall
Mon., Jan. 6th – Authority Meeting, 5 P.M., Borough Social Hall (If needed)

