

On behalf of the Mayor and Borough Council we thank the following for their contributions to the Holiday Event; Mayor & Family, Council & Families, Pen Argyl Park Board, PAASD Bell Choir, PAASD Students, Steve Bender & the PWD Staff, Borough Manager, Lookout Fire Company, Denny Miller, Mackenzie Hughes, Dr. & Mrs Robert McEvoy, Dale's Concessions, Crayola, Blue Triton Brands, Hershey Company, and Keystone Snacks.

NOVEMBER 25th SPECIAL MEETING

- Tentatively adopted the 2026 Budget with a 1 mil fire tax increase, waived the garbage fee for 2026, and sewer fees remain the same as 2025, \$123.00 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.

DECEMBER BUDGET ADOPTION AND COUNCIL MEETING

❖ **Approved the Year 2026 Budget:**

General Fund - \$2,455,329.00 Sewer Fund - \$1,514,725.00 State Fund - \$279,705.00
Garbage Fund - \$535,000.00 Reserve Fund - \$1,928,021.00 Capitol Reserve Fund - \$813,000.00

❖ **Approved the Tax Structure:**

Real Estate Tax Millage – 13.00 Mills Fire Tax – 1 Mill 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 2026
- ❖ Adopted Ordinance # 740 ordaining the upper portion of C Street.
- ❖ Adopted Ordinance #741 suspending 2025 Residential Garbage Fees
- ❖ Adopted Ordinance #742 providing for the 1 Mill Fire Tax
- ❖ Adopted Ordinance #743 Fixing the tax rate (Real Estate 13 Mills, Fire Tax 1 Mill).
- ❖ Passed Resolution # 2025-11 appointing Berkheimer Associates as Collector of the Local Services Tax and Keystone Collection Group as Collector of the Earned Income Tax for the Year 2026.
- ❖ Passed Resolution #2025-12 for earned income tax, local services tax & property transfer tax for 2026.
- ❖ Accepted Reimer Bros., Inc. Gas & Oil bid for 2026.
- ❖ Awarded the Phase 2 Playground Bid to Grace Industries in the amount of \$397,645.00
- ❖ Agreed to enter into the Multi Municipal Cost Agreement for Plan Slate Belt.
- ❖ Agreed to send correspondence to DEP regarding GCSL MRF building sewage facilities planning module.
- ❖ Approved Resolution to DEP for the MRF plan revision.
- ❖ Approved FURR 2026 Contract.
- ❖ Approved the Albarell Generator Agreement for generator servicing for 2025-2026.

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 739 calls for service, with 153 in Pen Argyl. 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/>

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 PA one call requests. Solenoid repaired. Launched camera to look for a blockage. Replaced cylinder wiper in UV system. Recalibrated Transducer for accuracy. Assisted PWD with leaf pick up.

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.

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, blew out waterlines, and dismantled toilet fixtures.
- ❖ Leaf collection throughout the Borough and Park.
- ❖ Equipment maintenance: GMC '08 inspection, replace Ram 2 rubber edge, and greased equipment
- ❖ Holiday Lights maintenance, repair, and installation.
- ❖ Reported streetlight outages (9). PA One Calls (4).
- ❖ Pothole patrol, meter maintenance & sign repair. Spot salting 12/4 & 12/5
- ❖ Assisted with holiday tree lighting at Park.
- ❖ Installed 3 new backboards, deer removal.
- ❖ Plow & salt 12/2 28 hours, 250.9 miles

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

Lookout Fire Company responded to 18 calls in the month of November. They had 231 hours of training and 305 hours on calls. 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. 2026 Rental License invoices will be going out in January.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Borough offices will be closed 12/25/2025, 1/1/2026 & close at Noon on 12/24/2025 and 12/31/2025.

Garbage/Recycling –Garbage collection is every Friday. Recycling will be on Dec. 12th & 27th (Sat, due to holiday) as well as Jan. 9th & 23rd. Garbage Collection will be Sat., Dec. 27th & Jan. 3rd 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

Mon., Jan. 5th – Borough Council Re-organization & Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Social Hall



HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE BOROUGH