

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS

FEBRUARY 2024

Feb. 6th COUNCIL MEETING

- Blue Mountain Community Library thanked the Borough for their support and gave their annual report.
- Directed Solicitor Peter Layman to attend the 2/15/2024 Planning Commission Meeting.
- Agreed to waive the fees for the Lookout Fire Department's sign application.
- Agreed to advertise for the Vacancy on the Municipal Authority Board.
- Certified the Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and Delinquent Per Capita taxes lists.
- Approved Exoneration Per Capita List and exonerated the Borough from payment of Borough Real Estate fees.
- Approved Free Yard Sale Dates: 6/7-6/9 & 9/13-9/15.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

In the past month, PWD did maintenance on equipment, Borough property and streets.

- Building checks. Repairs to street garage furnace.
- Equipment maintenance. GMC 13, GMC 08, and backhoe repairs. Routine greasing.
- Road Treatment 1/6-1/7, 1/16, & 1/19. Plow 1/6-1/7, 1/16, and 1/19.
- Catch basin cleaning & storm washouts. Truck washes. Pothole patrol. Litter patrol.
- Street light outage reporting (3). Replaced bulb on N. Wood Ave.
- Installed manhole protection rings on Arch & E. Plainfield.
- Assisted Wastewater Treatment Plant 2 times, force main shut down.
- Rebuilt miniature golf course features.
- Tree branch removal on: Nottle, Delabole Junction & Weona Park.

ZONING OFFICE

Please note rental registration invoices will be going out in February. If you do not register your rental you will be cited and fined. If you have any outstanding bills to the Borough your rental license will not be issued or may be revoked. Landlords are reminded to get properties inspected each time a tenant moves out, prior to new tenant.

In January, the following permits were issued: 2 building, 2 electrical, 1 commercial plumbing, 1 residential plumbing, and processed 1 special exception variance. Also completed; 6 residential rental property, 2 commercial rental property and 3 residential re-sale property, and 1 commercial resale inspection. The Zoning Officer can be reached at 610-863-1821 or at zoning@penargylborough.com

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency) and 610-759-8523 (Fax). In Dec., police responded to 330 calls for service, 108 in Pen Argyl. The SBRPD is pleased to announce the apprehension of a prime suspect in the burglaries that occurred in early December.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In Jan., the fire company responded to 11 calls. There were 256 manhours on drills/training and 266 manhours on calls. Follow them on Facebook to participate in great raffles and support a great organization. Or you can join and be a part of their team just go to <http://lookoutfireco.com/downloads/> to apply. Saturday, 2/17 Stein and Stem Bingo! Contact any member for information or head on over to their Facebook page to buy tickets.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Monthly, weekly, and quarterly sampling was done, all comply. Equipment, plant, and pumping station maintenance was completed. Centrifuge conveyance repair. Pump #2 down sent out for repair and Pump #3 VFD failure repaired. Force main project. Answered and marked 10 PA One Calls. Several high-water alarms during storms. Root intrusion in line will need to be excavated, scheduled in spring.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax bills have been mailed. Reminder the discount period for real estate taxes ends 3/31, and base rate is due by 5/31. Taxes are remitted to Pen Argyl Borough, 501 George Street, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Please call 610-863-9487 if you have any questions.

FERAL CAT PROGRAM

Pen Argyl Borough has renewed our contract with No Nonsense Neutering, Contact the Borough office for information about the trap neuter return program exclusively for feral cats (free vouchers provided with proof of I.D.).

ALERTS

Sign up for Nixle alerts for up-to-date relevant information from the Borough, public safety departments. <https://local.nixle.com/zipcode/18072/>

Borough Newsletter- The Borough Newsletter is published each month following the Borough Council Meeting. It can be found on our website at www.penargylborough.com and you can receive the newsletter online by going to our website and requesting it. *While on the web site make sure you like us on Facebook!*

Garbage/Recycling – Garbage collection is every Friday, except for holiday weeks when it is delayed to Saturday. Recycling will be on Feb. 9th & 23rd as well as Mar. 8th & 22nd. **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. Call the Borough at 610-863-4119 if you have a missed pick up.**

Snow removal – Residents are reminded that they are not to shovel or blow snow into the street. Also, residents are asked to shovel snow or ice away from any fire hydrant. Sidewalks should be cleared of snow and /or ice within 24 hours of the snow or ice ceasing to fall.

Dog Licenses– State Law requires all dogs over 3 months of age to be licensed annually. For additional dog license information, please contact the County Revenue Office at 610-829-6186, option 6. Or to apply online go to: <http://www.padoglicense.com/>

Blue Mountain Community Library- All overdue fines have been waived. Mr. Pastie fundraiser between 2/12 & 3/16. The public is invited to the next board meeting, scheduled for 2/20 at 6:30 P.M. Book Discussion Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.: 2/13 – *The Tiffany Girls* by Shelley Noble. Preschool story hour 2/14 & 2/28 at 10:30 A.M. Registration required. Please check out the website for more info and hours of operation: <https://bmcl.org/>

CALENDAR (all at Borough Hall, unless noted)

Mon., Feb. 5th – Municipal Authority Meeting, 5 P.M. (if needed)

Wed., Feb. 14th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M.

Thurs., Feb. 15th – Planning Commission Meeting, 7 P.M.

Tues., Feb. 27th – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M.

Thurs., Feb. 29th – Zoning Hearing, 7 P.M.

Tues., Mar. 5th – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M.

