

Pen Argyl Borough Newsletter

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PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS

JANUARY 2023

JANUARY 3rd COUNCIL MEETING

- Made the following appointments: Craig Reduzzi, Planning Commission; Craig Ealey, Municipal Authority; Chris Brumbaugh, Zoning Board; Dean Parsons, Carl Meixsell Jr., Shawn Campanaro, Matthew Vantage, and Matt Kolb, Bureau of Fire Prevention; John Cuono and all Council Members, Vacancy Board; Stephen Dadio, Sewage Enforcement Officer; Janell Connolly and Mayor Stephen Male, LVPC General Assembly; Robin Zmoda and Charles Kandl Jr, Northampton County Tax Collection Committee; Scott Brumbaugh, Council Liaison to Municipal Authority; Mayor Stephen Male and Scot Brumbaugh, Slate Belt COG; Joseph LeDonne, Delegate and Mayor Stephen Male Alternate, Slate Belt Regional Police Commission; Robin Zmoda, Opens Records Officer and Juli Lemak, Alternate Open Records Officer. Josephine Hildabrant, Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals; Janell Connolly, Jeffrey Fox and Robin Zmoda, Multi Municipal Comp Plan Steering Committee.
- Directed Borough Manager to advertise for vacancies on various boards and committees.
- Agreed to contribute \$100.00 to Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation Center.

PUBLIC WORKS

During the month of December, the Public Works Department performed scheduled maintenance tasks and completed all requested tasks.

- Washed, maintained and repaired vehicles
- Cleared Borough Hall sidewalks 2 times
- Completed Community Center Demolition
- Street Light outage (1)
- PA one calls (1)
- Cleaned catch basins & litter patrol
- Pothole patrol 12/28/2022
- Meter malfunctions and coin collection.
- Cut and removed large tree branch Jory & S Schanck
- Winter maintenance on 12/11, 12/15, and 12/23.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency)
and

610 759-8523 (Fax). In November officers responded to 353 calls for service, with 117 in Pen Argyl.

ZONING/CODE DEPARTMENT

Please note rental registration invoices will be going out in January. 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 may be revoked.

In December the following permits were issued: 1 building, 1 mechanical & 1 zoning. Also completed; 1 commercial rental property inspection, 3 residential rental and 4 re-sale property inspections. **Landlords are reminded to contact the Zoning Officer to register rental properties and to schedule inspection of rental properties to comply with the Licensing of Rental Properties Ordinance. Violators can be fined.** The Zoning Officer can be reached at 610-863-1821 or at zoning@penargylborough.com

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In December the Lookout Fire Company responded to 12 calls. They spent 217 hours on drills and 225 hours on calls. The Borough thanks our dedicated volunteers. Lookout Fire Company has a website: www.lookoutfireco.com . Follow their face book page for fundraiser events <https://www.facebook.com/Lookout-Fire-Company-1-209804491353/>

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Monthly, weekly and quarterly sampling was done, all comply. Equipment, plant and pumping station maintenance was completed. Answered and marked 9 PA One Calls. Back up batteries installed on generators at plant and west end transfer switches. Generator fuel tanks topped off. Well meters read.

BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

Borough Newsletter- The Borough Newsletter is published each month following the Borough Council Meeting. It can be found at the Borough Hall or on our website at www.penargylborough.com . You can receive the newsletter by email by contacting: manager@penargylborough.com and requesting it. You will need to provide your name, address and email contact. ***You can also find us on Facebook.***

MOVING PERMIT REMINDER

If you are moving into, within or out of the Borough it is essential for you to come to the Borough Office and obtain a moving permit. The cost for the permit is \$1. This includes any individual moving in with a roommate or with a family member. This permit is necessary for school enrollment and per capita taxes. Upon obtaining a permit you will receive a welcome packet with important Borough information. If you are moving out of the Borough, you must obtain a moving permit, or you will continue to be billed for the Per Capita Tax.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ITEMS OF INTEREST!

Garbage/Recycling –Garbage collection is every Friday. Recycling will be on Jan. 13th & 27th, as well as February 10th & 24th. **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.**

Pen Argyl Borough PWD would like to offer this advice to those who must travel during winter storms-

Carry a winter emergency travel kit. Listen to weather and travel advisories, and if you don't have to travel in bad weather, don't. Keep your gas tank at least half full. Slow down and increase following distance.

Avoid sudden stops and starts. Beware of roads that may look wet, but are frozen, often referred to as "black ice." Use extra caution on bridges and ramps where ice can often form without warning. Carry a cell phone. Do not use cruise control while driving on snow-covered roads. State law requires you to turn on your headlights when your wipers are on. Use your low beams in bad weather, especially in cases of heavy or blowing snow. Remove ice and snow from windows, mirrors and all vehicle lights as often as needed.

Snow removal – Residents are reminded that they are not to shovel or blow snow into the street. Also, residents are asked to shovel snow away from any fire hydrant.

Dog Licenses- Residents are reminded to renew their dog licenses. Licenses can be purchased at <http://www.padoglicense.com> or by contacting Northampton County at 610-829-6186, option 6.

Blue Mountain Community Library- Mr. Pastie Fundraiser. Help support the library and a local business! Tickets are \$7 and will be available to purchase from 1/16 – 2/11, for beef with onion, beef with no onion, chicken and veggie pasties. Tickets must be redeemed at Mr. Pastie between 3/1 and 5/31. Weis receipts from Bangor, Brodheadsville, Mt. Pocono, Marshalls Creek, Stroudsburg, and Tannersville are accepted by library. In return Weis Markets awards the library with a 1% monetary donation of total submitted receipts. Book Group meets at 6:30 P.M: 1/10- *The Wedding Veil*, Kristy Woodson Harvey; 2/14- *The Tobacco Wives*, Adele Myers; and *Mad Honey*, Jodi Picoult will resume in the spring. Visit their web site www.bmcl.org

CALENDAR

Mon. Jan. 9th – Municipal Authority, 5 P.M, Borough Hall

Weds., Jan. 11th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall

Thurs., Jan 12th – Planning Commission, 7 P.M., Fire Station Social Hall

Thurs., Jan. 19th – Zoning Hearing Board, 7 P.M., Borough Hall

Tues., Jan 31st – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M., Borough Hall

Tues., Feb. 7th – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall