

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS
JANUARY 2024

BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZES

On Tuesday, January 2, 2024, Mayor Stephen Male swore in Council Members: Tammy Kemp, Steven Goffredo, John Apgar and Joann Anderson for four-year terms; Council elected the following officers: Council President, Joseph LeDonne; Vice-President, Josephine Hildabrant, and President Pro-Tem, Tammy Kemp.

JAN. 2nd COUNCIL MEETING

- Council made the following appointments: Erik Mesko, Planning Commission; Rose Rinker, Sewer Authority; Judith Piper, Zoning Hearing Board; Dean Parsons, Carl Meixsell Jr., Shawn Campanaro, Matthew Vantage, and Bill Harmon, Bureau of Fire Prevention; John Cuono, Vacancy Board; Steve Dadio of Value Engineering, Sewage Enforcement Officer, and Dawn Plummer to the Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals.
- Council appointed the following members as delegates/alternates: Lehigh Valley Planning Commission General Assembly Stephen Male/Joann Anderson; Northampton County Tax Collection Committee Robin Zmoda /Stephanie Cooper; Slate Belt COG Stephen Male/Scott Brumbaugh, and Slate Belt Regional Police Commission: Joseph LeDonne/Stephen Male.
- Appointed Joseph LeDonne, Robin Zmoda and Tyler Kemp as representatives on the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.
- Appointed Scott Brumbaugh and Robin Zmoda to Slate Belt Rising Steering Committee.
- Appointed Borough Manager/Treasurer Robin Zmoda as Open Records Officer and Borough Secretary Juli Lemak as alternate.
- Authorized Borough Manager to advertise for vacancies on various boards and committees.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2024-1 fixing fees for applications and permits for the establishment, repair, alteration, or abandonment of on-lot septic systems.
- Set Council Meetings for the first Tuesday of each month and Workshop Meetings will be held the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. All will be held at Pen Argyl Borough Social Hall, 11 N. Robinsons Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

- Building checks.
- Equipment maintenance.
- Prepped vehicles for winter storm duty. Road Treatment 12/11. Spot deicing 12/21.
- Leaf collection. Clean up fallen tree limbs. Removed tree form lines on S Main.
- Installed handicap parking signs (2), removed (1).
- Catch basin cleaning & storm washouts. Pothole patrol. Litter patrol.
- Street light outage reporting (3).
- Dye tested storm sewer.

ZONING OFFICE

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 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 December, the following permits were issued: 1 building, 1 electrical, 1 plumbing, 1 mechanical 1 sidewalk, and processed 5 zoning permits. Also completed; 1 residential rental property and 2 re-sale property inspections. 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 Nov., police responded to 327 calls for service, 91 in Pen Argyl. Considering the recent burglaries, Pen Argyl Mayor and Council along with the Slate Belt Regional Police Department is encouraging ALL residents from Pen Argyl Borough, Wind Gap Borough, and Plainfield Township to ensure your surveillance cameras are properly working and to keep your windows and doors locked to your residences. Slate Belt Regional Police urge residents to report all suspicious activity to them.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

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.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Monthly, weekly and quarterly sampling was done, all comply. Equipment, plant and pumping station maintenance was completed. Excessive grease found in W. End. Responded to several alarms, high water and equipment failure. Root intrusion found in part of the main, excavation required. Answered and marked 16 PA One Calls.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax bills will go out in February. 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.).

NIXEL NOTIFICATIONS

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 (1/6). Recycling will be on Jan. 12th & 26th and February 9th & 23rd. **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.**

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 late fines have been waived. The public is invited to the next board meeting, scheduled for 1/16 at 6:30 P.M. Book Discussion Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M.: 1/9 – *The Tiffany Girls* by Shelley Noble. Preschool story hour 1/3, 1/17 & 1/31 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., Jan. 8th – Municipal Authority Meeting, 5 P.M. (if needed)

Wed., Jan. 10th – Park Board Meeting, Borough Hall, 7 P.M.

Tues., Jan. 30th – Borough Council Workshop, Borough Hall, 7 P.M.

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

Tues., Feb. 6th – Borough Council Meeting, Borough Hall, 7 P.M.