

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS
JANUARY 2025

JANUARY 7th COUNCIL MEETING

- Made the following appointments: Stephen Marhevka, Planning Commission; Matt Kolb, Municipal Authority; Lisa Kandl, Zoning Board; Dean Parsons, Carl Meixsell Jr., Shawn Campanaro, Matthew Vantage, and Christopher Fiducia, Bureau of Fire Prevention; Council Members, Vacancy Board; Stephen Dadio, Sewage Enforcement Officer; Mayor Stephen Male and Joann Anderson, LVPC General Assembly; Robin Zmoda and Stephanie Cooper, Northampton County Tax Collection Committee; Scott Brumbaugh, Council Liaison to Municipal Authority; Mayor Stephen Male and Scott 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; Joseph LeDonne, Tyler Kemp and Robin Zmoda, Multi Municipal Comp Plan Steering Committee.
- Directed Borough Manager to advertise for vacancies on various boards and committees.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Maintained and repaired vehicles. Removed leaf vac and equipped trucks for winter maintenance.
- Street Light outage (2). Replaced bulb on Wood & Walnut.
- Garage deep cleaned, painted restroom & office.
- Cleaned catch basins 12/12/2024.
- Meter malfunctions
- Removed and stored holiday lights.
- Cut back old low hanging phone lines on Ridge Avenue.
- Moved road salt in salt shed to accommodate new deliveries.
- Winter maintenance on 12/16, 12/24, and 12/23. 70 hours covering 458.70 miles.

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 636 calls for service, with 128 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: 3 building, 1 plumbing, 3 electrical, 1 planning, & 1 zoning. Also completed; 3 residential rental, 4 re-sale property inspections & processed 6 rental registrations. **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@penargyllborough.com

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In November & December the Lookout Fire Company responded to 26 calls. They spent 455 hours on drills and 836 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 PA One Calls. Headworks building hose rack built and building cleaned. Annual TKN collected and sent to lab. Form 43 sludge renewal accepted. Hose rack for 6-inch hoses for diesel pump built. Trojan Tech for UV system scheduled for February. Removed fallen tree at West End pumping station.

NIXLE 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

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 \$5. This includes any individual moving in with a roommate or with a family member. Upon obtaining a permit you will receive a welcome packet with important Borough information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ITEMS OF INTEREST!

Garbage/Recycling –Garbage collection is every Friday. Recycling will be on Jan. 10th & 24th, as well as February 7th & 21st. **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 – Property owners have 24 hours after storm to remove snow and/or ice from sidewalks. 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-Preschool Storytime, 1/22, 2/5 & 2/19 10:30 A.M. Please register. Book Group meets at 6:30 P.M: 1/14- Book Tasting member present book of their choice with synopsis; 2/11- *The Day the World Came to Town*, Jim DeFede; and 3/11 – *A calamity of Souls*, David Balducci. Board Meeting 1/21/2025 at 6:30 P.M. Visit their web site www.bmcl.org

CALENDAR

Thurs., Jan. 9th – Zoning Hearing Board, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Thurs., Jan 16th – Planning Commission, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Tues., Jan 28th – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Mon., Feb 3rd – Municipal Authority, 5 P.M., Borough Hall (if needed)
Mon., Feb 3rd - Weona Park Pool Pals, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Tues., Feb. 4th – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Weds., Feb 12th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall