

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS
JANUARY 2026

BOROUGH COUNCIL REORGANIZES

On Monday, January 5, 2026, Mayor Stephen Male swore in Council Members: Roy Clewell, Josephine Hildabrant, and Stephanie Cooper for four-year terms; Council elected the following officers: Council President, Steven Goffredo; Vice-President, Tammy Kemp, and President Pro-Tem, Joann Anderson.

JAN. 5th COUNCIL MEETING

- Council accepted with regret the resignation of newly elected Jessica Handelong.
- Council made a motion to advertise the First Ward Council Vacancy.
- Council made the following appointments: Tyler Kemp, Planning Commission; Michael Zavacky, Sewer Authority; Mandy Cicero, Zoning Hearing Board; Dean Parsons, Carl Meixsell Jr., Shawn Campanaro, Matthew Vantage, and Chris Fiducia, Bureau of Fire Prevention; Steve Dadio of Rooted Environmental Engineering, Sewage Enforcement Officer, and Councilwoman Josephine Hildabrant to the Disruptive Conduct Board of Appeals.
- Council appointed the following members as delegates/alternates: Lehigh Valley Planning Commission General Assembly Stephen Male/Stephaine Cooper; Northampton County Tax Collection Committee Borough Manager /Tammy Kemp; Slate Belt COG Stephen Male, and Slate Belt Regional Police Commission: Stephen Male/Roy Clewell.
- Appointed Joann Anderson, Borough Manager and Tyler Kemp as representatives on the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.
- Appointed Borough Manager to Slate Belt Rising Steering Committee.
- Appointed Borough Manager/Treasurer as Open Records Officer and Borough Secretary Juli Lemak as alternate.
- Authorized Borough Manager to advertise vacancies on various boards and committees.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2026-1 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. Exceptions are the August Council Meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th and the November Council meeting will be Wednesday, November 4th. All will be held at Pen Argyl Borough Social Hall, 11 N. Robinson Ave., Pen Argyl, PA 18072
- Approved the hiring of Brian Fenstermaker

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

- Building checks. Weekly trash runs at Park.
- Equipment maintenance: Repairs to Bobcat; GMC 2013; RAM 2 (6 tires); and plow repairs.
- Streetlight outage reporting (4).
- Stormwater BMPs; Basin top cleaning and truck washes 12/11, 12/15, & 1/2.
- Street Maintenance: PA, one calls (0). Pothole patrol-12/16 & 12/18.
- Misc: meter malfunctions. Leaf Collection
- Winter Maintenance: 12/10; 12/13-14; 12/23; & 12/26. Total hours 89, Total miles 582.90. Boro Hall walkways 4Xs
- Training: Snowplow review. PWD Bender completed PUC Education Requirement.

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, 2 electrical, and 3 zoning permits were processed. Also completed; 14 residential rentals, 1 commercial rental and 3 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 732 calls for service, 139 in Pen Argyl.

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. Lookout responded to 10 calls in December, spent 198 hours on drills/training and 245 hours on calls.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Monthly, weekly, and quarterly sampling was done; all comply. Equipment, plant, and pumping station maintenance were completed. Centrifuge issues. UV Maintenance. Well meters read. Tested floats. Operator in training passed activated sludge & collections exams.

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 FURR, contact the Borough office for information about the trap neuter return program exclusively for feral cats (free vouchers provided with proof of I.D.).

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- 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 Jan. 9th & 23rd and February 6th & 20th. **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- **Thank you to Lisa Farnan! Welcome to Dr. Silvius!** Last Chance Books-gently used books for sale. Preschool storytime, ages 3-5. Wed., 1/21 at 10:30 AM. Adult Book Group at 6:30 PM, need to register: 1/13 "Book Tasting" share your favorite book; 2/10 "The Note" by Alafair Burke. Board Meeting 1/20 at 6:30 PM. Please check out the website for more info and hours of operation: <https://bmcl.org/>

CALENDAR (all at Borough Hall, unless noted)

Wed., Jan. 14th – Park Board Meeting, Borough Hall, 7 P.M.

Thur., Jan. 15th – SB Regional Police Commission, Borough Hall, 5 P.M.

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

Mon., Feb. 2nd – Municipal Authority, 5 P.M. (if needed).

Mon., Feb. 2nd – Weona Park Pool Pals, 7 P.M.

Tues., Feb. 3rd – Borough Council Meeting, Borough Hall, 7 P.M.