

Pen Argyl Borough Newsletter

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PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS

MARCH 2023

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

- Agreed to hire The Hillis Group to do core sampling of proposed road improvement projects in the amount of \$1,480.00.
- Agreed to apply for GKEDC Grant for LED sign at Park in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- Agreed to utilize Nestle donation to go towards payment of LED sign.
- Approved E. F. Possinger & Sons bid for the playground improvement project in the amount of \$317,730.34.
- Appointed Tyler Kemp to the Planning Commission to finish out the term of a vacancy.
- Agreed to purchase a Bobcat Compact Track Loader for use at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Public Works Department in the amount of \$72,988.99.
- Agreed to a proposal from Diversified Technology to update the present billing postcard to eliminate some of the postal problems with delivery in the amount of \$925.00.
- Agreed to go out to bid for the E. Babbitt & Moyer Avenue's sewer extensions and the Westend Pump Station force main replacement projects.
- Agreed to replace the obsolete SBR Control System for the Wastewater Treatment plant in the amount of \$35,169.00.
- Agreed to utilize the Positive Pay Program with Fidelity Bank to prevent check fraud.
- Hired Brad Compton for the Public Works Department.
- Agreed to utilize Course Vector to update the Borough's website in the amount of \$2,192.00 which includes the first-year fees for maintenance and updates.

MARCH SPECIAL MEETING

- Approved the Huratiak Homes, LLC sewer module submission to be sent to the DEP for approval.

- Agreed to begin the process of amending the Borough's Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
- Agreed to go out to bid for a sludge hauling contract for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Washed, maintained, and repaired vehicles.
- PA one calls (12).
- Leaks found & repaired in sprinkler system.
- Installed new lights inside & outside Park restrooms.
- Completed electrical hookup from former Community Center.
- Reported streetlight outages (4).
- Repaired streetlight on Birch Avenue.
- Cleaned catch basins & litter patrol.
- Pothole patrol.
- Meter malfunctions and coin collection.
- Tree clean up after storms.
- Winter maintenance on 2/27-2/28.
- Rebuilt airplane & railroad features of mini golf features.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency) and 610-759-8523 (Fax). In January officers responded to 430 calls for service, with 144 in Pen Argyl.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Monthly, weekly and quarterly sampling was done, all comply. Equipment, plant and pumping station maintenance was completed. Answered and marked 11 PA One Calls. Said farewell to Senior Operator Jeffrey Markovitz who served the Borough for close to 50 years. We thank him and wish him well.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In February the Lookout Fire Company responded to 10 calls. They spent 260 hours on drills and 210 hours on calls. The Borough thanks our dedicated volunteers. Follow their Facebook page for fundraiser events <https://www.facebook.com/Lookout-Fire-Company-1-209804491353/>

ZONING/CODE DEPARTMENT

In February the following permits were issued: 1 pool, 1 mechanical, 1 electrical, 1 plumbing & 3 zoning. Also completed: 12 residential rental, 2 re-sale property inspections, and processed 166 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@penargylborough.com

REAL ESTATE/PER CAPITA TAX REMINDERS

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. Call for hours or appointment: 610-863-9487.

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.***

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! ITEMS OF INTEREST!

Garbage/Recycling -Garbage collection is every Friday. Recycling will be on 3/24, as well as 4/7, 4/21 & 5/5. **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.**

The Book: A History of Pen Argyl in Pictures, 1982-2022 - is available at Threadstone Trading Co., 207 S. Robinson Ave; Prints Galore, 409 E. Main St. or by contacting Walt Cole at 610-863-6472. The cost is \$25 with 100% of sales benefiting Weona Park Pool Pals.

Blue Mountain Community Library- The next board meeting will be 3/21 at 6:30 pm. 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. Visit their web site www.bmcl.org

CALENDAR

Tues., Mar. 28th – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M., Borough Hall

Mon. Apr., 3rd – Municipal Authority, 5 P.M, Borough Hall

Tues., Apr. 4th – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall

Wed., Apr. 12th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall