

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS

MARCH 2024

MAR 5th COUNCIL MEETING

- Lehigh Valley Planning Commission presented an overview of the Plan Slate Belt Multi-Municipal Plan.
- Directed Solicitor Peter Layman to advertise Ordinance No. 731 restricting truck traffic on a portion of Lobb and Bell Avenues.
- Approved ICS' N. Heller Ave. road closure request between N. Heller and W. Bell Aves. for May 16th from 8:15 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- Appointed Jessica Handelong to the Pen Argyl Athletic & Park Association.
- Appointed Matthew Kolb to the Municipal Authority.
- Approved the proposal of \$36,300.00 from Utility Services Group to begin a flow meter analysis for the Inflow & Infiltration Study of the sanitary sewer lines.
- Approved the proposal from PRWA to map the sanitary and storm water collection systems in the amount of \$10,800.00.
- Approved the hiring of Christine Cassidy for part time admin.
- Approve the trial of a timecard application for employees.
- Agreed to enter into a contract with FURR/Fix.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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

- Building checks. Detected small leak in sprinkler system. Removes carpet, the adhesive on slate counters, and made several floor repairs in golf shack.
- Routine greasing of equipment. Repairs to GMC '08, backhoe & 2024 International.
- Plow & Road Treatment: 2/13 and 2/17. Treatment 2/18. Stockpiled salt.
- Catch basin cleaning & storm washouts. Truck washes. Pothole patrol. Litter patrol.
- Street light outage reporting (1). Replaced bulb on N. Wood Ave.
- PA one calls (3). Pothole patrol. Storm debris clean up.
- Assisted Wastewater Treatment Plant 2 times, force main shut down.
- Rebuilt miniature golf course features.
- Tree removal from Delabole Junction Rd.
- Installed bluebird boxes at Park.

ZONING OFFICE

Please note rental registration invoices have been sent. 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 February, the following permits were issued: 2 building, 3 zoning permits, 1 dumpster and 1 residential plumbing. Also processed, 84 rental registrations and completed 5 resale 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 Jan., police responded to 701 calls for service, 146 in Pen Argyl. The SBRPD is pleased to announce a grant award in the amount of \$42,854.00 to provide annual impaired driving enforcement training, 1 TruNarc handheld narcotics analyzer and 5 portable breath tests.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In February, the fire company responded to 9 calls. There were 223 manhours on drills/training and 246 manhours on calls. 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. Centrifuge conveyance repaired. Pump #1 rebuilt. Influent actuator failure, staff ran actuator by hand 24 hours in shifts. Answered and marked 10 PA One Calls. Several high-water alarms during storms. Root intrusion line excavated and repaired.

TAX COLLECTOR

Tax bills have been mailed. 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. Please call 610-863-9487 if you have any questions.

FERAL CAT PROGRAM

Pen Argyl Borough has a new contract with FURR/Fix in Bangor. Contact the Borough office for information about the trap neuter return program exclusively for feral cats (free vouchers provided with proof of I.D.).

ALERTS

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.penargyllborough.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 Mar. 22nd, Apr. 5th & 19th as well as May 3rd & 17th. **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. Call the Borough at 610-863-4119 if you have a missed pickup.**

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/>

No Permit Yard Sales - 6/7-6/9 & 9/13-9/15.

Blue Mountain Community Library- All overdue fines have been waived. Mr. Pastie fundraiser through 3/16. The public is invited to the next board meeting, scheduled for 3/12 at 6:30 P.M. Book Discussion Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. 10:30 A.M. Preschool story time 3/13 & 3/27.

CALENDAR (all at Borough Hall, unless noted)

Wed., Mar. 13th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M.

Tues., Mar. 26th – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M.

Tues., Apr. 2nd – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M.

