

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS

OCTOBER 2023

OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETING

- Adopted Resolution 2023-11 to apply for LSA Statewide Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for the Weona Park Aquatic Pool Facility
- Approved the purchase of various small tools for the Public Works Department in the amount of \$3,244.98.
- Approved Change Order #3 which decreases the total contract price in the amount of -\$23,847.17 for the E. Babbitt & Moyer Avenue Sewer Project.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-12 to apply for LSA Statewide Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 for a Sutphen Custom Engine for Lookout Fire Company #1.
- Approved a temporary lease to Pen Argyl Area School District for Annual bonfire spirit celebration from 10/25/2023 through 11/1/2023.
- Agreed to the estimate from George's Plumbing & HVAC, Inc. in the amount of \$9,875.00 to provide labor and materials to disassemble hot air furnace and replace heat exchanger at the Street Garage.

PUBLIC WORKS

Leaf pickup will begin on 10/30 and continue to 11/17. No pickup during holiday light installation 11/20-11/22 (if installation completed ahead of schedule pickup will resume earlier), pickup resumes 11/27, last day of collection is scheduled for 12/8. Please refrain from placing leaves in roadway if inclement weather is predicted. Please do not place piles close to parked vehicles. The crew cannot pick up piles if they contain sticks, stones, or animal feces, it is a health hazard.

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

- Routine greasing & maintenance of equipment.
- Replaced tension springs & nuts on clutch plate. Adjusted clutch on Carousel.
- Replace Bobcat tires, inspections of GMC 08 & bucket truck.
- Re-plaster archive room at Boro Hall.
- Daily trash runs at Park. Weekly lawn maintenance.
- Reported streetlight outages (2).
- Cleaned catch basins (9/25-9/26) & storm wash outs. Swept Vine St. & Plainfield Ave.
- Traced out 512 storm sewer lines.
- PA one calls (6).
- Removed tree on Reservoir Ave., trimmed back trees on Westbrook, E. Laurel, Mountain, & Hazen Avenues.
- Removed marquee sign, excavated planter to prep for new sign.
- Meter malfunctions/coin collection.
- Pothole patrol 8/29 & 8/30.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency) and 610-759-8523 (Fax). In August officers responded to 424 calls for service, with 112 in Pen Argyl.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In September, the Lookout Fire Company responded to 19 calls. They spent 310 hours on drills and 496 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 September, the following permits were issued: 1 residential building, 1 residential electrical, 1 residential mechanical, 1 zoning & 1 yard sale. Also completed: 7 residential rental inspections and 3 re-sale property inspections. **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

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Influent and effluent process control/lab analysis performed daily. Maintenance to all system works. Pump stations equipment and grounds maintenance. Digester dewatered as needed, EQ tanks drained & cleaned. Reactor # 3 repairs. Reactors 1A & 1 B returned to service. Wasted sludge prepped, dewatered & sent to centrifuge. Effluent gate valve repaired. Diesel tank in service. Cleaned out garage. PA one calls (25). Staff ongoing training towards certification.

REAL ESTATE/PER CAPITA TAX REMINDERS

REMINDER REAL ESTATE TAXES UNPAID ARE NOW DELINQUENT. Please pay now to avoid more penalties and interest. Taxes are remitted to Pen Argyl Borough, 501 George Street, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Call for hours or appointment: 610-863-9487.

WEONA PARK HAPPENINGS!

10/7/23 Lukie's Fall Festival - 11 A.M - 5 P.M. 10/28/23 - **HALLOWEN SPOOKTACULAR** - 4 P.M. -8 P.M.
Cookies, Carols, and Claus - 12/1 - 6 P.M.- 8 P.M.

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 10/6, 10/20 & 11/3.

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.

Blue Mountain Community Library- The next board meeting will be on 10/17 at 6:30 P.M. Preschool Storytime Program call library for more info. Registration required. Book Club meets at 6:30 P.M.: 10/10 – Horse, Geraldine Brooks. Visit their web site www.bmcl.org

Halloween – October 31st. 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. Rain or Shine.

CALENDAR

Wed., Oct. 11th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Tues., Oct. 31st – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Mon., Nov. 6th – Budget Workshop, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Thurs., Nov. 9th – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall