

PEN ARGYL BOROUGH NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2023

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

- Approved Change Order #1 in the amount of \$3,540.00 for the concrete option of raised crosswalk for E. Babbitt & Moyer Avenue Sewer Project.
- Approved Change Order #2 in the amount of \$2,968.17 for repair of an unmarked storm sewer for E. Babbitt & Moyer Avenue Sewer Project.
- Approved core sampling of various roadways and videoing of storm sewers for repairs.
- Directed Borough Manager to begin drafting sample ordinance to regulate short term rentals.
- Appointed Louise Miller as Student Representative to the Pen Argyl Athletic & Park Association.
- Approved the Borough Manager to spend up to \$4,500.00 on a Chassis on a part for the 2013 GMC.
- Agreed to raise sewer rental rates by 8.57% for 2024 due to rising chemical and equipment costs.
- Approved Kappe Associates co-star quote for a vertical turbine bowl replacement and repair in the amount of \$16,205.00
- Appointed Melissa Shook to the vacant part-time admin clerk position.
- Agreed to repeal the per capita tax for 2024.
- Adopted Resolution 2023-10 to raise the moving permit fee from \$1.00 to \$5.00 effective immediately.
- Approved Trick or Treat to be held on October 31, 2023 from 6 P.M. to 8 P.M.

PUBLIC WORKS

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

- Routine greasing & maintenance of equipment and Carousel.
- Cleaned rain gutters on pavilion & kitchens.
- Tot Lot pavilion bulbs replaced & cleaned columns of adhesive.
- Daily trash runs at Park. Weekly lawn maintenance. Removed dead tree at Florey Ave. & S. Main St.
- Reported streetlight outages (1). Replaced 2 bulbs & fuse on Birch Ave. Replace school crossing sign.
- Cleaned catch basins (8/9, 8/15) & storm wash outs (3X). Swept Vine & Plainfield (2X).
- PA one calls (6). Trim low hanging branches. Tree removal off vehicle. Painted school crosswalks.
- Meter malfunctions/coin collection.
- Pothole patrol 8/29 & 8/30.
- Prepped park for Labor Day Celebration.

SLATE BELT REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Contact information for the SBRPD is: 911 (Emergency), 610-759-8517 (Non-Emergency) and 610-759-8523 (Fax). In officers responded to 502 calls for service, with 136 in Pen Argyl.

LOOKOUT FIRE COMPANY

In August, the Lookout Fire Company responded to 8 calls. They spent 290 hours on drills and 186 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 August, the following permits were issued: 1 residential building, 1 residential electrical, 1 residential plumbing, & 1 yard sale. Also completed: 2 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 process control/lab analysis performed daily. Effluent process control/lab analysis performed daily. Maintenance to all system works. Pump stations equipment and grounds maintenance. Monthly pump greasing and maintenance. Answered several weather-related and pump failure alarms. Staff on site for reactor shutdown. Accepted delivery and training on skid steer. PA one calls (13). 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!

Weather permitting.....from 9/9/2023 through 10/1/2023 hours of operation will be as follows: Saturday & Sundays - 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. 10/7/2023 Lukie's Fall Festival – 11 A.M – 5 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 on Sat. 9/9 (delayed because of Labor Day) Fri. 9/22, 10/6 & 10/20. Garbage pickup will be delayed to 9/9, due to the Labor Day Holiday. **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 9/19 at 6:30 pm. Preschool Storytime Program will begin 9/13 at 10:30 am. Registration required. Book Club meets at 6:30: 9/12 – *A Little Hope*, Ethan Joella; and 10/10 – *Horse*, Geraldine Brooks. Visit their web site www.bmcl.org Author Luncheon, 9/26 at Grace United Methodist Church, Ethan Joella, tickets are \$15.00 include lunch at 12 pm. Doors open at 11:30 am

Community Yard Sale - No permit needed. September 15th – 17th.

CALENDAR

Wed., September 13th – Park Board Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Tues., September 26th – Borough Council Workshop, 7 P.M., Borough Hall
Tues., October 3rd – Borough Council Meeting, 7 P.M., Borough Hall