

Penbrook Borough Budget Meeting

October 14, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. Elected officials present were Newcomer, Dry Stokes, Deardorff, Armbruster.

2. General Fund Revenues

A. Hogarth highlighted General Fund Revenues. Based on projections there is no plan to consider a property tax increase for 2025. One change was an increase from \$20,000 to \$25,000 for 01.331.110.

B. Keystone Collection provided a projection for EIT in 2026 to be \$400,000.00

C. Cable Franchise Fee revenue should continue to trend down as more people choose streaming services over cable.

D. The street cut revenue saw a large increase with the implementation of the new excavation ordinance adopted earlier this year.

3. Review of any General Fund Expenses

A. Since the last budget meeting Hogarth received the 2026 health insurance rates which will be a 15% increase. That figure is now reflected on the proposed budget spreadsheet.

4. Non-uniform personnel discussion

A. Another long discussion regarding the asst borough mgr over the public works supervisor. Deardorff suggested that we advertise for both positions to see what we get before making a decision on what to hire for. Newcomer disagreed with that idea and suggested that Council be made to decide one or the other at the Oct Caucus meeting and then advertise for the position as decided. More discussion about the ABM job description. Hogarth also asked Council to consider making one of the two public works operator a "foreman" as a go-to person for providing daily tasks and other minor oversight functions.

5. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm

Respectfully submitted.



Joseph Hogarth

Borough Secretary