

MEETING AGENDA – January 2, 2025

- OPEN MEETING WITH PLEDGE
- MINUTES & TREASURER REPORTS - From December 2024
- APPROVAL TO PAY BILLS - Check #16449 through #16466
- WELCOME GUESTS TO MEETING-*Remind them to sign in*
- OPEN TO GUESTS FOR DISCUSSION
- COMPLAINT FORMS / COMPLAINTS_– Nothing submitted
- ANIMAL CONTROL
- MAYOR’S REPORT
- SAFETY COMMITTEE
- FIRE & AMBULANCE
- SEO/ENGINEER
- TAX REPORT –Deposits- (12/01 -12/15) P.C.= \$33.00 (full report on file)
- SANITATION - Deposits- December = \$2,160.00
 - Letters for certified mailing regarding liens and sheriff sales(discussed 10/2/24)
- MUNICIPAL AUTH. – Minutes on File (Up to July 2024)
- STREETS AND ROADS
- SOLICITOR
- RECREATION – November 2024 minutes and financial reports received
- SCOG –
- EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT –

OLD BUSINESS:

- Abandoned Property on Bear Creek Street Judicial Sale
- No contact from Comcast regarding their request to review the franchise agreement
- Welcome letter (draft will be emailed when complete)
- Update/decision on 1992 Chevy truck currently kept in old garage
- Need a citizen from the Borough to serve on Blue Mt. Recreation Board

NEW BUSINESS

- Date to remove Christmas lights
- Letter from DEP about their radon program
 - (information emailed to council on Dec. 12th)
- Thank you card received from Fire Company
- Letter & resolution from County about the Broadband Ready Communities Program
 - (information emailed to council on Dec. 18th)

--NEXT MEETING – February 5, 2025 @ 7:00 – Work session @ 6:00 if needed

Auburn Borough

Register: General - UBT

From 01/01/2025 through 01/02/2025

Sorted by: Date, Type, Number/Ref

Date	Number	Payee	Account	Memo	Payment C
01/01/2025	16449	Eduana G. Nunez	400-409 · GENERAL ...	December 2024	125.00
01/01/2025	16450	Potts & Monger Sani...	430-439 · STREETS &...	December 2024	6,522.00
01/01/2025	16451	Stanley J. Burke, Esq.	400-409 · GENERAL ...	January 2025 R...	345.00
01/01/2025	16452	PPL Electric Utilities	430-439 · STREETS &...	Acct.# 61460-6...	34.22
01/01/2025	16453	PPL Electric Utilities	430-439 · STREETS &...	Acct.# 43979-1...	29.88
01/01/2025	16454	PPL Electric Utilities	400-409 · GENERAL ...	Acct.#s 88498-...	300.83
01/01/2025	16455	Brenda J Fessler	-split-		218.16
01/01/2025	16456	Douglas F Naftzinger	-split-		97.10
01/01/2025	16457	Elizabeth A Shaner	-split-		97.10
01/01/2025	16458	Frank Cataldi	-split-		105.94
01/01/2025	16459	Jesse D. Spencer	-split-		97.10
01/01/2025	16460	John D Eckert	-split-		97.10
01/01/2025	16461	John E Fessler	-split-		71.92
01/01/2025	16462	Kyle L. Schwenk	-split-		30.28
01/01/2025	16463	Larry D. Lehman	-split-		89.98
01/01/2025	16464	Melissa S Schwenk	-split-		97.10
01/01/2025	16465	Melissa S Schwenk (S)	-split-		139.95
01/01/2025	16466	Ronald R. Snyder	-split-		18.24

re: Municipality Meeting Invitation-Broadband Infrastructure & Important Info

From: Samantha Chivinski (schivinski@schuylkillchamber.com)

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Cc: lpadora@schuylkillcountypa.gov; bhetherington@co.schuylkill.pa.us; gness@co.schuylkill.pa.us; gbender@co.schuylkill.pa.us; rcarl@schuylkillchamber.com

Date: Monday, December 16, 2024 at 12:57 PM EST

Good Morning, Municipality and Township Leaders!

The Schuylkill Broadband Task Force, which includes County Commissioners Padora, Hetherington and Hess (copied on this email), met last week to discuss the next steps in **BEAD** (Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Program) program. The program serves to expand high-speed internet access by funding planning, infrastructure deployment and adoption programs. The Schuylkill County Broadband Task Force has also been meeting with independent service providers (ISPs) like Comcast and Verizon to hear out their plans for their BEAD applications for Schuylkill County projects.

During this meeting, we also met with the PA Broadband Authority to discuss the **Broadband Ready Communities Program**. We are *highly encouraging* our municipalities and townships to review this program and strongly consider participating. I've attached the Resolution Authorizing Broadband Ready Communities Program Application. The Resolution (**page 6 of the program guidelines**) would need to be signed at your next municipal/township meeting. To date, **only one** municipality in Schuylkill County has signed to participate in the program. It is extremely important that we, as a county, demonstrate support and collaboration to the PA Broadband Authority. The mission of the Broadband Ready Communities Program is to encourage the reduction in procedural, policy and permitting barriers to broadband deployment infrastructure investments within participating communities. The program is designed to showcase that a municipality has made an effort to address barriers to broadband infrastructure. It has been made *very apparent* to us that the communities with the most coordinated efforts will score higher.

The Schuylkill County Commissioners, along with the Schuylkill County Broadband Task Force, invite you to meet at the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce, 1 Progress Circle, Suite 201, Pottsville, PA 17901 on Tuesday, January 7 at 5:30 p.m. We will meet with a representative from Comcast and discuss the Broadband Ready Communities Program.

Please RSVP to me with your attendance plans as soon as possible. If you are unable to attend, please forward this to another team member/council member/solicitor who is able to represent your municipality/township/borough.

Thank you for taking the time to review this information. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out.

Samantha M. Chivinski

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Appendix II – Resolution Authorizing Broadband Ready Communities Program Application (MUNICIPALITY)

WHEREAS, _____ (Name of Municipality) seeks to obtain designation from the Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) as a Broadband Ready Community; and

WHEREAS, the Broadband Ready Community designation allows for increased opportunities for broadband infrastructure investment through the reduction of procedural, policy, and permitting barriers to broadband deployment at the municipal level; and

WHEREAS, _____ (Name of Municipality) will be promoted by the PBDA to internet service providers for obtaining Broadband Ready Community designation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, _____ (Name of Municipality) authorizes an application to the PBDA for a Broadband Ready Community designation; and authorizes _____ (Municipal Supervisor, etc.) to serve as the Municipal Broadband Champion for _____ (Name of Municipality); or

Adopted by _____ (Name of Municipality)
this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Name of Municipality Representative: _____

PA DEP - Targeted radon survey - 2024-2025 -friendly reminder

From: Bleiler, Denise (dbleiler@pa.gov)

To: dbleiler@pa.gov

Cc: dbleiler@pa.gov

Date: Monday, December 9, 2024 at 02:02 PM EST

Good afternoon,

The Radon Division of the Department of Environmental Protection would like to send a letter with an offer for a free radon test kit to residents within your entire municipality.

I have attached a *draft* sample copy of the letter that would be sent to the residents of your municipality. The letter is sent out of our office here in DEP/Radon Division and the free test kit is supplied by the American Lung Association (ALA).

In order for your municipality to participate I will need an **excel spreadsheet with the addresses of the residential properties** of your municipality. Please exclude non-residential properties.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact me with any questions.
I look forward to hearing from you.

Denise

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Pennsylvania
Department of
Environmental Protection



Date:

Dear Resident of ___ Township:

Your municipality has been selected this year for inclusion in our Targeted Radon Survey campaign. We do this campaign to increase public awareness and radon testing in these selected areas. The municipalities in question are selected based upon our prior radon test data and/or the geologic potential for radon occurrence. We have been using this targeted approach for over 20 years. We have found it is most advantageous to select areas where we know there is greater potential for radon problems than just doing a state-wide campaign.

The Bureau of Radiation Protection of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) has awarded a grant to the American Lung Association in Pennsylvania (ALAPA) and is working with ALAPA to offer a limited number of **free radon test kits** to residents within these selected municipalities.

Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless, invisible radioactive gas that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year nationally. This is an issue that we believe needs to be taken very seriously, particularly in your area. Pennsylvania in general has some of the highest radon values in the country, and this particular area has radon values above the average for the Commonwealth. Any building in contact with the ground can have a radon problem. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon exposure.

PADEP has conducted a number of similar targeted radon surveys in other parts of the Commonwealth. ALAPA also has experience conducting community-based programs with a goal of increasing public awareness and action with respect to this very serious potential health risk.

Testing is very easy to do. If you would like a free radon test kit from the ALAPA, simply go to www.lungradonkits.org/pa and submit your Zip Code (in the target municipality) at the bottom of the screen. While supplies last, a form will appear that you should fill out and submit. A test kit from a DEP certified laboratory will then be mailed to you within the next several weeks. All instructions and return postage are included, as is analysis by the laboratory and reporting of results to you.

We certainly hope that you would take advantage of this free offer. If you have any questions regarding placement of the test kit or your test results, please feel free to contact Denise Bleiler or Robert Lewis at 1.800.237.2366 or 717.783.3594. For information related to lung health, please call the American Lung Association at 1.800.586.4872 or 717.541.5864.

Sincerely,

Robert K. Lewis
Chief
Radon Division
Bureau of Radiation Protection

Sincerely,

Kevin M. Stewart
Director of Environmental Health
American Lung Association