

Stewartstown Borough

First Quarter Newsletter—January, February, March 2002

Council Adopts New Budget with New Tax Mil Rate

If you didn't get a chance to attend the council meeting in December, following is a Budget Summary of the budgets passed for 2002.

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This Budget Summary is just an abridged version of the budgets. Full budgets are available for public review at the borough office.

The budget process begins in August. The General Budget, Garbage Budget, Liquid Fuels/State Aid Budget, Sewer & Water Operating Budget are the responsibility of council. The Capital portion of the Sewer and Water Budgets are the responsibility of the Sewer and Water Authority. The Authority takes the Operating Budget and the Capital Budget into consideration when adjusting utility fees.

GENERAL FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	Tax Mil 2.4
Real Property Taxes	218,551
Act 511 Taxes	210,196
Police Fines/Services	100,808
<u>Expenses</u>	
Wages/Benefits	272,624
Professional Services	23,980
Communication	4,910
Planning/Zoning	35,000
Streets/Storm Water	77,269
Culture	13,589
Public Property	67,362
Police/Public Safety	130,557

GARBAGE FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Interest	1,000
Act 101 Recycling Grant	2,900
Billing Revenue	108,903
<u>Expenses</u>	
Operating Expenses	122,003

LIQUID FUELS/STATE AID:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Interest	1,500
Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes	30,055
PLGIT Reserve	36,027
<u>Expenses</u>	
Motor Vehicle Project	67,583

WATER FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Operating Revenue	543,393
Miscellaneous Revenue	27,155
Capital Revenue	134,118
<u>Expenses</u>	
Wages/Benefits	166,771
Professional Services	65,320
Communication	8,940
Electricity Well Houses	24,780
Repairs/Maintenance	131,085
Operating Supplies	146,070
Capital Construction	114,000
Capital Purchases	47,100

SEWER FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Operating Revenue	543,276
Miscellaneous Revenue	64,892
Capital Revenue	391,081
<u>Expenses</u>	
Wages/Benefits	165,131
Professional Services	75,920
Communication	8,160
Electricity Pump Stations	72,900
Repairs & Maintenance	83,325
Operating Supplies	51,450
Sludge Expense	88,859
Capital Construction/Purchases	452,900

Police Protection in Stewartstown

Our Police Department has certainly had its share of growing pains. Currently we have three officers. By May of this year we will have a total of five. Council has listened to resident's concerns regarding more police protection. At the January Council meeting, two candidates will be selected to join our police force. One officer will take the place of Officer Gary Utter who is leaving in January. The other candidate will become the new school officer. Finally in the April-May time frame another officer will complete the Police Academy and begin working as our fifth officer.

Along with patrolling our streets, our Police Department provides service to South Eastern School District, Cross

Roads Borough and now Winterstown Borough.

We provide the school district with crowd control during special events as well as support and guidance to the students through various lessons and seminars. The officers rotate through the three elementary schools, the two middle schools and the high school. Some of the programs that are offered discuss the problems students have with bullies and drug and alcohol abuse. The school program is intended to intervene with students and help solve their problems before the students feel they are trapped and possibly make a bad decision.



Service to the other boroughs is contracted for a number of hours throughout the month. Our officers patrol the other municipalities' streets per the contracted hours. Our borough then receives funds for these services.

If you ever need a police officer to report a crime or accident call 911. York County Control will dispatch an officer to you. If none of our officers are on duty, a state police officer will be sent. If you need to contact our Police Dept. office for general questions call 717-993-5308.



The Cost of a Subscription

Every year the Eureka Ambulance Division mails out membership cards and information to all residents that live in Eureka's immediate service area. The current cost of a subscription each year is \$25.00 for a family, \$15.00 for a single person, \$75.00 for a small business (50 and under), or \$100.00 for a large business (51 and over). This subscription could save you several hundreds of dollars if you require transport to a hos-

pital. One transport could cost \$600.00 or more. Your insurance company may not cover this expense. Members will not have any out of pocket charges for emergency calls and your insurance company will be billed for this service for reimbursement to Eureka. Most ambulance services have reciprocal agreements with each other.

The cost of the sub-

scription is also tax deductible. Who is covered under one membership? Households include any person residing at that address who is claimed on your income tax. Single children attending an accredited school of higher education are covered under the membership. For more information about subscribing to Eureka Ambulance contact Gordon Wisnom Sr. at 993-2263.

Snow Removal from Sidewalks

Every person in charge or control of any building or lot of land fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise is responsible for the removal of snow /ice from the sidewalks. A path of at least 24 inches in width is required on each sidewalk. The removal of snow /ice needs to take place no later than 24 hours after the cessa-

tion of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain. If the snow /ice becomes so hard that it can not be removed without damage, sand or other abrasive material is to be applied to the sidewalk until such a time the snow/ice can be removed. *Snow/Ice removal is required under Ordinance 1993-06 which can be reviewed in its entirety at the borough office*

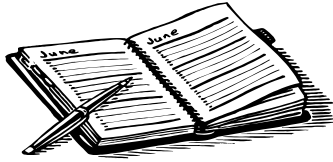


Clear the Way to Your Hydrant

Another safety precaution you can take is to clear the way to the fire hydrant closest to your home.

Although the Water Dept. makes its way around to clear the hydrants, you may save a lot of time in the event of a fire by keeping it clear after each snow fall.





Meeting Dates for 2002

All meetings are held at the Borough Hall Building located at 6 N. Main Street in Stewartstown. Meeting dates and times can also be found on our web page. All meetings are open to the public. If you wish to speak at a meeting, call ahead of time to be placed on the agenda. Committee meetings begin at 7:00 pm except for Jr. Council which begins at 6:30 pm.

Committee Meetings—Begin at 7:00 pm						
Council 7:30 pm	Personnel Police & Public Safety	Jr. Council *6:30 pm Public Property Streets & Roads	Special Action Newsletter Sewer & Water	Sewer & Water Authority 7:30 pm	Planning Commission 7:30 pm	Zoning Hearings (as needed) 7:00 pm
Jan. 7	Jan. 14	Jan. 21	Jan. 28	Jan. 16	Jan. 15	Jan. 17
Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25	Feb. 20	Feb. 19	Feb. 21
Mar. 4	Mar. 11	Mar. 18	Mar. 25	Mar. 20	Mar. 19	Mar. 21
Apr. 1	Apr. 8	Apr. 15	Apr. 22	Apr. 17	Apr. 16	Apr. 18
May 6	May 13	May 20	May 28	May 15	May 21	May 16
Jun. 3	Jun. 10	Jun. 17	Jun. 24	Jun. 19	Jun. 18	Jun. 20
Jul. 1	Jul. 8	Jul. 15	Jul. 22	Jul. 17	Jul. 16	Jul. 18
Aug. 5	Aug. 12	Aug. 19	Aug. 26	Aug. 21	Aug. 20	Aug. 15
Sep. 3	Sep. 9	Sep. 16	Sep. 23	Sep. 18	Sep. 17	Sep. 19
Oct. 7	Oct. 14	Oct. 21	Oct. 28	Oct. 16	Oct. 15	Oct. 17
Nov. 4	Nov. 11	Nov. 18	Nov. 25	Nov. 20	Nov. 19	Dec. 21
Dec. 2	Dec. 9	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Dec. 18	Dec. 17	Dec. 18

New Ordinances - Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance

Since our last newsletter, council has approved two ordinances. One ordinance is an amendment to our zoning ordinance.

Ordinance 2001-007 separates a kennel and an animal hospital in the zoning ordinance which had been under the same use. The ordinance also fixes separate requirements and standards for these uses and amends the definition of an animal hospital.



Ordinance 2001-009 establishes the rate of tax at 2.4 mills of the assessed value of real estate within the borough.

The increase from 2.1 to 2.4 mills was necessitated by the increased cost of ambulance personnel, police services, and increase in operating expenses. A rebate of 2% is allowed if the tax is paid on or before April 15th, 2002 and a penalty of 10% is added to the tax if paid after June 15th 2002.

A proposed ordinance which is up for adoption at the Jan. 7th council meeting



will change the direction of traffic on East Pennsylvania Avenue. With the abundant amount of traffic which passes through the intersection of Penn. Ave. and Main Street, Council is prepared to eliminate one source of traffic entering the intersection. E. Penn will become a "one way" heading east from Main St. terminating at Heather Drive. You will be able to enter E. Penn. from Main St. but cars will no longer be able to enter the intersection from E. Penn.

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Officer Shawn Packard
Officer Gary Utter
Mary Ellen Stanley—Police Secretary

We're on the Web
www.stewartstown.org
www.stewartstown.org/police

Community Bulletin Board

Community Health Screening

Friday, January 18th,

Stewartstown Senior Center, 26 S. Main St., will give community residents the opportunity to be checked for their risk of having a stroke or osteoporosis. Life Line Screening will scan the carotid artery using Doplar Ultrasound. A bone density screening for women will also be available. Pre-registration is a must.

Call 1-800-407-4557 for your appointment or more information.

York County Conservation District—2002 Annual Tree Seedling Sale

Evergreen, Deciduous and Apple seedlings, tree shelters, wildflower seeds, Crownvetch, and Pachysandra will be available again this year at very reasonable prices. Proceeds from this annual event are used to support environmental educational programs throughout York County. Order forms must be submitted by March 27th with prepayment. Orders must be picked up at Rocky Ridge County Park on April 19th & 20th. Additional information and order forms are available at our office or on our web page under "Current Events".

Prepare a Home Disaster Kit - With a hurricane, tornado, or blizzard you will likely have some kind of warning. Other disasters, as on Sept. 11th happen without any kind of warning. Following are some items you may want to include in a basic home emergency kit: a backpack (or similar container) to hold food items that require no refrigeration and are in containers which can be resealed and/or are in single serving sizes; bottled water (3 gal. per person); basic first aid kit; a sturdy blanket; flashlight/batteries; and battery operated radio. More information is available at our office or on our web page under "Emergency Management"