

Stewartstown Borough

First Quarter Newsletter—January, February, March 2003

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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.

Council Adopts New Budget with Same 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 2003.

GENERAL FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	Tax Mil 2.4
Real Property Taxes	226,107
Act 511 Taxes	216,578
Police Fines/Services	131,046
<u>Expenses</u>	
Wages/Benefits	296,973
Professional Services	30,063
Communication	6,514
Planning/Zoning	42,056
Streets/Storm Water	136,692
Culture	13,947
Public Property	67,362
Police/Public Safety	71,000

GARBAGE FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Interest	300
Act 101 Recycling Grant	1,400
Billing Revenue	120,831
<u>Expenses</u>	
Operating Expenses	122,731

LIQUID FUELS/STATE AID:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Interest	500
Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes	30,769
PLGIT Reserve	10,890
<u>Expenses</u>	
Motor Vehicle Project	42,159

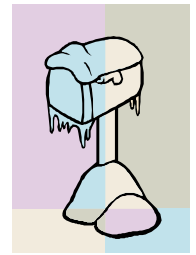
WATER FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Operating Revenue	514,393
Miscellaneous Revenue	23,000
Capital Revenue	38,350
<u>Expenses</u>	
Wages/Benefits	180,601
Professional Services	58,000
Communication	11,340
Electricity Well Houses	22,860
Repairs/Maintenance	131,085
Operating Supplies	154,625
Capital Construction	470,000
Capital Purchases	47,100

SEWER FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Operating Revenue	640,320
Miscellaneous Revenue	29,800
Capital Revenue	40,824
<u>Expenses</u>	
Wages/Benefits	170,919
Professional Services	82,520
Communication	8,160
Electricity Pump Stations	71,460
Repairs & Maintenance	140,691
Operating Supplies	53,125
Sludge Expense	113,080
Capital Construction/Purchases	1,653,777

Ice Storm—Loss of Power—Welcome Winter 2003



Many area residents lost power for several hours from Dec. 11th until Dec. 12th. Among those residents, were employees of the Sewer and Water Dept. who not only had no power at home, but had to remain on duty utilizing generators at our sewer plant and surrounding pump stations. A tree fell and broke off a utility pole at Mill St. and Church St. This caused power outages to three main lines which included the sewer plant and residents on Mill St., Cemetery Ave. and Oak Tree South Development. Met-Ed needed to call in extra crews to get the power back on in this area. By 7:30 pm the power was back on. The storm caused additional power outages to residents on Main St., Col-

lege Ave and all of Poplar Springs Development. A high power tension line sagged at 22 South Main Street. Included with this power outage was some of our sewer pump stations and well houses. Power was lost controlling incoming water from York Water Company; however, the water tower never went below 74 feet. Our borough building was also without power. All sewer and water employees stayed on duty to circulate generators to the pump stations and well houses so water and sewer service would not be interrupted. Three tanker trucks were used to keep up with pumping demands. Met-Ed crews worked non-stop and thirty nine hours later restored power to everyone. During that time no one had lost water

service or had their sewage back up into their homes.

The borough staff was unable to remain in the borough building due to the loss of power which meant no heat. The borough phone system was also shut down with no power.

In the event that another emergency such as the ice storm takes place residents can call council members with concerns: Wilberetta Gibbs-993-2326; Guy Hook-993-3300; Jeff Bruening-993-9374; Frank Paules-993-2460; Mildred Pomraning-993-2893; Richard Nixon-993-0703 and Marsha England-993-3472



Sewer/Water Rates

The Water rates will remain at \$6.45/1000 gallons. Quarterly sewer rates have increased to \$92/unit for units without garbage disposers and \$104/unit for units with garbage disposals. At the Dec 02 Authority meeting, the Authority decided to do away with the \$104 charge for units with garbage disposals and to charge all units with or without garbage disposals \$92/unit/quarter effective Mar 03. The public present at the Oct 02 meeting thought it would be a good idea to notify the newspaper and not send a separate flyer to save costs. The Authority

agreed and notified the York Newspaper. The Authority also tries to put information in the Borough's quarterly newsletter that is then sent to all water/sewer customers. The reasons for the sewer rate change are increased operational costs and planning for the expansion of the sewer plant. The sewer plant expansion is expected to begin in 2003 with construction to end in 2004. The expanded sewer plant will double the current plant capacity and should plan for the next 20 years. The total sewer plant expansion could run over \$1,800,000 and may require a loan in the future to help pay for the cost. The planning goal of the Authority is to plan for the next 5-years and to not raise sewer rates again over that time, foregoing unforeseen

costs. Another option the Authority may consider over this time is to change the sewer rate structure to a combination flat rate plus variable rate (\$/1000 gals) as some other municipalities currently use. This rate would be established at a level that keeps revenue to the Authority the same, but could effect individual users rates. Finally, payments received for the latest sewer bills had some negative comments on some of them. The Authority requests that comments about the sewer rates be directed to the Authority at a public meeting and not at the office staff who has the burden of receiving these comments and is not in a position to make the rate decisions.

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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

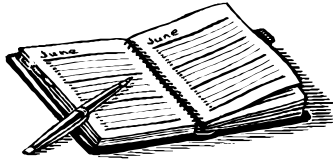
the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain. If the snow/ice becomes so hard that it can not be removed without damage, sand or other abrasive material is to be applied to the sidewalk until such a time the snow/ice can be removed. *Snow/Ice removal is required under Ordinance 1993-06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





Meeting Dates for 2003

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. 6	Jan. 13	Jan. 20	Jan. 27	Jan. 15	Jan. 21	Jan. 16
Feb. 3	Feb. 10	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	Feb. 19	Feb. 18	Feb. 20
Mar. 3	Mar. 10	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 19	Mar. 18	Mar. 20
Apr. 7	Apr. 14	Apr. 21	Apr. 28	Apr. 16	Apr. 15	Apr. 17
May 5	May 12	May 19	May 27	May 21	May 20	May 15
Jun. 2	Jun. 9	Jun. 16	Jun. 23	Jun. 18	Jun. 17	Jun. 19
Jul. 7	Jul. 14	Jul. 21	Jul. 28	Jul. 16	Jul. 15	Jul. 17
Aug. 4	Aug. 11	Aug. 18	Aug. 27	Aug. 20	Aug. 19	Aug. 21
Sep. 2	Sep. 8	Sep. 15	Sep. 22	Sep. 17	Sep. 18	Sep. 18
Oct. 6	Oct. 13	Oct. 20	Oct. 27	Oct. 15	Oct. 21	Oct. 16
Nov. 3	Nov. 10	Nov. 17	Nov. 24	Nov. 19	Nov. 18	Nov. 20
Dec. 1	Dec. 8	Dec. 15	Dec. 22	Dec. 17	Dec. 16	Dec. 18

New Ordinances

Since our last newsletter, council has approved two ordinances.

Complete Ordinances can be viewed in their entirety at the borough office.



Ordinance 2002-011 amends Ordinance 1983-01, The Stewartstown Borough Rental Dwelling Registration Ordinance, by requiring every owner of a dwelling unit or units to submit a current list of all tenants to the Secretary of the Borough on or before the 30th day of June and the 31st of Dec. Most Landlords are very good at reporting new tenants; however some, especially those that live out of state do not comply. The benefits of registered tenants are that more Per-Capita taxes are collected and police and ambulance personnel are better able to locate individuals.



Ordinance 2002-012 establishes stop intersections and prescribes penalties for its violation. The intersection of Heather Drive and Pennsylvania Ave. had a stop sign erected when the ordinance was passed to make E. Penn a one way street. However, the original ordinance did not include a stop sign. To make a stop sign or any street sign which directs traffic enforceable, two documents are required. One is a traffic study. Traffic studies are provided to municipalities at no charge from York County Planning Commission. Once the

traffic study is received, council approves an ordinance which reflects the traffic study. Traffic studies take into consideration all factors of the street and the amount traffic. Recently, Stewartstown Borough asked PADOT to do a traffic study for the intersection of Hill Street (SR851) and W. Penn. (SR851) to see if it should be a four-way stop. Because this is a state road, PADOT dictates any traffic regulations. PADOT could not merit making the intersection a 4-way stop. A PADOT representative stated that it would make the intersection more congested than it is now.



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Wayne Bush—Asst. Sewer Operator

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Officer Jason Test
Officer Larry Bailets
Mary Ellen Stanley—Police Secretary

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Jeffrey Grow

Civil Service Comm. Chairperson
Harry Lytle

Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson
Bonner Smith



Community Bulletin Board

Bingo continues every Thursday night at Eureka Fire Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Games start at 7:00 pm.

Total prizes available—\$1,600.00. Good food is also available.



Fire Donation Drive

Eureka Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Co. will be sending out donation forms to all residents in Stewartstown Borough, Hopewell Township, East Hopewell Township and Cross Roads Borough in February. This donation is for the Fire Division of Eureka. Ambulance Subscriptions will be sent out in July. If anyone needs a EMS Subscription, you may contact Asst. Chief Ira Walker Jr. at 993-2963 ext 204 anytime to request one. As always Eureka thanks you for your generous support.

Mr. Yuk Stickers / PA Poison Information

If you have small children, then share the same concerns about the many dangerous chemicals that we have in the house. The following web site contains information about the Pennsylvania Poison Control Center, plus an online form you can complete to get Mr. Yuk stickers mailed to you.

Main website for Pennsylvania State Poison Center:

<http://www.hmc.psu.edu/poisoncenter/services>

York County Conservation District—2003 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 19th with prepayment. Orders must be picked up at Rocky Ridge County Park on April 10th & 11th.