

Stewartstown Borough

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Council Adopts New Budget

If you didn't get a chance to attend the council meeting in December, following is a Budget Summary of the budgets passed for 2006.

GENERAL FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	Tax Mil 2.72
Real Property Taxes	346,356
Act 511 Taxes	246,599
Police Fines/Services	103,738
<u>Expenses</u>	
Wages/Benefits	570,443
Professional Services	60,860
Communication	9,390
Planning/Zoning	14,200
Streets/Storm Water	56,700
Culture	14,973
Public Property	63,972
Police/Public Safety	58,939

GARBAGE FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Interest	150
Act 101 Recycling Grant	1,093
Billing Revenue	227,408
<u>Expenses</u>	
Operating Expenses	228,651

LIQUID FUELS/STATE AID:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Interest	1,000
Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes	34,881
PLGIT Reserve	79,843
<u>Expenses</u>	
Motor Vehicle Project	114,775

WATER FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Operating Revenue	570,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	16,000
Capital Revenue	21,233
<u>Expenses</u>	
Wages/Benefits	231,182
Professional Services	70,120
Communication	10,980
Electricity Well Houses	24,840
Repairs/Maintenance	52,963
Operating Supplies	178,475
Capital Construction	844,000
Capital Purchases	188,000

SEWER FUNDS:

<u>Revenue</u>	
Operating Revenue	700,040
Miscellaneous Revenue	17,000
Capital Revenue	4,640
<u>Expenses</u>	
Wages/Benefits	243,432
Professional Services	80,000
Communication	11,040
Electricity Pump Stations	71,400
Repairs & Maintenance	38,800
Operating Supplies	86,605
Sludge Expense	79,375
Capital Construction/Purchases	110,000

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 Borough Authority.

Borough Council adopted a tax ordinance for 2006 with a tax mil rate of 2.72. This tax mil rate takes into account the county's reassessment of property values.

Stewartstown Borough's mil rate for 2005 was 3.3.

Stewartstown Borough Authority—Updated Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Page 2 and How it Affects Us

Due to the enormous costs involved to implement the Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy, the Chesapeake Executive Council evaluated priority targeted areas to achieve the easiest reductions in nutrients to the Bay (i.e., total nitrogen/total phosphorus (TN/TP)). The priority was given to options that keep nutrients out of the Bay, are reliable, are politically viable, and have a continuous source of funding. The top six were wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) upgrades, diet and feed adjustments, traditional nutrient management, enhanced nutrient management, conservation tillage, and cover crops. The WWTPs were considered the most sure-fire method to reduce nutrients to the Bay, since WWTPs have a continuous funding source available.....simply raising user rates.

Recognizing the concerns with cleaning up the Bay, our Authority voluntarily proposed limits to the DEP prior to the DEP having any regulations requiring the limits. The development of a Chesapeake Bay

Strategy seems to be the cause of the delay with our discharge permit being issued for the WWTP expansion project.

Based on correspondence with DEP, it is anticipated that the 'draft' discharge permit will be published in the PABulletin very shortly, if not by the time you read this. This 'draft' permit contains TN and TP limits, beyond what we voluntarily proposed to DEP.

These cap loads for TN and TP may make it extremely difficult to meet these limits at growth levels beyond 2010 levels. This will require further capital investment, at some point, and will almost definitely increase user rates. In addition, the Pennsylvania House of Representatives has passed a Resolution in December 2005 requesting DEP to further develop the Chesapeake Bay Strategy with input from all stakeholders to better allocate the requirements of this program.

Our concerns are that the current draft guidance makes huge demands of WWTPs for TN/TP removal, while these requirements are only anticipated to decrease TN pollutants to the Bay by 3 or 4 percent. So, the DEP will be relying heavily on a trading program that will require WWTPs to purchase credits from farming activities, thereby passing the costs again on to sewer plant users.

In addition, we are investigating grant and/or loan funding, too, but the funding is very limited and often tied to additional requirements. We will keep you informed of further developments in the Chesapeake Bay Strategy and how it relates to the anticipated publication of our discharge permit.



ATV'S, Snowmobiles and Cars Don't Mix

ATV and Snowmobile owner/operators should be aware of and heed the following Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code regulations.

Section 7711.1 Registration of snowmobile and ATV Unless you are operating your snowmobile or ATV on your property, the snowmobile and/or ATV must be registered with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and display a registration plate.

Section 7721 Operation on streets and highways It is unlawful to operate a snowmobile or ATV on any street or highway. When Mayor Hall declares a Snow Emergency, it is done so to clear the streets of snow. Said Snow Emergency in no way grants you permission to operate your ATV or snowmobile on the streets, highways or alleys of Stewartstown.

Section 7725 Operation by persons under the age of sixteen No person under the age of 16 shall operate a snowmobile or ATV in the Commonwealth unless they are under the direct supervision of a person 18 years of age or older, or, under the direct supervision of a certified safety instructor, or, on land owned or leased by a parent or legal guardian, or, hold a safety certificate issued by the Commonwealth, another state or Province of Canada.

Section 7726 Operation in safe manner Snowmobile and ATV operators and their passengers must wear a securely fastened helmet of a type and design approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Section 7729 Liability of owner for negligence As the owner of a snowmobile or ATV, you are liable and responsible for any death or injury to person or damage to property resulting from negligence in the use or operation of such snowmobile or ATV.

Section 7730 Liability Insurance Any Snowmobile or ATV for which registration is required under this chapter must have liability insurance coverage issued by an insurance carrier authorized to do business in this Commonwealth.

Fines and costs for violating the above sections range from \$25.00 to more than \$300.00. Snowmobile and ATV operators and **owners** will be prosecuted.

-Contact the Stewartstown Police Department, 993-5308 for additional information



Meeting Dates for 2006

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.

Council 7:30 pm	Personnel 7:00 pm Police & Public Safety 7:30	Jr. Council *6:30 pm Public Property 7:00 Streets & Roads 7:30	Special Action Recreation 7:00 Sewer & Water 7:30	Borough Authority 7:30 pm	Planning Commission 7:30 pm	Zoning Hearings (as needed) 7:00 pm
Jan. 3	Jan. 9	Jan. 16	Jan. 23	Jan. 18	Jan. 17	Jan. 19
Feb. 6	Feb. 13	Feb. 20	Feb. 27	Feb. 15	Feb. 21	Feb. 16
Mar. 6	Mar. 13	Mar. 20	Mar. 27	Mar. 15	Mar. 21	Mar. 16
Apr. 3	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 24	Apr. 19	Apr. 18	Apr. 20
May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 17	May 16	May 18
Jun. 5	Jun. 12	Jun. 19	Jun. 26	Jun. 21	Jun. 20	Jun. 15
Jul. 3	Jul. 10	Jul. 17	Jul. 24	Jul. 19	Jul. 18	Jul. 20
Aug. 7	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	Aug. 16	Aug. 15	Aug. 17
Sep. 5	Sep. 11	Sep. 18	Sep. 25	Sep. 20	Sep. 19	Sep. 21
Oct. 2	Oct. 9	Oct. 10	Oct. 23	Oct. 18	Oct. 17	Oct. 19
Nov. 6	Nov. 13	Nov. 20	Nov. 27	Nov. 15	Nov. 21	Nov. 16
Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 26	Dec. 20	Dec. 19	Dec. 21

Tenant Registration

Ordinance 2002-011 was adopted in 2002 and requires that every owner of a dwelling unit or units submit a current list of all tenants on or before the 30th day of June and the 31st day of December of each calendar year. The Borough office, as a courtesy, sends out registration forms to all known landlords. If you have a rental unit or units and do not receive any forms, contact the Borough office at 717-993-2963 ext. 201. You can also stop in during business hours and pick up the forms. The Borough uses this information to update Per Capita Tax rosters, records on file with the Police Department in case of emergencies, and the information is provided to local churches who request the information to invite everyone to their services.

Winter Weather Advisory

During a Winter Weather Advisory which is issued by the Office of Emergency Management of York County, residents of the county are recommended to limit your travel during the winter storm as much as possible.

A winter weather advisory means that periods of snow, sleet or freezing rain will cause travel difficulties. Motorists should be extra cautious and prepared for slippery roads and limited visibility. All motorists should have a winter emergency kit in their vehicle.

The kit should include:

1. A shovel
2. Windshield ice scraper
3. Flashlight
4. Battery powered radio

5. Extra batteries
6. Water
7. Snack food
8. Extra hats and mittens
9. Blanket
10. Tow chain or rope
11. Road salt or sand
12. Booster cables
13. Emergency flares and
14. A fluorescent distress flag.

Watch local television stations such as WGAL/Channel 8 and Fox 43 for updates on winter advisories and school closings. WGAL's web site has a sign-up for e-mail notifications on closings and cancellations.

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Gary Mitchell

Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson
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We're on the Web
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Community Bulletin Board

Snow Removal from 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. *Snow/Ice removal is required under Ordinance 2002-04 which can be reviewed in its entirety at the borough office.*

Fire Donation Drive

Eureka Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Co. will be sending out donation forms in February 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. As always Eureka thanks you for your generous support.

Clear the Way to Your Hydrant A 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.



Shrimp Feed

Eureka Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Co. will be having a shrimp feed on Saturday, February 18th. Contact Fire Chief Ira Walker Jr. for more information. You can contact the fire station at 717-993-6826 or 6180.