

Stewartstown Borough 1st Quarter Newsletter

Jan / Feb / Mar
2009

Proposed Borough Budget Summary Funds 2009

General Funds

Revenue	Real Property Taxes	\$ 370,319
	Act 511 Taxes	\$ 280,800
	Licenses & Permits	\$ 55,250
	Fines	\$ 23,600
	Interest Earnings	\$ 7,000
	Rents & Royalties	\$ 31,000
	General Government	\$ 3,150
	Public Safety	\$ 120,146
	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 149,514

Total Revenue \$ 1,040,779

Expenses	Salary & Wages	\$ 455,633
	Benefits	\$ 161,538
	Other Services & Charges	\$ 34,748
	Solicitor / Legal Services	\$ 15,950
	Supplies	\$ 4,682
	Engineering Services	\$ 10,750
	General Gov't Building	\$ 48,527
	Police Expenses	\$ 127,521
	Code Enforcement/Zoning	\$ 19,300
	Emergency Management	\$ 44,750
	Streets/Roads/Storm Water	\$ 63,400
	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 53,980

Total Expenses \$ 1,140,779

Water Funds

Revenue	Interest	\$ 35,000
	Metered Sales	\$ 566,000
	Cell Tower Rent	\$ 20,613
	Hydrant Rental	\$ 11,341
	Misc/Transfer from Reserve	\$ 200,376

Total Revenue \$ 833,330

Expenses	Salary & Wages	\$ 156,483
	Supplies	\$ 43,524
	Professional & Other Services	\$ 25,900
	Printing & Insurance /Bond	\$ 17,745
	NG Pumps & Bulk Water	\$ 213,990
	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 21,500
	Rent/Conferences/Training/Bank	\$ 20,460
	Electricity - Well Houses	\$ 32,078
	Wellhead Protection	\$ 2,000
	Construction	\$ 247,500
	Equipment Purchases	\$ 52,150

Total Expenses \$ 833,330

Garbage Funds

Revenue	Interest	\$ 700
	Act 101 Recycling Grant	\$ 1,200
	Garbage Billing Revenue	\$ 223,307
	Court Cost Reimbursement	\$ 4,800

Total Revenue \$ 230,007

Expenses	Postage	\$ 1,000
	Advertising & Printing	\$ 2,500
	Court/Legal Fees	\$ 6,000
	Recycling Bins/ Products	\$ 1,200
	Payments-Garbage Contractor	\$ 219,307

Total Expenses \$ 230,007

Liquid Fuels / State Aid

Revenue	Interest	\$ 1,000
	Motor Vehicle Fuel Taxes	\$ 38,607

Total Revenue \$ 39,607

Sewer Funds

Revenue	Interest	\$ 30,000
	Tapping Fees	\$ 18,000
	Sewer Use Charges	\$ 876,000
	Landfill Leachate (metered)	\$ 17,000
	Misc. Transfer from Reserve	\$ 327,413

Total Revenue \$ 1,268,413

Expenses	Salary & Wages	\$ 258,847
	Supplies	\$ 89,374
	Professional & Other Services	\$ 82,450
	Printing & Insurance/Bonding	\$ 32,400
	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 56,400
	Rent/Conferences/Training/Bank	\$ 17,250
	Electricity-Pump Stations	\$ 92,556
	Biosolids	\$ 60,125
	Construction	\$ 241,000
	Equipment Purchases	\$ 60,800
	Debt Service	\$ 277,210

Total Expenses \$ 1,268,412

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• Fire Donation Drive-



Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company will be sending out donation forms in February to all residents in Stewartstown Borough, Hopewell Township, East Hopewell Township and Crossroads Borough. This donation is for the Fire Division of Eureka. As always Eureka thanks you for your support.

• Shrimp Feed.....



Eureka Volunteer Fire & Ambulance Company will be having their annual Shrimp Feed on Saturday, February 15th. Please contact Richard Gibbs at 993-6856 for ticket information.

• Fish Fry.....



The annual Fish Fry will be Saturday, March 14th. Please contact Ira Walker, Jr. at 324-6521 for ticket information.





BOROUGH RESIDENTS



Ordinance 2007-05, Section 3(d)- **No trash, recyclable containers or any other container may be placed on the curb, sidewalk, street or alley until 12:00 pm (noon) time on the day before trash collection. All trash, recyclables and any other containers must be removed from the curb, sidewalk, street or alley no later than 12:00 am (midnight) the day of trash collection.**

Violation of Section 3 shall constitute a summary criminal offense and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine of \$50.00 plus the costs of prosecution, including attorneys' fees, and in addition, a default thereof shall be punishable by imprisonment in the County Prison for a period of not more than (30) thirty days.



Stewartstown Police Department

Stewartstown Borough Police Department welcomes a new officer. Jeff Carey recently joined the Stewartstown Borough Police Department. Officer Carey was born and raised in York County and graduated from William Penn Sr. High School. After school, he enlisted and served three years of active duty in the U. S. Army with the 101st Airborne Division in Fort Campbell, KY, then served five years in the Reserves. Officer Carey is a graduate of the 91st Police Academy class at Harrisburg Area Community College and currently resides in York County with his wife of 12 years and their three children.



"Happy New Year" Did you know that the day celebrated as New Year in modern America was not always January 1st? The celebration of new year is the oldest of all holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago. The new year began with the first new moon after the Vernal Equinox (first day of spring). The beginning of spring is a logical time to start a new year. After all, it is the season of rebirth and blossoming. January 1, on the other hand, has no astronomical nor agricultural significance, it is purely arbitrary. Romans continued to celebrate new year in late March, but in 153 BC, the Roman Senate declared January 1, to be the beginning of the new year.

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PARK DAMAGE.....



\$200 REWARD is being offered to anyone who can provide information leading to the arrest and prosecution of the individual (s) responsible for the black & red spray painted graffiti located at the new pavilion beside the walking track at the Stewartstown Fairgrounds. The vandalism took place sometime around the first week of November. The roof, picnic tables, pole and large concrete area were spray painted. Please call 993-2255 with any information. If you attend KD High School, and you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact the main office, and they will assist you. If you are ever witness to a crime, or you see something suspicious around the community, please call 911 immediately. Thank you

Hopewell Area Recreation & Parks Board Meetings..

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Where: Stewartstown Community Building (16 College Avenue)



Who: All community members are welcome. If you would like to be put on the agenda, please call ahead of time. 993-2255 or <http://www.harp-online.org>

Keeping Your Home Safe & Warm....



- Install smoke alarms and change batteries once a year.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms.
- Make sure heating equipment is installed properly.
- Keep portable space heaters 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Have your fireplace chimney and flue inspected each year and cleaned if needed.
- Never use your range or oven to heat your home.



Ordinance Reminders

Snow Emergency—(1964-03) All streets within the Borough are considered Snow Emergency Routes. The Ordinance contains 2 phases:



1. During this phase there is no parking on all Borough Streets including State Roads. All vehicles must have snow tires, all season tires, chains or cables. Any cars parked or abandoned on Borough Streets will be in violation of this Ordinance and will be towed. All charges for towing and storage will be the responsibility of the vehicle's owner.
2. All vehicle traffic is prohibited from the Borough Streets including State Roads. Violation of this phase can result in fines up to \$100.00.



Notifications.....when a Snow Emergency is put into effect, The Police Department by order of the Mayor will send a statement to channels 8, 21, and 43 (Harrisburg & York News Stations). The Snow Emergency stays in effect until the snow has been removed from the streets. If you have questions concerning a Snow Emergency, contact the Police Department at 717-993-5308.



Snow Removal from Sidewalks.....

Ordinance 2004-002, Section 2., requires every person who owns, leases or occupies any building or lot on sidewalks shall ensure that snow, sleet or ice is removed within 24 hours after the cessation of any snowfall, sleet or freezing rain. A path must be at least 24 inches wide to allow safe passage for pedestrians and must extend the entire length of the sidewalk. Properties that have more than one sidewalk are required to all be cleaned. In the event that snow or ice can not be removed, the person/owner shall cause enough sand, salt or other material to be put on the sidewalk to make it reasonably safe.



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 department makes its way around to clear hydrants, you may save a lot of time in the event of a fire by keeping it clear after each snowfall.

York County Conservation District

.....announcing the 2009 Tree Seedling Sale. For more than 30 years, the Conservation District has been offering seedlings to the residents of York County. By promoting their tree sale, our municipality has partnered with the York County Conservation District to help provide economical options for beautifying the community. Click www.yorkccd.org to see the complete order form and the description of each plant being offered. For additional information, contact the conservation district at 717-840-7430 or 800-441-2025 ext. 7430 during normal business hours.



- **Trees make good neighbors** by adding beauty to our yards and community.
- **Trees are cool**, they cool the air, land and water with leafy shade and moisture and help save money and energy costs.
- **Trees save tax dollars** by slowing storm water runoff and can reduce the cost of controlling storm water.
- **Trees help us breathe** by cleaning the air and return pure oxygen.
- **Trees clean our water & air** from pollutants to pesticides and fertilizer runoff, trees absorb many harmful pollutants.
- **Trees fight climate change.** Planting trees helps offset greenhouse gases.



Notice: Increase in Sewer Rates


The sewer rates for 2009 will be effective for the billing received February 2009. The new sewer rate for residential customers will be:

- **A minimum fixed charge of \$105.00** for each EDU per quarter + \$2.25 per 1000 gallons for all use over 3,000 gallons that quarter.

Use (gallons)	Minimum Fixed Charge	Variable Charge (\$2.25/1000 gal) for use OVER 3000 gallons	Total Charge
3,000	\$ 105.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 105.00
6,000	\$ 105.00	\$ 6.75	\$ 111.75
10,000	\$ 105.00	\$15.75	\$ 120.75
14,000	\$ 105.00	\$ 24.75	\$ 129.75
18,000	\$ 105.00	\$ 33.75	\$ 138.75
20,000	\$ 105.00	\$ 38.25	\$ 143.25

The True Meaning Behind Valentine's Day..... Despite the cost of beautiful roses, expensive dinners and candy, Valentine's Day is an occasion to prove your eternal love to your sweetheart. Or is it not? Valentine was imprisoned under Claudius II for his Christian beliefs, and while in jail, he restored the sight of his jailers' blind daughter through his faith and love for her. Before his execution, on Feb 14, AD, 269, Valentine sent her a note signed "From Your Valentine." This phrase became the everlasting symbol of friendship, affection and sharing with others. In 1537, Henry VIII established Feb. 14th as St. Valentine's Day by Royal Charter, but it wasn't until printing techniques that the exchange of illustrated paper began to develop as we know it today.



 **LEAF COLLECTION SURVEY.....**The borough is conducting a survey to see the interest in starting leaf collection for residents in the borough.

Please complete & return this form to the borough office by mail or drop in the overnight box located at the side entrance of the building if you are interesting in participating in this survey.

On a scale of 1-4please circle one:
 4-very interested 3-somewhat interested 2-indifferent 1-not interested

Comments:

This extra service may mean raising taxes! Please take that into consideration when making your decision. **Thank you for your help!**



St. Patrick's Day....Celebrating the Green. St. Patrick is believed to have driven the snakes from Ireland. Once a pagan himself, St. Patrick is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. The modern secular holiday is based on the original Christian saint's feast day also thought to be the date of the Saint's death. In 1737, Irish immigrants to the United States began observing the holiday publicly in Boston and held the first St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City in 1766.



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Stewartstown, PA 17363**

Utility Billing Ext.- 202 billing@stewartstown.org
 General Questions Ext.- 201
 Recreation Board Ext.- 290
<http://www.harp-online.org> 717-993-2255
 Missed Trash Service Ext.- 280
 Emergency Water/Sewer Ext.- 204

Office Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Borough Council:

Christopher McGraw—President
 Marsha England—Vice President
 Christopher Reed, Gordon Wisnom,
 Jeff Bruening, Frank Paules and Mildred Pomraning
 Mayor Richard Hall

Authority Chairperson-Jeff Grow
 Zoning Hearing Board Chairperson-Bonner Smith
 Civil Service Commission Chairperson—Jack Schmidt
 Planning Commission Chairperson—Earl Long

Borough Staff:

Susan Grow, PHR-Borough Administrator
 Stacy Myers-Billing Clerk
 Melissa Matthews- Secretary

Sewer Dept.:

Ira Walker Jr.- Operator
 Tracy Baldwin & Wayne Bush

Water Dept.:

Michael Smithson—Operator
 Tommy Shaull

Police Officers

Chief-George Cunningham
 Officer- Kory Saylor
 Officer—Shannon Hilliard
 Officer—Jesse Knott III
 Officer- James Bowser
 Officer—Jeffrey Carey
 Secretary—Mary Stanley



We're on the Web!

www.stewartstown.org
www.stewartstown.org/police

Phone: 717-993-2963

Fax: 717-993-2131

Police Department - 717-993-5308

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CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES

Council : Jan 5 Feb 2 Mar 2

Meetings held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

Council Workshop: Jan 19 Feb 16 Mar 16

Meetings held the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm

Sewer & Water Authority: Jan 21 Feb 18 Mar 18

Meetings held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm

Planning Commission: Jan 20 Feb 17 Mar 17

Meetings held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm

Zoning Hearings: Jan 15 Feb 19 Mar 19

Meetings held the third Thursday of each month as needed

If you would like to speak at a public meeting, please call the office at 717-993-2963.

HOLIDAY TRASH PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Holiday

Amended Pick-up Dates

New Year's Day

**Tuesday
Dec. 30th**

and

**Saturday
Jan. 3rd**



Borough Residents: Large Trash Pick-Up

One large item may be placed out for pick-up on Friday with regular trash pick-up. Freon items must have special pick-up, please call 1-800-210-9675 for those items.

- **Remember to bring your trash and recycling containers in before midnight the day of collection.**

