**Stewartstown Borough Council**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, April 2nd, 2018**

**Members Others**

Gordon Wisnom, Sr. Craig Sharnetzka, Solicitor

Kenton Kurtz Jason Brenneman, Engineer

Roy Burkins Ira Walker, Jr. Sewer & Water

Bill Gemmill Stacy Myers, Recording Sec’y

Donna Bloom Mayor Robert Herzberger

Polly Kreiss

Mike Ellinger

**Visitors**

Mark Raulie

Sam Gemmill

1. The meeting was called to order @ 7:00p.m. Everyone participated in the pledge to the flag.
2. **GENERAL BUSINESS**

* Mr. Kurtz made a motion to approve the March 5th, 2018 Meeting Minutes; Mr. Gemmill seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
* Financial Statements
  + Mrs. Bloom made a motion to approve General Fund bills paid from March 3rd through March 28th, totaling $30,515.17; Mr. Burkins seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
  + Mrs. Bloom made a motion to approve Sewer Fund bills paid from March 3rd through March 28th, totaling $22,265.24; Mr. Burkins seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
  + Mr. Kurtz made a motion to approve Water Fund bills paid from March 3rd through March 28th, totaling $25,852.23; Mr. Gemmill seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**—none
2. **SOLICITOR’S REPORT**—Mr. Sharnetzka reported:

* Shenk issue—there was a notice of appeal filed in which Officer Carey prevailed. Shenk’s parties moved for reconsideration of the order but that was denied, so they have 30 days to appeal.
* Rutter’s—judge’s opinion entered on March 22nd to the appeal taken by Rutter’s of Borough Council’s decision to deny the liquor license transfer. When denying, there is a requirement to establish evidence that this would be harmful to the welfare of the public & safety of the Borough, but the court found that the Borough did not establish that. The court ruled in favor of Rutter’s transferring the liquor license to the 14 West Pennsylvania store. Under Mr. Sharnetzka’s advisement, it was the consensus of Borough Council to not fight or appeal the court’s decision.

Of note, LCB rules prohibit beer sales between the hours of 2am-6am.

* Dooley Mack Contractor/Dollar General Store—John Ross told Mr. Sharnetzka he had a crew coming to the site (15 N. Hill) later this month to check on progress. Mr. Ross said they may ask for a final signoff of the bond, but he understands all the solicitor & engineer costs must be paid before the bond is released. The bond is good through 6/1/18 so if all fees are not paid by the May Council meeting, Mr. Sharnetzka will tell him we will act on the bond.

Jason Brenneman stated the only item he saw as outstanding was some vegetation that was planted; he wanted to be sure that was thriving.

* June 22nd, 2018—CGA’s Municipal Night at the Revolution ballpark
* Southern Regional Police Department may contract again with Southeastern School District, putting a School Resource Officer in the school beginning Fall 2018. The school district requested the SRO from now till the end of the school year & the Police Commission had approved that. Notice had to be sent to the municipalities. Even though it was a short-term contract, there is a potential for a contract beginning the Fall 2018 school year.

1. **ENGINEER’S REPORT**—Jason Brenneman reported:

* He met with Mr. & Mrs. Kincaid (73 High Street) regarding the easements and how the stormwater runoff on their & their neighbor’s (the Barr’s) properties will be handled. Jason will send plans for an Easement Agreement to Mr. Sharnetzka so once that is in place, the Borough can maintain the easement. Jason said the proposed plan will fix most of the issues, but in the event of a large storm/high volume of water, some runoff may occur. Hopefully Jason will have some phone quotes for the materials by the May meeting.
* Cloverfield Development—York Excavating needs to run the sewer main extension mid-to-late April and asked if High Street can be shut down from Ovelton to Memory for one day. They will let school buses through but would like it closed to other traffic to complete this job. Council consensus is to move forward with shutting down High Street for one day, when needed.
* Street Projects for 2018—Jason mentioned that Fitz & Smith is currently short-handed and has no paving crew, so, Council must keep this in mind when bidding. A few streets needing attention were mentioned:
  + Icehouse
  + East Pennsylvania Avenue (no grants were available for the sidewalks because not-enough residents responded to the income questionnaire)
  + High Street—between Highland Manor & Charles Avenue
  + Ecker Avenue
* Street sign replacement—all do not need replaced—details on size, count & the material to use must be determined. It was proposed to use traffic fine monies toward replacement signs. Streets & Roads Committee can discuss which need replaced.

1. **SEWER/WATER SUPERVISOR REPORT**—Ira Walker, Jr. submitted his report, which will be on file with these Meeting Minutes. Borough Council approved the following items:

* Powerhouse Generator to replace batteries and a switch for Borough Office generator at a cost of $643.91. Mr. Gemmill made a motion to approve this expense; Mrs. Bloom seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
* HACH Company for lab supplies at a cost of $186.52. Mrs. Bloom made a motion to approve this expense; Mr. Ellinger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
* Gordon’s Service Center for a tire on a sewer truck for a cost of $35.00. Mr. Burkins made a motion to approve this expense; Mr. Kurtz seconded. All were in favor; motion carried, with Mr. Wisnom abstaining.
* 2017 Aqua Aerobics Award has been received (for the past 7-8 years) for operating a well-maintained plant.

1. **MAYOR’S REPORT/POLICE**—Mayor Herzberger stated contract negotiation issues may be discussed in Executive Session. Council recessed to Executive Session @ 7:32p.m. Council reconvened @ 8:00p.m. No decisions were made.

Mayor Herzberger also reported on the recent Police Commission meeting. New Freedom Borough plans to ask the Commission for Police services at a rate of $88/hour, but the Commission cannot afford to supply the services at that cost. The Commission can’t afford to supply the services to the school district at that cost either, but they are doing so. If all members paid the $88/hr rate, it would raise revenue of $1.4 million. If New Freedom drops out & buys services elsewhere for the $88/hr, their cost will go down approx. $100,000/year. Then the remaining members will have to pay that extra $100,000.

The members cover the administrative costs associated with the outside customers.

This is what’s being proposed by New Freedom Borough. Consensus of Stewartstown Borough Council is to not go to another regional police service; Mayor Herzberger suggested submitting something in writing regarding this. Mr. Ellinger made a motion authorizing Mr. Sharnetzka to send a letter to the Police Commission stating that since the other members of the Commission have not agreed to a 5-year contract, Stewartstown Borough is not interested in obtaining police services from any other regional department. Mrs. Bloom seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**—Mr. Wisnom reported:

* Flag for Heroes Project—sponsored by the Southern York County Rotary Club. A full-size American flag will be displayed with a personalized medallion purchased per hero for $50. The goal is to have 25 Flags for Heroes at each of their four locations (announced later), displayed the week of June 10th through June 16th, 2018. Council would like a Rotary representative to attend their May meeting to discuss this.
* Glen Rock Fire Police request—Mr. Burkins made a motion to approve this request; Mr. Ellinger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
* Annual baseball parade to be held Saturday, April 28th—Mr. Gemmill made a motion to approve the parade request; Mr. Ellinger seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
* Ira Walker, Jr. reported that he has given Mr. Kurtz information about EMA Services and Mr. Kurtz has agreed to serve as EMA Coordinator of Stewartstown Borough. Should someone else want the position in the future, Mr. Kurtz may step down, if he chooses.

1. **VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT**—Mr. Kurtz had nothing further to report.
2. **Adjournment**—With no further business, Borough Council adjourned the meeting @ 8:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary