

Stewartstown Borough Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 8th, 2026

Members present

Roy Burkins
Jason Roberts
Kimberly Carl (arrived @ 6:40pm)
David Elwell
Kenton Kurtz

Others present

Mayor Brittany Barnette
Engineer Jason Brenneman
Ira Walker, Jr., Sewer/Water
Stacy Myers, Recording Sec'y

Visitors

Linda Miller
Louise & Paul Roscosky
Joyce Ryer
John Besaw

Barbara Spurlock
Adriane Catalfo
Carl Otter

Jordan Ilyes
Erica Rearich
Seth Henschen

1. The meeting was called to order @ 6:30pm followed by the pledge to the flag. **Tonight's meeting is also being held via Microsoft Teams.
2. **Public Comment**—The following were present to address Council:
 - **Barbara Spurlock, Stewartstown Senior Center**, gave an update on the Center's activities and thanked Borough Council for their past support which helps provide programs for seniors (60+). The Center plans social activities, presentations, trips, volunteer opportunities and other programs that support healthy aging. For many older adults, having a welcoming place to go and people to socialize with helps reduce social isolation & provide a valuable sense of belonging. The Center works hard throughout the year to hold fundraisers & to seek grants, but support from local municipalities helps to bridge the financial gap. Barb asked that Council continue to keep the Senior Center in mind during the planning of the 2027 budget.
 - **The following had concerns about speeding in the Borough:**
 - **Adriane Catalfo, 15 Camelot Ct.** stated she recently witnessed a young girl almost being hit by a speeding vehicle. There are so many families with young children along Camelot Ct & Kings Way, and she fears that if HARP moves forward with their expansion plans, it will only get worse. SRPD did speak to someone in the area recently about their speeding. Adriane said there are no speed limit signs posted along Camelot which she thought was odd. Mayor Barnette talked to SRPD who said, where no speed limit signs are posted, the default is 35mph which Council agreed, seems excessive, especially being that Camelot is such a short street. Staff can install speed limit signs on Camelot as a deterrent; however, Jason Brenneman said a study needs to be done in order for those to be enforced. He said the speed humps (to be discussed later tonight) would probably be a great help; Adriane agreed. LTAPS can conduct traffic studies at no cost to the Borough & Council agreed Camelot Ct would be a good street for that and if possible, they believe 25mph (or possibly less) would be better than 35mph in the Borough. Other streets will also be considered for a study.
 - **Paul & Louise Roscosky, 30 Poplar Springs Blvd.** stated their street is like a superhighway for speeding. If already posted at 25mph, SRPD can enforce that, and Louise said SRPD can sit in any driveway along there to enforce it. If the posted signs are 35mph, a study could be done to try & lower the speed for enforcement.
 - **Joyce Ryer, 54 S. Main** reported a utility box w/cut wires laying on the east side of Kings Way that could pose a safety hazard. She will call Verizon and/or Xfinity to report it.
 - **Jordan Ilyes** was present to touch base about his proposed project at 13 Mill Street. He was denied the grant for sewer & the sidewalks. He hopes to hear back soon about the HARP grant, although Kristin Phillips-Hill said, if awarded, he may not get much. York Community First Foundation offered him a \$200,000 low-interest loan if he puts in four residential units that are dedicated to senior living. Jordan said that's not a problem at all, as many of his units already house seniors and all his properties are ADA-compliant. His biggest hurdle right now with the 13 Mill Street project is Stewartstown Railroad. Originally the land swap (between Jordan, the RR and Gordon's) was going well, and the cost estimate for Jordan to remove the old railroad tracks off his property was \$125,000. Now, two years later, the estimate is \$340,000. The RR states they're having trouble finding switches, as evidently, there is a switch on Jordan's property that is needed to turn one of the big engines around.

Jordan also thought it would be a cool idea to have some old (unused) rail cars set up as a dining feature in his project, but the Railroad doesn't want the liability (if someone would trip on a track). Jordan said all the other items he needs to address in order to obtain his building permits are no problem to get done. He wants nothing more than to move forward with the project, so he hopes Council can be patient as he tries to get things resolved.

3. **General Business**

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**—Mr. Elwell made a motion to approve the August 3rd, 2026 Meeting Minutes; Mrs. Carl seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
- **Approval of Financial Statements**
 - **General Funds**—Mr. Kurtz made a motion to approve General Fund bills & payroll (\$2,725.48) dated July 31st thru September 3rd, 2026, totaling \$98,213.78. Mr. Roberts seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - **Sewer Funds**—Mrs. Carl made a motion to approve Sewer Fund bills & payroll (\$20,950.34) dated July 31st thru September 3rd, 2026, totaling \$113,920.37. Mr. Elwell seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
 - **Water Funds**—Mr. Kurtz made a motion to approve Water Fund bills & payroll (\$20,281.49) dated July 31st thru September 3rd, 2026, totaling \$127,612.35. Mr. Elwell seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

4. **Solicitor's Report**—Atty. Sharnetzka was not present tonight but submitted:

- **Armstrong Cable Franchise Agreement**—The issues with the agreement of another municipality have been resolved and Craig's office requested that Armstrong provide an agreement specific to Stewartstown. That will be circulated, once received.
- **Draft Resolution for Collection of Delinquent Fees** was sent for Council review and will be discussed more in October. The resolution reflects price increases for fees charged by CGA for such things as lien processing, delinquent letters mailed, etc. Mr. Elwell requested the current fees be emailed to Council.

5. **Engineer's Report**—Jason Brenneman reported:

- **2026 Streets**
 - **E. Pennsylvania Avenue**—Project began on July 27th. It's a slow process, mainly because the force main is right alongside of the trench where they're digging to replace the main. They should be replacing the 2nd to last manhole this week, and they've started to replace laterals, as well as a small retaining wall at 22 E. Pennsylvania. Cluster mailboxes will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Payment Application #1 has been received for mobilization, traffic control and the sanitary sewer work. Holding 10% retainage, the payment request is for \$100,000, and Jason concurs with the request. Mrs. Carl made a motion to approve the payment of \$100,000 to Shiloh Paving. Mr. Elwell seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.
Shiloh is still behind schedule from the original plan that was proposed due to weather & some other things. They may be able to make up some time, not having to replace certain materials. If paving extends into November (past the 10/31 deadline) that's fine because this is not a Liquid Fuels project. Weather permitting, Jason wants to get at least the base paving completed for Fall/Winter and then final wearing course can be done in Spring.
 - **Repaving of High Street**—Will be done this year. Shiloh Paving is planning to do this along with E. Pennsylvania, but if E. PA is not ready by 10/24/26, they will go onsite to complete High Street before 10/31/26 because this IS a Liquid Fuels project.
 - **Traffic Management & Speed Humps**—Jason, along with David Elwell & Jason Roberts met with LTAPS recently about speed humps for certain Borough roads.
 - LTAPS doesn't suggest speed humps for E. Pennsylvania at this time. Due to the current construction, they said the road isn't functioning as it should, so we'll revisit that street later.
 - LTAPS put traffic counters on High Street, but Jason hasn't received a response about that yet.
 - LTAPS summarized Church Street:
 - Road is wide enough for two vehicles to pass, even two trucks
 - The area of grass/soil loss was most likely due to drainage rather than vehicles driving over the area.
 - Recommend, at minimum, the Curve Warning signs, discussed previously. No study is needed to install those. Speed humps could also be installed but with the blind curve in the road, they would need to be installed closer to the Borough. They also

recommend installing more than one speed hump, but this can be determined through a traffic study. We are able to borrow temporary speed humps from Shrewsbury Borough, so they could be laid at 21 and 40 Church Street as a trial.

- Church Street residents, Seth Henschen (49 Church) and John Besaw (48 Church) were present, as they expressed concerns of speeding along the street. Seth said speed humps would solve the speeding problem, but being a rural road, snow drifts over the road a lot, so snowplowing may be an issue. Jason said the speed humps can be plowed. Another issue with the humps is, when tractor trailers travel over them there's a potential for noise.

John Besaw also believes speed humps would be beneficial. He witnesses a lot of distracted drivers just standing on his porch/in yard, so the humps should help drivers pay attention.

Both residents reported that when SRPD sat along the street, it really deterred speeding. The police presence really helps. Seth said there used to be a 25mph speed limit sign on Church (coming into the Borough) but it's no longer there. That will be replaced.

Jason also stated a double yellow line could be painted on the road which makes the road feel narrower and could deter speeding, but it could also force vehicles to drive in the grass (or over the yellow line).

With no study required for signage, Council agreed Curve Warning signs and signs with chevron stripes could be beneficial. Jason will obtain prices on those for the October meeting. Council also agreed to move forward with a traffic study on Church to place the temporary speed humps (from Shrewsbury Borough) before installing permanent ones.

Seth Henschen also asked if a solar speed sign could be installed on Church. Council will consider this.

- Streets & Roads Committee will get a list of other streets to Jason B for LTAPS traffic studies.
- Staff will install new 25mph speed limit signs on Camelot Court and other streets where signs went missing.

- **Storm Inlet/Pipe Inspection Proposal**

- Council approved Shiloh Paving's COSTARS proposal for E. College Avenue to replace pipe, replace two inlets, paving restoration and mobilization/traffic control. Jason was able to get Shiloh to lower their price to \$26,520 (originally \$30,902) for this project.
- Other streets to keep in mind from Shiloh's July 2026 pricing of this work—Springwood (\$20,804), Mill Street (\$10,873), S. Sycamore (\$22,324) and Ecker (\$55,756).

6. **Sewer & Water Supervisor Report**—Ira Walker, Jr. submitted his report for Council review. All expenses will go to the Sewer & Water Authority for action.

7. **President/Vice-President Report**—Mr. Burkins presented a quote of \$4,160.46 from K & M Home Center to remove all the old carpeting & padding and replace with new in Apt. C (upstairs), along with removal of the toilet in order to replace the wax ring, tear out old bathroom flooring, replace with new, then reinstall the toilet. We budgeted \$30,000 in 2026 for Building Repair & Maintenance, of which approx. \$15,000 has been spent to date (basement mold remediation, some new windows, building smoke alarms, some plumbing & new door keys). The replacement of three new windows in Apt. C was approved earlier this year, so we currently have money in the budget for the carpet/flooring costs. K & M Home Center could get to this job by the end of September. Mr. Elwell made a motion to approve the work completed by K & M Home Center for \$4,160.46. Mr. Kurtz seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

Mr. Burkins said if/when the old boiler in the basement fails (which heats the two upstairs apartments), that must be replaced. We're not putting any more money into repairs.

8. **Treasurer's Report**—Stacy Myers reported:

- **Tax Office tenant** has requested the use of the Executive Session room for training of new employees. It will be mostly evenings & Saturdays. Council doesn't have a problem with it as long as they clear the dates/times with office staff. Council agreed to charge \$50/day for the use of the room which can be accessed from the rear of the Tax Office.

Mr. Kurtz made a motion to allow Susquehanna Tax Service to use the Executive Session office for training at a rate of \$50/day/use as long as it's coordinated with the Borough Office. Mr. Elwell seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

- **2027 SPCA Agreement**—The agreement comes annually and allows the Borough's Animal Control Officer to take dogs to the SPCA, whenever needed. Cost is based off of population.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the 2027 SPCA Agreement at a cost of \$1,937. Mrs. Carl seconded. All were in favor; motion carried.

- **YCBA Dinner**—This quarter's dinner will be held Thursday, September 24th @ 6:30pm at Eureka Fire Hall. The speaker will be Barron Shaw (Shaw Orchards) on "The Impact of Data Centers Locally". Any Council wishing to attend, let Jillian or Stacy know by Thursday, Sept 17th.
- **Wellspan EAP Program**—The Wellspan EAP Coordinator will be here on Friday, Sept 18th from noon-1pm to present "Conflict Management Styles". Council/Mayor are welcome to attend. Staff will attend.

9. **Mayor/Police Report**—Mayor Barnette reported:

- Two Southern Regional Police Commission meetings were held since our August Council meeting.
- Wellspan has provided a co-responder to work out of Southern Regional Police Department and to go along with the officer(s) when responding to mental health/crisis calls. This is a huge asset and has really been a great thing.
- SRO Slenker, hired in the Spring, is doing really well and has proved to be a great asset to the school & SRPD.
- "Smoke on the Rails" event was held in July, where SRPD got 1st place in wings!
- The Commission is currently working on the budget, but it's a very rough draft as it's a work in progress and a lot of numbers are being sorted.
- Mayor Barnette officiated a wedding recently but did not accept a fee to do so.

10. **Committee Discussion/Other Business**—none

11. **Adjournment**—With no further business before Council, Mr. Kurtz made a motion to adjourn the meeting @ 7:55pm. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Stacy Myers, Recording Secretary