

STOCKERTOWN NEWS

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HIGHLIGHTS

2025 General Fund Budget = \$715,501.
Your tax \$ will provide fire protection, roads, parks, and infrastructure maintenance, trash removal, administrative assistance, free library access, and some form of police coverage.

2025 Sewer Fund Budget = \$270,196.
Your sewer fee will remain at \$50/Month and will fund our sewer infrastructure, sewer service with EAJSA, and the construction/connection bond. The Bond balance is \$2,515,000.00

As of December 30, 2024, the Borough's total liquid assets were \$1,087,382.

Planning Commission VACANCIES !!



2024 IN REVIEW

General Administrative News

- Stockertown's General and Sewer Fund Budgets for 2025 totaling **\$985,697** are displayed on the following page. The anticipated income and expenditures reflect our continuing effort to provide quality services to our residents. The tax rate has been fixed at 18 mills again for 2025.
- The sewer usage rate for 2025 will remain at \$50 per month per EDU. Tapping Fees are set at \$4,006 per EDU for each new connection.
- The annual fee for Fire Protection provided by Forks Township, remains at \$15,000, (since 2006). Other line items in the Fire Protection budget include a shared percentage of utilities, fire hydrant fees, and a Fire Fund contribution.
- Fry's Four Seasons lawn care agreement has been renewed for 2025.
- KeyCodes provides zoning and inspection services for the borough. Kathy Vossough, our zoning officer is in house on Thursdays to address permits, zoning issues, and general information.

Police Department Update

- The scarcity of experienced and reputable law enforcement candidates continues to be an issue with all law enforcement entities. Council, responding to residents' concerns, is meeting with surrounding police departments, seeking proposals for contracted coverage, as an alternative to a Stockertown police department. Some of the smaller issues i.e. abandoned cars and unlawful storage are being addressed through our zoning department. In the interim, the PA State Police, Belfast Barracks continue to provide necessary police coverage. We are fortunate in that Stockertown has very little crime. The vast majority of our residents are rooted, stationary, and vested in the well being of self, neighbor and community.

Public Works Department

- **Public Works** refurbished the Newhart Park walking bridge with nonslip surface. They continually monitor portions of the sewer lines that are suspect to backup issues. Blockages can occur in our lines with the potential of causing raw sewage overflow or residential backup. The Borough is responsible for the maintenance, repair, and replacement of the sewer lines within the Borough. **Please** remember, Easton's Sewer System, just like our former WWTP, does not permit the disposal of flushable wipes, feminine products, grease, etc. The sewer system is NOT a garbage disposal.

Planning Commission

- **The Planning Commission has vacancies and is in need of new members.** If you have an interest in the future planning of development, commerce, and recreational areas within the borough, please consider joining the planning commission. You do not need an engineering degree or specific training. You need only have a genuine interest in the Borough's health and quality of life. If you are interested, in becoming a Planning member, please contact the Borough Secretary with your name and contact information.
- **Council has initiated** the process of reducing the council members from seven members to five. The process requires a petition of 5% of the Borough's electorate, which is then submitted to the board of elections to be



DIRECTORY

BOROUGH MAYOR
Rosemarie
Wenzelberger

BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meets 1st & 3rd
Mondays at 7:30 PM
209 Main Street
Amy Richard,
President
Kathleen Zdonowski,
Vice President
Cindy Hower
A. Joseph Gosnell
Pamela Davis
Renee Cantwell
Katie Santiago

BOROUGH OFFICE
610 759-8393
Candy Keller
Secretary/Tax Collector

BOROUGH SOLICITOR
Gary N. Asteak

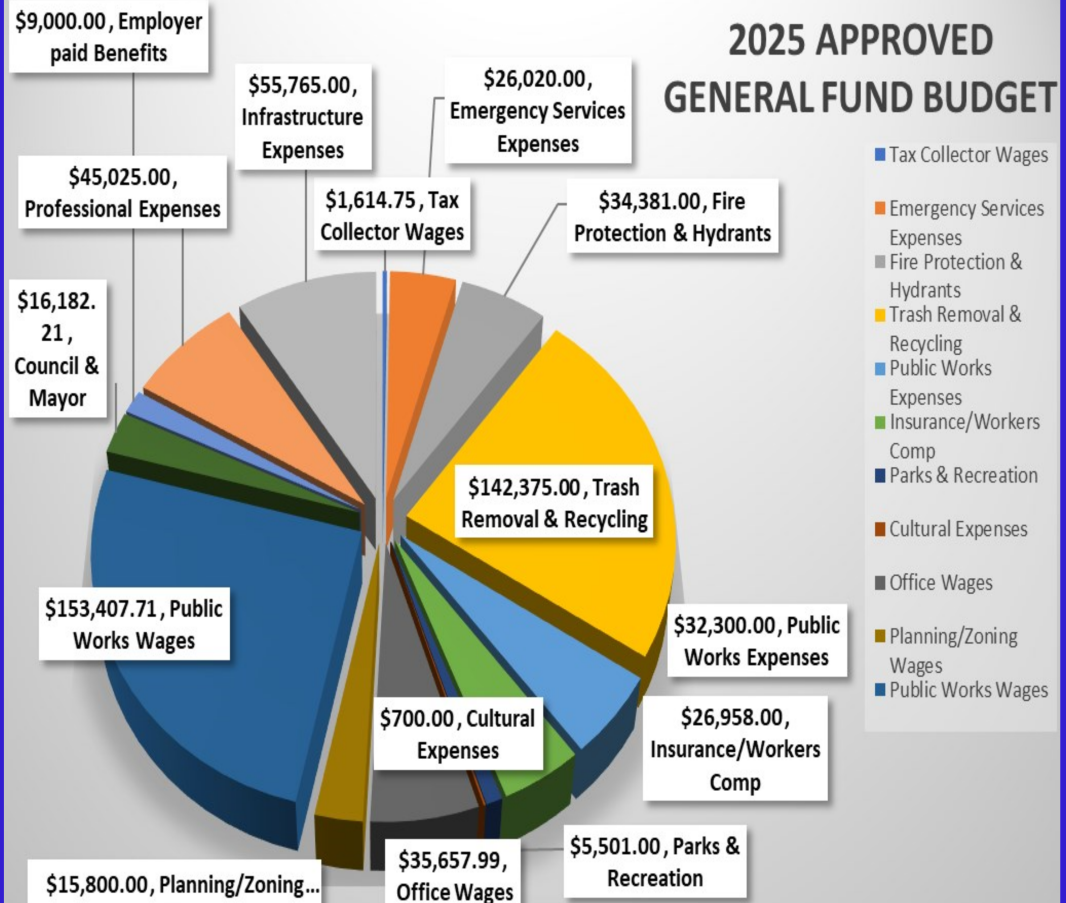
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.
Kenneth Zemencsik,
Director
Terry Sabatine
Zachary Zemencsik
Kamron Zemencsik

ZONING OFFICER
Kathy Vossough
Office open Thursdays

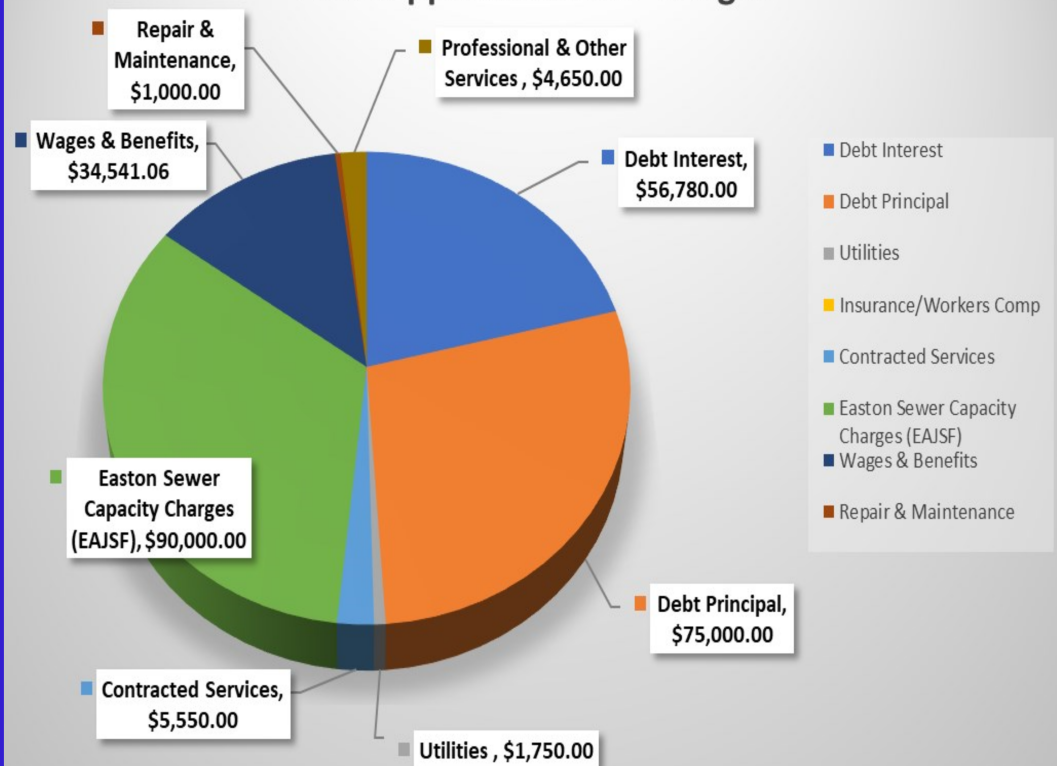
**PLANNING
COMMISSION**
meets as Needed
4th Tuesday 7:00 PM
Sean Dooley, Chairman
Bryce Good, Secretary
Kathleen Zdonowski
A. Joseph Gosnell

**ZONING HEARING
BOARD**
Kim Malavolta
Lucienne Dooley
Morgan Schafer

2025 APPROVED GENERAL FUND BUDGET



2025 Approved Sewer Budget



REMINDERS

During a SNOW EMERGENCY all vehicles must be removed from the streets. The snow emergency will be announced on WFMZ, B104, and 69 NEWS. Vehicles left on streets will be towed. The parking lots on State Street, and the Center Street Trail head will be plowed for off street parking during snow events to enable plows to clean the whole street and avoid possible damage to vehicles.

You are responsible to clear your sidewalk within 24 hours of a snowfall. If you live near a hydrant, please clear the snow around it. Your extra effort could make a lifesaving difference in the event of a fire.

It is unlawful to push or shovel snow from your property onto a public street in the Borough. Violators will be cited.

Library access: Easton Public Library and Mary Meuser Library will provide library cards to the residents of Stockertown for a fee of \$75. The Borough will reimburse residents when a receipt is provided to the Secretary.

Please have identification tags on your pets, (cats and dogs), and make every effort to contain and protect them from the harsh weather and traffic.

Bulk Pickup: Anyone with large items to be disposed of may put out 1 large item per week on Wednesdays. No TVs, refrigerators or tires.

Please pick up your dog's waste. The Borough provides poop-bags and waste receptacles on the trails and parks for your convenience. Please use them!

During heavy rain and flooding events please do not route your sump pump or other flood waters to your sewer connection. It is unlawful and punishable by law to route stormwater of any type into the sewer system.

Landlords are required to provide a current list of all tenants moving in and out, so the Borough office has contact information for billing purposes

EMERGENCY SERVICES

COUNTY NON-EMERGENCY

610 759-2200
Pennsylvania State Police, Belfast Barrick provides protection for the Borough.

911

**FORKS VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANY**
Fire Chief
Jevin Russo

State Representative
Ann Flood
610 746-2100

State Senator
Lisa Boscola
610 868-8667

Easton Public Library
610 258-2917

POST OFFICE
Postmaster
610 759-6278

STOCKERTOWN ROD
AND GUN CLUB
Info & Memberships
610 759-9255

NORTHAMPTON
COUNTY SPCA
610 252-7722
www.healthy animal-
center.org

D.E.P. 610 861-2070
Dept of Environmental
Protection

 put on the ballot for the residents of Stockertown to vote on. With the busy schedules and life styles of many families, interest in public service is inconvenient making it harder and harder to find people willing to serve. In addition, the Borough will be looking toward hiring a Borough Manager in the not so distant future. As the communities around us grow, we need to be growing with them in physical and financial planning and land management.

CodeRED is a high speed notification system which can quickly deliver Amber Alerts, extreme weather conditions, road closings, and other messages from State Police, NOHA weather and the Borough, by phone, cell phone, text, or email.

CodeRED uses a data base supplied from county records, which may not be accurate and will not include cell phone and email addresses. The system is only as good as the information input. We urge everyone to go to the Boro website, stockertown.org click on the large **CodeRED** and sign up and/or update your preferred method (s) of notification. ALL information is secure and used only by **CodeRED** for the purpose of notification and will never be sold, or made available to anyone for any reason. Call the Borough Office if you don't have internet service, need more information, or help signing up.

You pay for this...please use it.

Local Food Banks are in need of canned and boxed foods from those able donate, and is available to those less fortunate. Please donate if possible.

Nazareth Area Food Bank
529 South Main Street
Nazareth, PA 610 365-8869

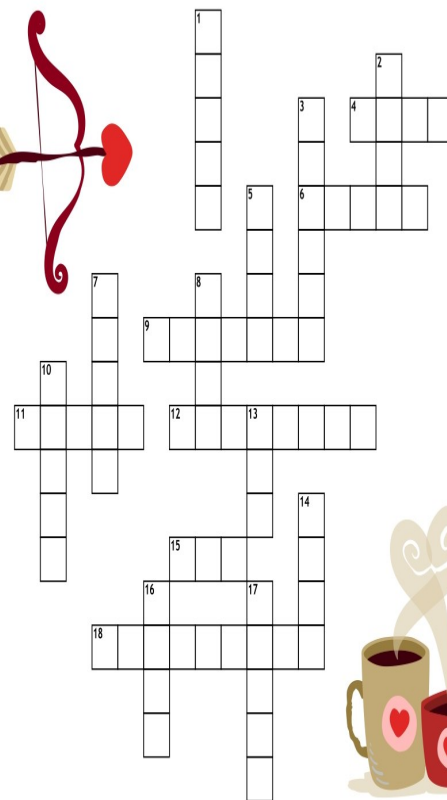
Animal Food Bank of LV
860 Broad Street #115
Emmaus, Pa 610 421-8014

Valentine Day Word Search Game



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Valentine's Day



Across

4. if you like it then you should have put a ____ on it
6. they normally come in a dozen
9. you send them to your lover
11. passing love ____ to your bae
12. month of love
15. before anyone else
18. sweet treat in a heart shapped box

Down

1. he shoots people with arrows
2. be ____
3. cupid shoots them
5. take your love on a romantic ____
7. ____ heart
8. i ____ you
10. go to watch a ____ for valentines day
13. color of love
14. ask your boyfriend or girlfriend on a ____
16. the bird of love
17. passed them out to your class when you were younger

Word Bank

love	dove	chocolate	february	roses	cupid
arrows	red	bae	ring	mine	notes
cards	date	sweet	flowers	movie	date