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# STOCKERTOWN NEWS ABBREVIATED

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**Candace Keller** has assumed the position of Borough Secretary / Treasurer, following Anita Caughy's resignation. Office hours will remain the same, 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday to Thursday. We are happy to have her. Please welcome her to our Community.



## Police Department Update

The search continues as we interview perspective applicants for our department. Of the more than 22 interviewed to date, both for a managerial position and officers, only 2 are considered viable candidates.

Pa Title 44 was amended in 2020 to include Act 57, which requires strict background investigations, education, and training for Municipal Police Officers. It is the new standard hiring matrix for law enforcement after the George Floyd incident.

Because of this Act several prospects, either from out of state, or from semi-retirement, must re-up their certifications and / or attend training in Harrisburg to comply with the Act.

There continues to be an obvious scarcity of experienced and reputable law enforcement candidates across the country as in the Lehigh Valley. Added to the issue, is negative press and political blather of defunding police departments. It is certainly not the most sought after occupation in 2023.

That being said, the goal here is the same. We continue to search for reputable law enforcement. We will not hire just to have coverage. Every candidate will be thoroughly vetted to avoid a repeat of our past mistakes, "trust those in charge.... but not verify".

The Borough spent thousands of dollars on attorneys and investigations, in addition to the \$75,000 paid for a Workman's Comp thumb injury claim. This was the price paid to permanently remove the former Borough Police "Chief", and release the Borough from liability and shame. There are still unsettled issues from the past 18 months, but they are out of the Borough's control.

**The PA State Police**, Belfast Barracks, continue to provide coverage. Please stay vigilant. Stay connected with your neighbors and friends in your neighborhood. Above all, be assured that every effort is focused on creating a reputable Police Department that the residents expect and deserve.

**SLOW DOWN on Main Street!!** Remove junk / abandoned vehicles from the street and / or your property. Get expired registrations and inspections up to date. Remove the "used car lot" from the vacant properties, and anything else you know is unlawful. Please police yourself during this time for the betterment of whole of the community.

## More Successful Grants

In addition to the \$72,210 grant awarded in October for a 2022 Ford F-550, The Borough was just awarded \$69,497 toward the purchase of a track loader complete with snow blower attachment. The total cost will be \$79,534, with the balance coming from the Public Works Capital Fund.

The Borough was also awarded another grant in the amount \$150,000 toward the Lincoln Street Improvement Project. We will be submitting a second grant application to secure the remaining funds needed for the project.

**Suzanne Borzak of KEYCODES Inspection Services is the Borough's new Zoning Officer.** She will be "in house" on Wednesdays as needed, but available for questions / information at her office. If you're building a deck, installing a pool or fence, or making improvements to your home, fill out a permit application at the Borough office and Suzanne will contact you. She can be reached at 610 866-9663

**DIRECTORY**

**BOROUGH MAYOR**  
Rosemarie  
Wenzelberger

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

**BOROUGH OFFICE**  
610 759-8393  
Candace Keller,  
Secretary

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR**  
Gary N. Asteak

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**  
Kenneth  
Zemencsik,  
Director  
Jasper Zigafos

**ZONING OFFICER**  
Suzanne Borzak  
610 866-9663

**PLANNING COMMISSION**  
Meets as Needed  
3rd Tues-  
day 7:30PM  
Sean Dooley,  
Chairman  
Bryce Good,  
Secretary  
Kathleen  
Zdonowski  
A. Joseph Gosnell

**FOOT NOTES FROM THE BOROUGH**

**Branch Pick-up will begin May 1st thru May 26th.** Branches can be no more than 3' in length, and 3" in diameter. They must be placed by the curb. If you have an excessive amount, they may be picked up over several days. Please do not include yard waste, rocks etc.

**Youth Field Day will be held at the Stockertown Rod and Gun Club on June 3rd.** This is an amazing day of fun and learning for boys and girls ages 7 through 15. Your children will participate in a round robin type small group instruction. They will learn fly fishing and how to tie flies, archery, using crossbow and compound bows, how to shoot black powder, 410 shot guns, and BB guns, canoeing on the pond, trapping, and so much more, all age appropriate. Parents are encouraged to participate with their children.

Registration starts at 8:30 and classes will go until 4:00. All children who participate will receive a free tee shirt, hot dogs, chips, and soda for lunch.

For a totally free day of fun and memorable experiences, send your name, address, phone number and children's ages to:

(Northampton County Youth Field Day),  
NCYFD, P.O. Box 462, Stockertown, PA 18083.

**For those who would like library access,** Easton Public Library and Mary Meuser Library will provide library cards to the residents of Stockertown. The Borough will reimburse residents when a receipt is provided to the Secretary.

**Landlord Tenant Notice:** You are required to report new tenant information. Tenants are required to obtain a permit to move into and out of the Borough. The fee is \$5.00 per household per move. This provides the Borough with an accurate listing for emergency purposes as well as sewer and water related issues.

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

**Animal Food Bank of Lehigh Valley**  
860 Broad Street #115  
Emmaus, PA 610 421-8014

**IMPOSSIBLE IS A WORD ONLY TO BE FOUND IN A DICTIONARY OF FOOLS. IF YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO BEGIN, YOU HAVE THE COURAGE TO SUCCEED.**

There is a mail slot in the vestibule by the Secretary's window. Please feel free to offer your comments and suggestions, criticisms and praise as you see fit. You do not need to sign your name, although it would allow us to respond to your concerns. No profanities please. You will also find newsletters, current notices and information of interest on the table.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

**STOCKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**NON-EMERGENCY**  
610 759-2200

**911**

**FORKS VOLUNTEER FIRE CO**

**NON-EMERGENCY**  
610 759-2200

State Rep  
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 & Member-  
ships  
610 759-9255

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SPCA**  
610 252-7722  
www.healthyanimalcenter.org