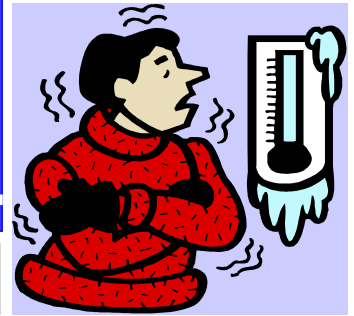


STOCKERTOWN NEWS



A YEAR IN REVIEW

**KUDOS.....
to the Public Works
Department!
Good job keeping
the roads and side-
walks plowed and
treated**

**Reach out to an
elderly neighbor.
Walk their dog, pick
up some groceries,
shovel their walks,
make them a hot
meal. You too may
need help one day.
Remember your
pets and the other
creatures outside.**

**“It is well under-
stood that a nation
that tries to tax it-
self into prosperity
is like a man stand-
ing in a bucket
trying to lift himself
up by the handle.”**

Winston Churchill



We are pleased to provide by unanimous vote, the Stockertown Borough General Fund and Sewer Fund Budgets for 2014 displayed on page two. They reflect the continuing effort of Borough Council to provide quality services to our residents. **For the eighth year in a row there will be no tax increase and no increase in sewer usage fees for the year 2014.** The tax rate will remain at 11.5 mills. However, try as we might, there will come a time when there will be nothing left to cut, and taxes will have to increase to meet the costs of sustaining the Borough. Sadly, Stockertown's Mayor of forty years, **Sherman P. Metzgar** passed away on April 14, 2013. Prior to his passing, the park on Lincoln Avenue, near his home, was re-named Sherman P. Metzgar Park to recognize his many years of service and dedication to the children of Stockertown. Among the highlights of 2013, was the purchase of a electronic sign located in front of the municipal building. We are most grateful for donations received from Buzzi Unicem, Polymer Products, Chrin Inc, and Einfalt's Salvage, totaling \$2,050 for the sign purchase. The Borough contracted with ECN (Emergency Communications Network) CodeRed Alert Systems which provides the ability to rapidly notify residents of Amber Alerts, traffic, weather, cancellations, and

other types of important alerts. A three year contract was awarded to Fry's Four Seasons for mowing and lawn care in the Borough. Forks Fire continues to provide fire protection to the Borough. Their fee has not increased since 2007. Construction of the Rails to Trails between Center Street and Industrial Blvd began in June and will continue as weather permits. The Chrin signalization and interchange project has produced some relief on Main Street and Industrial Boulevard with the placement of traffic lights. A four way STOP has been implemented at the corners of Faith and Jubilee in Long's Development. The Borough website **stockertown.org**, continues to make available a calendar of events, agendas and minutes from monthly meetings, ordinances and resolutions, newsletters, tax information, forms, policies and regulations as well as links to State agencies. Members of the Police Department voted three to one to unionize and become affiliated with Teamsters Local 773. The Borough is engaging in collective bargaining negotiations with the newly formed union.

LOOKING AHEAD

At the re-organization meeting of January 6th, newly elected and re-elected council members were sworn in. Continued on page 4

DIRECTORY

BOROUGH MAYOR
Charles Davis

BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meets 1st & 3rd
Mondays at 7:30 PM
209 Main Street
Amy Richard, President
Kathleen Zdonowski,
Vice President
Cindy Hower
Rosemarie Wenzelberger
A. Joseph Gosnell
Robin Davis
Carl Zito

BOROUGH OFFICE
610 759-8393
Anita Caughy
Chris Burmood

BOROUGH SOLICITOR
Gary N. Asteak

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.
Karl Hennings
Jeff Forrer
Todd Lichtenwalner
Wade Robinson

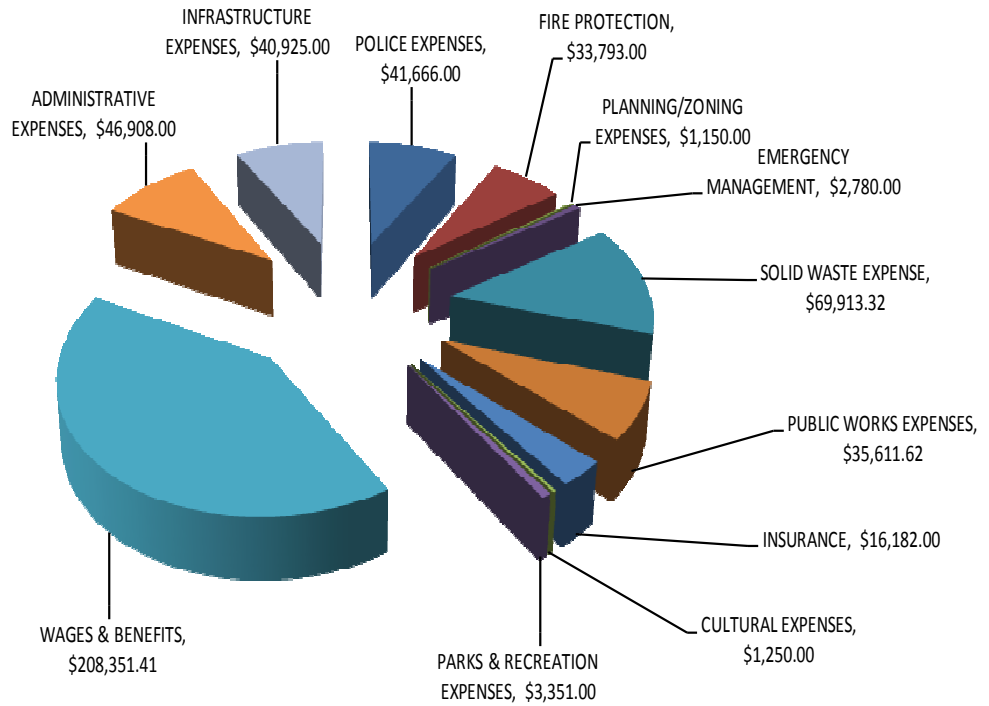
**ZONING OFFICER/
BUILDING INSPECTOR**
John Soloe

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**
Meets Monthly
2nd Monday 7:30 PM
Sean Dooley, Chairman
Kathleen Zdonowski
A. Joseph Gosnell
Joel Zingone

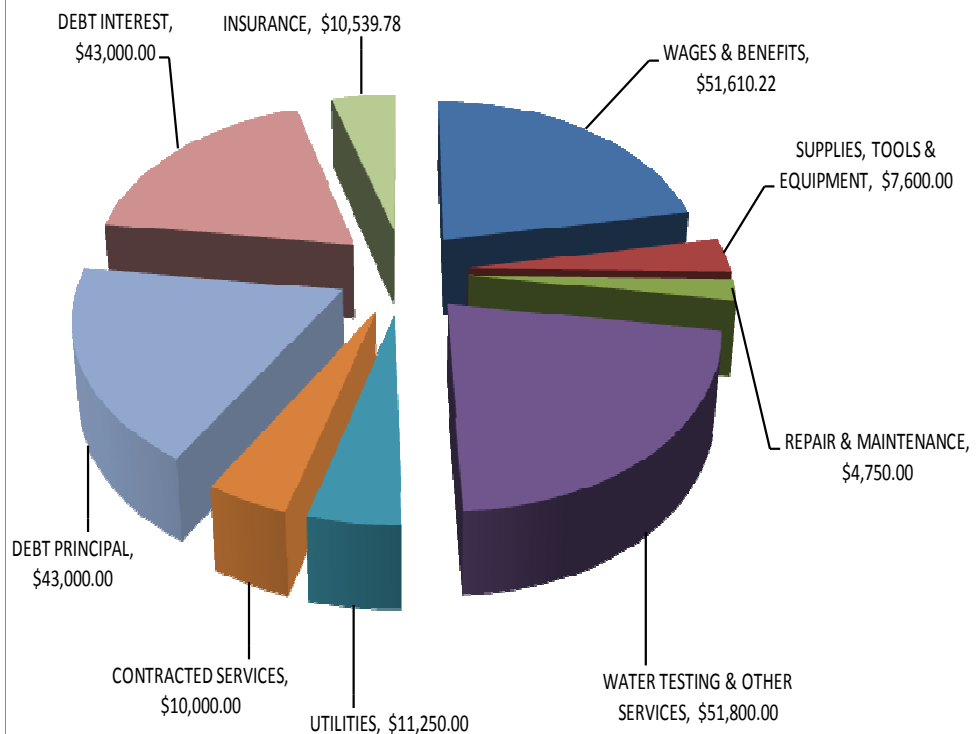
**ZONING HEARING
BOARD** As Needed
Kim Malavolta
Luccienne Dooley
Morgan Schafer

TAX COLLECTOR
Connie Marakovits
610 759-3015

2014 General Fund Expense Budget



2014 Sewer Fund Expense Budget



FOOTNOTES FROM THE BOROUGH

- During a **SNOW EMERGENCY** all vehicles must be removed from the street. The snow emergency will be announced on your local radio and TV stations, WFMZ, B104, and 69 NEWS. Vehicles will be towed.
- It is unlawful to push or shovel snow from your property onto a public street in the Borough. Please refrain or you will be cited.
- If you live in Long's Development or park your cars on public roadways, please remove them before a storm so plows can clean the entire street and avoid vehicle damage.
- Those parking on State Street, please park in the adjacent lot so plows can clean the entire street, without plowing in your vehicles.
- It would be helpful if residents along Dogwood Lane, Old Easton Road, Lincoln Avenue and other streets without curbs would place reflectors along their property edge.
- Remember, you have 24 hours in which to clear your sidewalks after a snowfall. **Adopt a fire hydrant.** If you live near a hydrant, please take five extra minutes and shovel around it. It could save precious time for firemen.
- For clarification: People have asked why we don't sell advertisements or accept personal notices and acknowledgements in the "Stockertown News" publication. Other communities use advertisements to offset the cost of their publication. The Stockertown News is printed in house with the sole purpose of relating information relevant to the activities of Borough Council to the residents of Stockertown. The vast majority of our residents do not attend council meetings. The newsletter is designed to bring a summary of the important issues before Council, to you.
- Landlord Notice: You are required to report new tenant information within ten days of tenant moving activity. 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 of all residents for 911 and emergency purposes as well as sewer and water related issues. Both landlords and tenants must comply.
- For those seeking 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.
- Please have identification tags on your pets, (cats and dogs), and make every effort to contain them as well as protect from the harsh weather.
- There are still **Stockertown Memory** books for sale in the Borough Office for \$20.
- Thank you for your ongoing care of our Wastewater Treatment System by monitoring what you put down your "pipes" especially such items, as grease, feminine products, and rags. Help us maintain this fragile system.
- The recycling center is for Stockertown residents only. Please do not encourage your friends and relatives to dump off their recyclables.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

STOCKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

NON-EMERGENCY
 610 330-2200
 610 759-3232, Office
 John Soloe, Chief
 Joseph Straka
 Joseph Vrabel
 Eric Schwab
 Miroslav Djindjiev
 Keith Snyder
 Amal Brown
 Alex Soloe

911

FORKS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

NON-EMERGENCY
 610 330-2200
 Charles Chapman,
 Fire Chief
 Timothy Weis,
 Fire Marshall

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Alex Soloe

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

POST OFFICE
 Postmaster
 610 759-6278

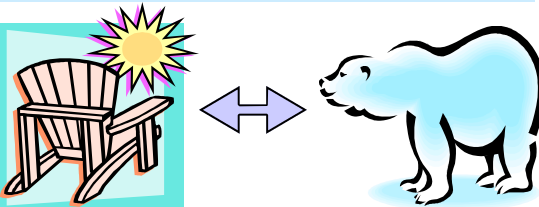
S.Y.A.
 Info 610 759-4069

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

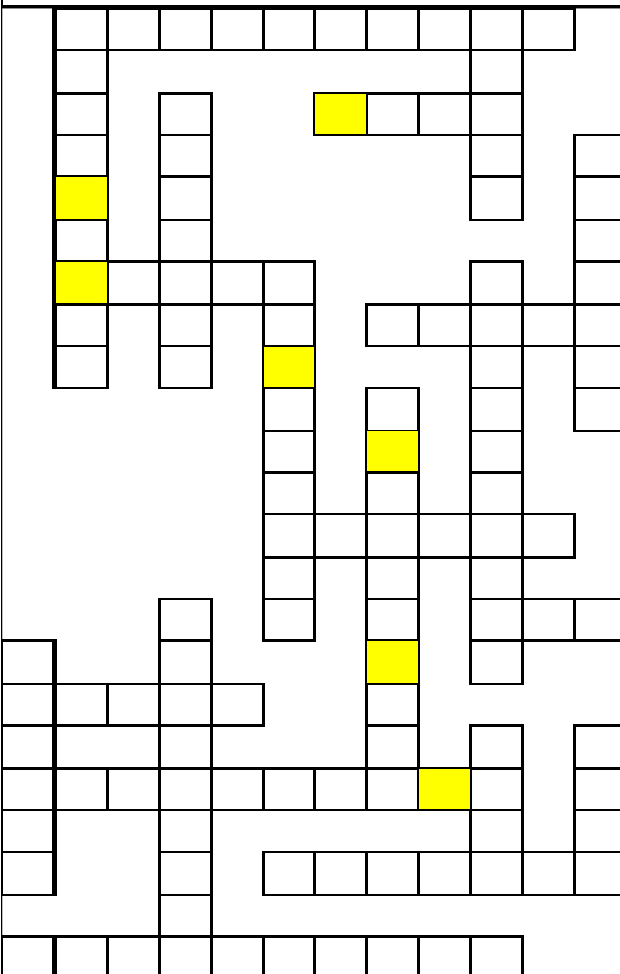
Don't waste time trying to be your own best friend. You can't pat yourself on the back, and it's unsatisfying to cry on your own shoulder. Find a real friend instead.

FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH
 KNOW YOUR NUMBERS
 Total Cholesterol < 200mg/dL
 LDL ("bad") < 100mg/dL
 HDL ("good") > 50mg/dL
 Triglycerides < 150mg/dL
 Blood Pressure < 120/80

Winter is the season in which people try to keep their house as warm as it was in the summer, when they complained about the heat. ~ unknown



Can you fit the words correctly into the grid? The letters in the yellow boxes will spell out another word.



3 letter word
RAY

4 letter words
BABE
JAWS
TAXI

5 letter words
ALIEN
FARGO
SHREK
TWINS

6 letter words
CLOSER
PSYCHO

7 letter words
AMADEUS
NETWORK
VERTIGO

9 letter words
ALEXANDER
GLADIATOR
SPARTACUS

10 letter words
BRAVEHEART
CASABLANCA
GOODFELLAS

Looking Ahead Continued from page 1

Amy Richard and Kathleen Zdonowski were elected as President and Vice President of Council.

Anita Caughy is the newest Secretary/ Treasurer.

Karl Hennings has been appointed Public Works Foreman.

Thanks in part to former Councilor Paul Zaboy and URDC, the Borough was just awarded a Legacy Fund Grant of \$123,835, and a smaller Lehigh Valley Greenways Mini-Grant which will help significantly with the Trail completion.

Proposals are being sought for replacement of the fourteen year old heating units in the Municipal building.

Bids will be sought for the removal and replacement of the material in the Wastewater Treatment Plant sand filter. The cost of the removal and replacement, because of the nature of the material being removed, is estimated to surpass \$200,000.

In addition to the sand filter, road resurfacing remains the high priority of 2014.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

There are multiple bodies of water within the Borough including creeks, retention and fishing ponds. Talk to the children about the potential dangers of water both running and frozen over.

**LOCAL BLOOD BANKS ARE VERY LOW!
PLEASE GIVE BLOOD IF YOU CAN.**

Miller Keystone Blood Center
800 223-6667

Todd, Wade, Karl, and Jeff



Chris and Anita



Democracy will cease to exist when you take away from those who are willing to work, and give to those who are not. ~Thomas Jefferson