

# STOCKERTOWN NEWS

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Officer Eric Schwab has been promoted to Assistant Chief of Police Congratulations ERIC !!**

**In 2017 your part time Police Department made 47 criminal arrests, 26 of which were drug related, 1196 traffic citations and 1190 other incident reports for a total of 2433 calls.**

**2018 tax \$ will provide Police and Fire protection, roads, parks, and infrastructure maintenance, administrative assistance, and free library access for \$558,558.00**

**2018 sewer fees will operate the WWTP on \$210,175.00**

**On December 31, 2017 The Borough's total liquid assets... \$1,099,625.00**

**Please remember your elderly neighbors and pets during this frigid winter weather.**



## CodeRED

**CodeRED** is a high speed notification system which can quickly deliver AMBER ALERTS, EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS, ROAD CLOSING and other messages from the Borough, by phone, cell phone, text or email. **CodeRED** uses a data base supplied from county records, however, that information 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 Borough website, [stockertown.org](http://stockertown.org) click on the large **CodeRED** and sign up and/or update your preferred method (s) of notification. If you have no computer and want notification by phone, call the Borough Secretary who can help you enroll.. ALL information is secure and used only by **CodeRED** for the purpose of notification and WILL NOT be sold, or made available to anyone for any reason.

## 2017 IN REVIEW

### General Administrative News

- Stockertown General and Sewer Fund Budgets for 2018 totaling \$768,733 are displayed on page 2. The anticipated income and expenditures reflect our continuing effort to provide quality services to our residents. The tax rate remains at 13.75mils. The sewer usage rate remains at \$50 per month per EDU. The annual fee for Fire Protection remains at \$15,000, (since 2006). Other line items in the Fire Protection budget of \$29,304 include a shared percentage of utilities, fire hydrant fees of \$9,000 and a \$5000 fire fund contribution.
- Fry's Four Seasons continues his contract for mowing and lawn care. County Waste has been assigned the garbage contract from LMR and they have elected to extend the contract to December of 2021. All provisions of the contract remain the same. County Waste has supplied trash and recyclable cans for automated pick up. At their request, collection day was changed to Wednesday with bulk pick ups once a month on the first Wednesday.
- A copier was leased for the office, replacing an 11 year old printer/copier.

### Police Department

- The Police Department continues to focus on your safety by their active pursuit of drug activity and traffic violations within the Borough.
- The Department was awarded \$25,000 for the purchase of a 2017 Ford Interceptor. The Borough was responsible for the remaining costs of \$8,700, for equipping the car with a computer, light bars, sirens, etc. This is the third successful vehicle grant written by Chief John Soloe. Kudos to the Chief!
- Officer Eric Schwab has been accepted to the Northampton County Drug Task Force. He was also licensed by Weights and Measures to enforce overweight vehicle laws within the Borough. Their message to you "If you see anything suspicious or uncomfortable, call the Department **610 759-3232** or email [police@stockertown.org](mailto:police@stockertown.org)" Follow the department on Facebook at Stockertown Borough Police. Continued pg. 3

## 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, Secretary

**BOROUGH SOLICITOR**  
Gary N. Asteak

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.**  
Karl Hennings, Director  
David Werkheiser  
Todd Lichtenwalner  
Ken Zemencsik

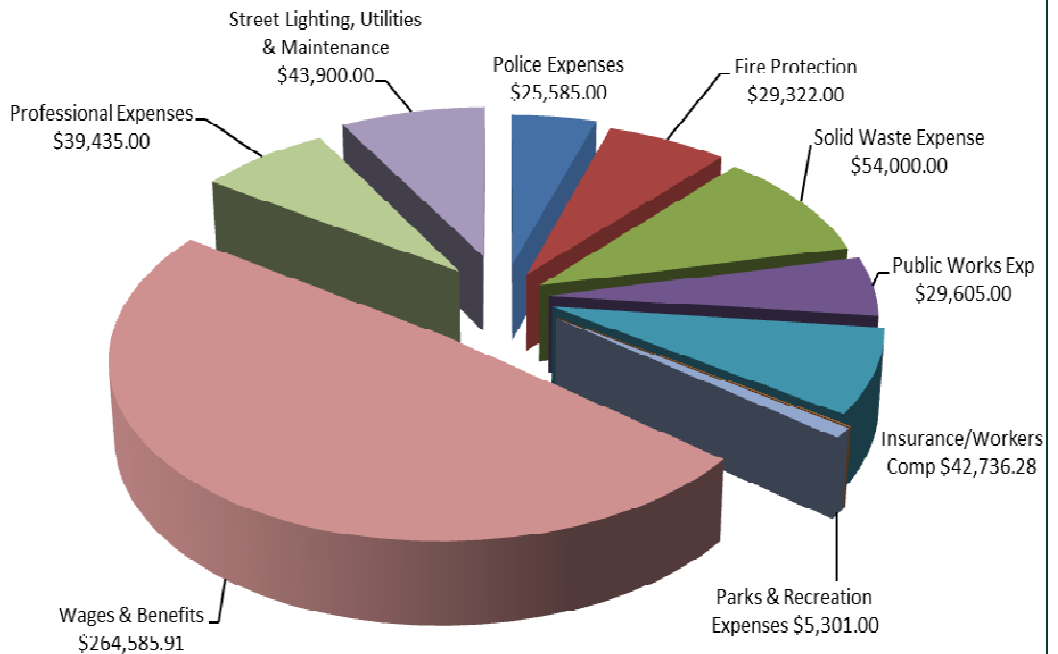
**ZONING OFFICER/  
BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
John Soloe

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

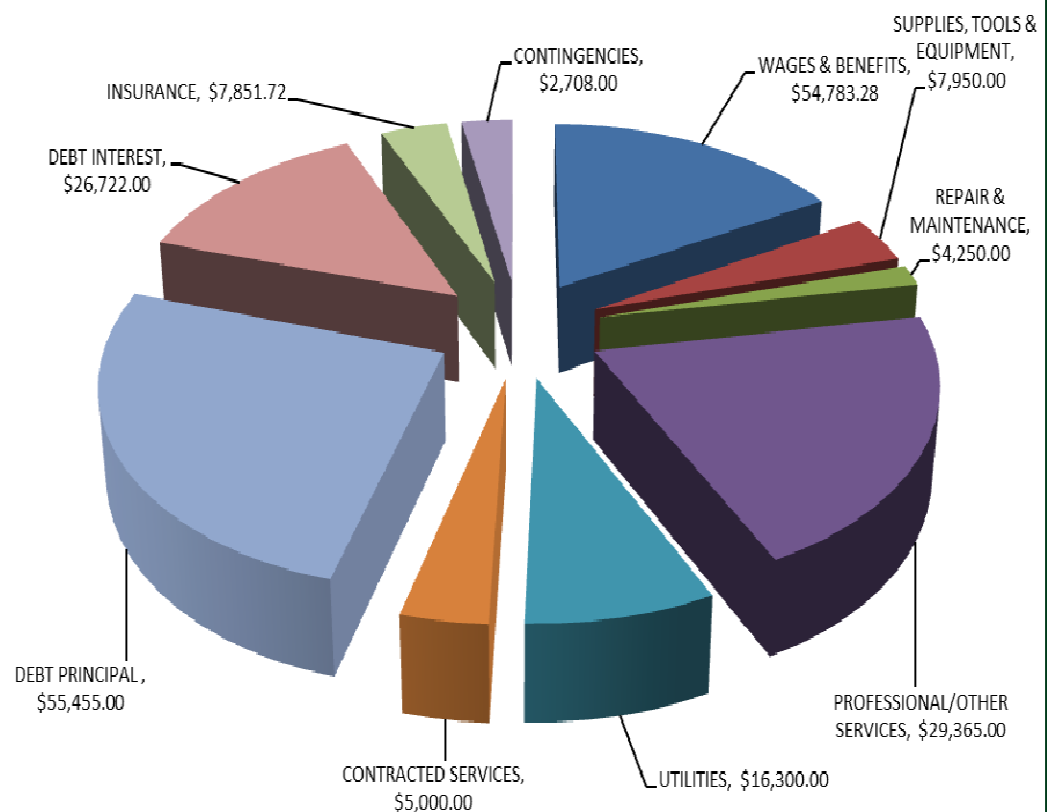
**ZONING HEARING  
BOARD** As Needed  
Kim Malavolta  
Luccienne Dooley  
Morgan Schafer

**TAX COLLECTOR**  
Anita Caughy  
610 759-8393

## 2018 BUDGETED GENERAL FUND EXPENDTURES



## 2018 BUDGETED SEWER FUND EXPENDITURES



## FOOTNOTES FROM THE BOROUGH

- \* **During a SNOW EMERGENCY all vehicles must be removed from the street.** The snow emergency will be announced on WFMZ, B104, and 69 NEWS. Vehicles left on streets will be towed.
- \* **You have 24 hours to clear your sidewalks after a snowfall.** If you live near a hydrant, please take a few extra minutes and shovel around it.
- \* **It is unlawful to push or shovel snow from your property onto a public street in the Borough.** Violators will be cited.
- \* If you park your cars on any public roadways, **please remove your cars from the roadway during a snow storm** so the plows can clean the whole street and avoid damage to vehicles.
- \* **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.
- \* **Nazareth Ambulance Corp is our Emergency Service provider.** When you receive and respond to their membership request, you are helping them defer training and operational costs as well as lowering your cost for service.
- \* **Forks Fire is our Fire Protection provider** and has included Stockertown in their yearly campaign. Your donation helps fund training and purchase equipment.

### Public Works continued...

- Bracalente Construction was awarded the contract to repair and resurface Borough roads including the infamous Commerce Way, the North end of Center Street, LeFevre Road, Winnona, State, Grant, and Werkheiser Streets and part of Old Easton Road and Bushkill Street, as well as six ADA ramp upgrades. These long awaited repairs were paid for in part by Highway Aid Funds of \$198,700, and the remaining \$289,955 from investment funds.
- The Borough leases and maintains the ball park on LeFevre Road which is heavily used by baseball and soccer teams throughout the summer. PW repaired and enlarged the parking lot to accommodate more vehicles.
- The electrical service at the Newhart Park pavilion was upgraded, the roof was sealed and the tables and park equipment were repaired and painted.
- A 2015 new (left-over) John Deer backhoe was purchased for PW. With our Costars purchasing agreement, "left-over" discounts and a \$21,000 trade-in, the total cost was \$61,255 which came from investment funds.
- The control building at the WWTP underwent a complete electrical upgrade, And two replacement grinder pumps were purchased for the influent tank.
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**LOOKING FORWARD.....** The Borough's commitment to connecting our sewer to Easton has finally been recognized by the DEP. They are cooperating with all agencies to move our ACT 537 application through the permitting process to final construction. If we clear the "archeological survey" and the "bog turtle habitat study" and all the stars are aligned, we could be flowing sewage to Easton by late 2019. The median household income survey is a major factor in financing of the project and more information and instructions will be sent to all residents when we are closer to that phase. Meanwhile, please help us maintain our fragile system by monitoring what you put down your pipes. My comments to you: I am humbled to be elected Council President for another 2 years and to have the support of Council, the Secretary, Public Works and Police Departments. They are 100% committed to their jobs and the Borough. Thanks to all of them for making my job easier. *Amy Richard*

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

**STOCKERTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT NON-EMERGENCY**  
 610 330-2200  
 610 759-3232, Office  
 John Soloe, Chief  
 Eric Schwab, OIC  
 Samira Sabbagh  
 Adam Shimer  
 Tyler Ferri  
 Randy Pompei  
 Stephen Serfoss

**911**

**FORKS VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY NON-EMERGENCY**  
 610 330-2200  
 Charles Gallagher, Fire Chief  
 Timothy Weis, Fire Marshall

**State Representative**  
 Joseph Emrick  
 610 759-5090

**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

### BOROUGH TRASH AND RECYCLING

County Waste now collects trash and recyclables on Wednesdays. House trash is unlimited but **televi-sions, monitors, computers, tires and large appli-ances are not acceptable items.** Large items like chairs and mattresses etc. can be put out once a month on the first Wednesday of every month. Place your trash and recy-clable cans 5 feet apart away from mailboxes or cars. Place containers curbside by 5:00AM on Wednesday with wheels to the back and bar toward the street.

### SOMETHING FOR YOU

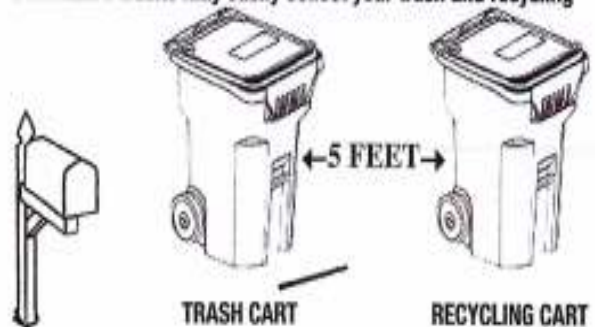
We have a suggestion box in the vestibule by the Secretary's window. Please feel free to offer your comments and suggestions, criticisms and praise as you see fit. You do not need to sign your name, although it would allow us to re-spond to your concerns. No profanities please. You will also find current notices and information of interest on the table.

#### Acceptable Items:

- YES**
- White Envelopes
  - Computer, Fax & Copy Paper
  - Kraft Paper (brown grocery bags)
  - Magazines & Catalogs
  - Chipboard/Box Board
  - White & Colored Ledger Paper
  - Newspaper
  - Notebook Paper
  - Paper Egg Cartons
  - Construction Paper
  - Soft Covered Workbooks
  - Telephone & Paperback Books
  - Junk Mail (incl. envelopes & coupons)

- YES**
- Juice Boxes
  - Milk Cartons
  - Aluminum Cans
  - Glass Bottles (green, clear, brown)
  - Tin & Bi-Metallic Containers: (including aerosol cans)
  - Aseptic Milk/Juice Cartons
  - Aluminum Foil (pie plates, eg.)
  - Plastic Containers
  - ☺ 1-7
  - Frozen Food Cartons

Place your recycling cart at least five feet away from your trash cart so our automated trucks may easily collect your trash and recycling



## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION EVENT!

- April 28th • 500 Bushkill Dr., Easton 18042
- May 5th • 355 Tatamy Rd., Nazareth 18064
- Sept. 8th • 345 Illicks Mill Rd., Bethlehem 18017
- Sept. 22nd • 1601 Laubach Ave., Northampton 18067
- Oct. 6th • 910 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Pen Argyl 18072

2018

*Fees apply for recycling electronics*

**9am – 12pm**

#### BULBS

- Fluorescent Bulbs ..... \$0.25/each
- Specialty Bulbs ..... \$2.00/each  
(Metal Halide, High Intensity Discharge, High Pressure Sodium)

#### TELEVISIONS & MONITORS –Must be intact

- LCD TVs & LCD/Plasma Monitors .....\$10/each
- CRT TVs & Monitors - 20" or smaller ..... \$20/each
- CRT TVs & Monitors - 21" or larger ..... \$40/each
- Projection Televisions ..... \$50/each

#### BATTERIES

- Lead Acid Batteries ..... No Charge
- Household Batteries ..... \$0.75/lb.  
(Alkaline Batteries)

#### COMPUTER EQUIPMENT

- Computers/Laptops/Servers ..... No Charge
- Media- Audio/Visual Tapes ..... \$0.50/each
- Printers/ Scanners ..... \$5/each

#### HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Microwave ..... \$5/each

#### OFFICE EQUIPMENT: \$20/each

- Photocopiers
- Multifunctional Printers
- Plotters

#### MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRONICS: \$1/each

- 35 mm Slide Projectors
- Alarm Clock
- Answering Machine
- Calculator
- Camera
- CD Players/Recorder
- Dictation Equipment
- Electric Pencil
- Electric Razors
- Electronic Typewriter
- Fax Machine
- Hand Held Game
- Headphones
- Joy Sticks
- Microphone
- Modem
- Movie Projector
- Pager
- Power Tool
- Radio
- Record Player
- Stereo/Walkman
- Stereo Speaker
- Tape Recorder/Deck
- VCR
- Video Game Consoles