



2019 General Fund Budget: No Tax Increase, Focus on Roads

The 2018 Steelton Budget continues to hold the line on taxes while making investments in infrastructure.

The 2019 General Fund Budget finances the operations of Steelton Borough including its Police, Codes, Fire and EMS, and Public Works Departments. The budget governs spending in the 2019 fiscal year including the prioritization of projects and capital purchases.

The 2018 budget contains **no tax increase** and holds the line on new discretionary spending.

Highlights of the 2019 General Fund Budget include:

Public Works: Repaving of Streets—\$250,000

Steelton Borough has leveraged this money to receive an additional \$100,000 in CDBG grant funds. These dollars will be used to pave the following areas:

- North 4th Street: From Mulberry Street to Walnut Street
- Walnut Street: From 2nd Street to 4th Street
- Lincoln Street: From N. 3rd Street/Trawitz Alley to Harrisburg Street, and Columbia Street intersection north 200 ft. towards cemetery

Codes Department: Increase in staff training line item.

Police Department: Hiring of one (1) new officer.

Parks and Rec: Increased funding for maintenance of parks.

Economic Development: Demolition of blighted properties—\$50,000

General Fund Budget Expenses total \$4,449,655.

Steelton Borough Council has worked hard to fund needed infrastructure improvements while holding the line on spending and freezing taxes for 2019.



2018 Sewer Fund Budget: No Rate Increase

The 2018 Sewer Fund Budget is a \$2,325,116 spending plan. The budget invests in needed infrastructure upgrades including a complete renovation of the Hoffer Street Pump Station, main restoration on Third Street and 7th Street, and replacement of pumps monitoring equipment.

The Sewer Budget makes these investments while including **no rate increase**.

Want to Learn More About the Budget?

The budgets are available at Borough Hall and www.steeltonpa.com

“The Steel Works” Development Announced for N. Front Street

A Steelton native is heading the firm planning to transform six vacant blocks in the heart of the borough to “The Steel Works,” a mixed-use development featuring a grocery, brewpub and more than 75 apartments.

Plans for the Steel Works call for five separate buildings spanning the 102 – 230 North Front Street, including a free-standing, 20,000-square-foot supermarket. A pair of four-story and three-story buildings will include a 6,000-square-foot brewpub along with a mix of retail and office space on the first floors and apartments above. Construction is expected to begin late fall next year and continue for 12 to 36 months. In addition to parking in the rear of the development, plans call for a large park and amphitheater able to host events and small concerts called the “Brickyard” in recognition of the former brickyard on old the old steel mill site.



Jonathan Bowser, a Steelton native and Managing Partner of Integrated Development Partners, LLC (IDP) of Camp Hill joined his colleagues, Steelton Borough Council, and the Dauphin County Commissioners on November 13th to unveil “The Steel Works” development.

IDP purchased the land earlier this year for \$375,000 from the Steelton Economic Development Corporation, which selected the firm after asking interested developers to submit plans. The search, managed by the Dauphin County Redevelopment Authority, began in the spring after the previous developer failed to get financing. IDP noted that the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Program passed by Steelton Borough Council along with Dauphin County and the Steelton-Highspire School District was a major factor in investing in the Borough. New construction will receive a 10-year, 100 percent tax abatement, meaning developers only pay property taxes at the pre-improvement rate.

“We are excited to have IDP as our partner to finally develop this site and catalyze the revitalization of downtown Steelton,” said Steelton Borough Council President Brian Proctor. “This is the exact reason we passed a LERTA ordinance and have worked hard with the Dauphin County Commissioners to find the right developer for this site.

Frank S. Brown Boulevard Town Home Project to Break Ground

After years of preparation and site work, the Frank S. Brown Boulevard Town Home Project is slated to break ground in Spring 2019.

Tri-County Housing Development Corporation has pulled the building permits, bid out the site work and construction work and is ready to roll.

In the Spring, you can expect Phase I of the project to commence which includes the construction of six new town homes on the grass lot by Frank S. Brown Boulevard and Second Street. The entire will result in twelve new town homes that are owner-occupied.

This is the first new residential development in the Borough in years and will spur new homeownership in our



Steelton Borough Authority Agrees to Asset Purchase Agreement with Pennsylvania American Water



At it's November 14th, 2018 meeting, the Steelton Borough Authority voted to approve Resolution 2018-AR-02 entering into an asset purchase agreement with Pennsylvania American Water for purchase of Steelton's water system.

This vote followed a nearly year-long process that included over 15 public meetings and two special public input meetings, a thorough review of data including a system appraisal, capital needs study, financial feasibility review, and a formal request for proposal process.

As part of the agreement, Pennsylvania American Water commits to investing \$35.7 million in infrastructure improvements to Steelton's water system over ten years. It is purchasing the system for \$22.5 million.

The agreement also includes non-monetary provisions related to continuing employment for current water system employees, a hardship assistance program for residents, monthly billing, and other consumer enhancements.

The Public Utility Commission will receive an application for approval of the sale in January 2018 and will begin a review process that typically takes six months. Following a PUC decision, residents will receive communications and updated on the transition to PAWC.

Special Thanks to Our Intern

Kaliah Mosley

&

Her Supervisors

Ruth and Ken From The Arc



Kaliah is a 2018 graduate of Steel-High

Steelton Borough Council , Mayor Marcinko, and staff would like to sincerely thank Kaliah Mosley for her great work as an administrative intern with the Borough. Ms. Mosley assisted the Executive Assistant to the Borough Manager with archiving Borough documents during the Fall of 2018. Her hard work, kind smile, and joy she brought to our office was indicative of a true Roller. We wish you the best!

Frequently Asked Questions About Council:

Questions: How do I contact a Council Member?

Answer: We encourage members of the public to communicate their ideas and issues with Council members. Their contact information can be found at www.steeltonpa.com

Mayor:

Maria R. Marcinko

Steelton Borough Council:

Brian D. Proctor	President
Michael Segina	Vice-President
Keontay Hodge	Pro Tem
Kelly Kratzer	Councilperson
Dennis Heefner	Councilperson
Natashia Woods	Councilperson
William Krovic	Councilperson

Steelton Borough Council:

Upcoming Meetings:

Council:

- 1st and Third Monday of Every Month @ 6:30 pm at Borough Hall

Coffee with the Crew

- First Friday of Every Month @ 7am to 9am at Borough Hall

Santa Claus Firetruck Run:

December 22nd from 2pm to 5pm

Steelton Community Development Foundation Holiday Dinner:

December 22nd at 5pm

Prince of Peace

MUST BE REGISTERED

www.steeltonpa.com

From the Desk of the President: Council Actions

2018 has been a year of great activity for Steelton Borough Council as we move forward with building a strong, progressive, and independent future. A motto for our Council is “Never Give Up”. No matter what temporary setbacks our efforts may face, we will not stop until the bright future of Steelton is realized. Giving up is not what Steeltonians do.

With that in mind, this year we reignited the redevelopment of North Front Street corridor by partnering with Dauphin County to solicit proposals for developing the lot across from Borough Hall. This has resulted in the purchase of the property by Integrated Development Partners and the announcement of “The Steel Works” mixed-use development.

This past April, we also cut the ribbon on the new RISE Medical Marijuana Dispensary, the ONLY dispensary in Dauphin County. It has quickly become the best performing dispensary in the South Central Region for the RISE brand.

We continued to move forward with the Frank S. Brown Boulevard Town Home Project. I am happy to report building permits have been submitted for the project and ground is expected to be broken in Spring 2019.

The Steelton Skate Park continued to draw more and more visitors from both in and out of Steelton—and Pennsylvania—and hosted the first ever Steelton Showdown Skate Contest. We are currently pursuing grant funding for a Phase II that will improve the park and create more parking.

In July, Steelton Fest went off to great success with approximately 1,000 people stopping by to see the bands, wine/beer garden, food trucks, and vendors. We will be revealing the 2019 Steelton Fest date soon.

We also welcomed two new K-9 officers to the Borough—Benny and Nuro—to assist with getting drugs off the street of Steelton.

Aside from this, Steelton Borough Council also passed important ordinances that residents should be aware of including:

Ordinance 2018-02: Adding additional possession language to drug paraphernalia ordinance.

Ordinance 2018-03: Requires insurance companies to hold funds in escrow when a fire damages more than 60% of the aggregate limits of a property owner’s insurance until the property is renovated or demolished and municipal liens/claims have been cleared. This will prevent absentee property owners from abandoning properties after a fire and walking away with insurance proceeds.

Ordinance 2018-04: Approving General Fund and Sewer Fund appropriations for 2019.

Ordinance 2018-05: Fixing tax rates for the Borough for 2019 with NO tax increase.

Ordinance 2018-06: Changing the delinquent real estate tax collection process to ensure property owners are complying with their tax obligations, including absentee property owners that amass huge amounts of back taxes under the current system.

On behalf of Steelton Borough Council, I wish you Happy Holiday and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Brian D. Proctor

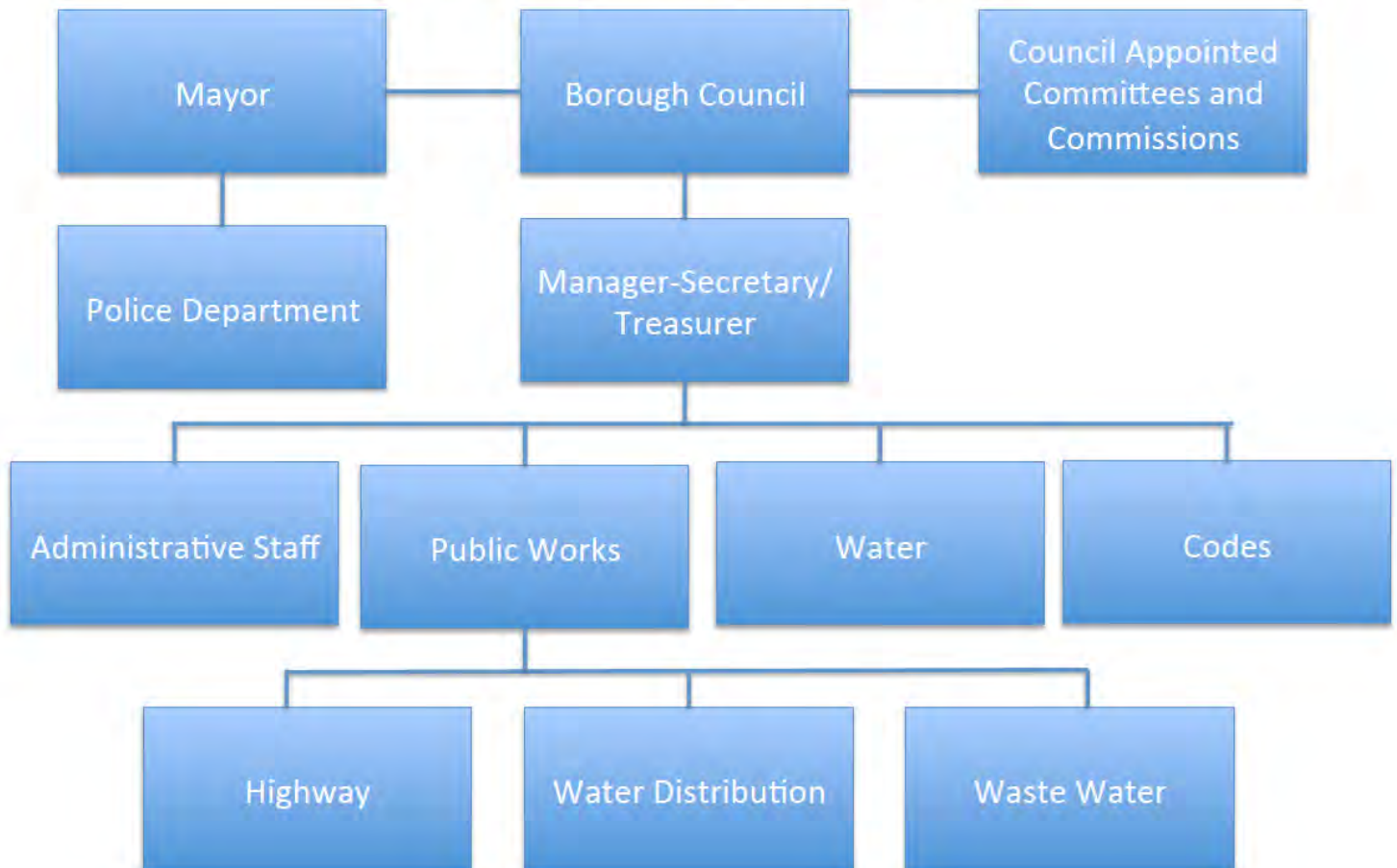
Brian D. Proctor, Council President



What is Steelton Borough's Organization?

In an effort to provide more understanding of the workings of Steelton's local government, we would like to share our organizational chart. This chart outlines the "Chain of Command" in Steelton and can be helpful when determining who to go to regarding a specific issue. Please check out the chart below and always feel free to call Manager Brown at 717-939-9842 ext. 5030 with any questions.

Steelton Pennsylvania Organizational Chart



Steelton Borough Council oversees essentially all non-police departments and personnel, including the Borough Manager. The departments Council oversees are the Borough Manager's Office, Administration/Finance, Public Works, Water, and Codes. The Public Works Department is comprised of the Water Distribution Department, Highway Department, and Waste Water Department.

The Borough Manager is the Chief Operating/Executive Officer of the Borough responsible for the day-to-day operations of all non-police departments and non-police issues. The Borough Manager is responsible for the administration of Borough Affairs and serves at the will of Council.

The Mayor is responsible for the Police Department and has executive responsibility and powers in cases of emergency to preserve the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the Borough. The Police Chief is appointed by Council, and oversees the administration of the Police Department. This includes direct oversight over officers and staff, budgeting, and planning for the Police Department.

All non-police issues can be addressed with the appropriate staff under the Council/Borough Manager's direction. All police issues can be addressed to the Police Department through the Mayor, Chief, or appropriate staff.

Don't Be a Grinch. Keep Your Sidewalks Clear this Winter

Codes Officer Curry here with your annual reminder to keep your sidewalks clear this winter. After it snows, remember the guidelines below to ensure you are compliant with snow removal requirements in the Borough. This keeps our sidewalks and properties safe for children and residents that need to use them over the winter.



1. Residents have 24 hours to remove all snow and ice from all sidewalks in front of, along side, and in the rear of their properties.

2. Penalties for failure to remove snow and ice within 24 hours range from \$300 to \$600.

3. If you do not remove your snow/ice and the Borough has to do so, you will be charged removal costs on top of fines.

***EDITOR'S NOTE: Aaron Curry is a former linebacker . You want nice Aaron Curry. Clear your snow.

Landlord Tennant Reports Due on February 27th

Landlords in Steelton are reminded that the Annual Landlord Tennant Report is due by Wednesday, February 27th. Failure to file a Landlord Tennant Report with the Steelton Borough Codes Office will result in a citation and fine.

Landlord Tennant Reports will be mailed to each owner of a rental property in the beginning of 2019. The report must include information on all tenants and their dependents living at a rental property.

Forms must include the name of the owner responsible for the property. LLC's and corporate entities cannot file their company as the name on the application. It must be a person the Codes Office can contact as the responsible owner.

LANDLORD TENNANT REPORTS MUST BE UPDATED WHEN A PROPERTY CHANGES TENNANTS:

Whenever a property changes tenants, the landlord is also responsible for UPDATING their Landlord Tennant Report. Landlords have 30 days after a change in tenants to file the updated Landlord Tennant Report with the Steelton Borough Codes Office. Failure to submit an updated report will result in a citation and fine.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Codes Office at 717-939-1146.

Steelton Borough Codes Welcomes New Property Maintenance Officer Michael Whittaker

Steelton Borough is proud to introduce Mr. Michael Whittaker as its new Full-Time Property Maintenance Officer. Mike is a Steelton resident, graduate of Steel-High, and someone that knows much of the community. You will see Mike around town performing property maintenance sweeps. Just look for the smiling face. He's a JETS fan, which is disappointing, but we won't hold it against him.

2019 Borough Meeting Schedule

Meetings take place at the Frederick S. Douglas Municipal Building, 123 North Front Street, Steelton, PA 17113 unless otherwise noted.

The Borough Council of the Borough of Steelton will meet in Council Session at **6:30 p.m.** :

January 7, 2019	May 6, 2019	September 2, 2019
January 22, 2019	May 20, 2019	September 16, 2019
February 4, 2019	June 3, 2019	October 7, 2019
February 19, 2019	June 17, 2019	October 21, 2019
March 4, 2019	July 1, 2019	November 4, 2019
March 18, 2019	July 15, 2019	November 18, 2019
April 1, 2019	August 5, 2019	December 2, 2019
April 15, 2019	August 19, 2019	December 16, 2019

The Steelton Neighborhood and Economic Development Committee of the Borough of Steelton will meet at **6:30 p.m.**

January 22, 2019	May 21, 2019	September 24, 2019
February 26, 2019	June 25, 2019	October 22, 2019
March 26, 2019	July 23, 2019	November 26, 2019
April 23, 2019	August 27, 2019	December 17, 2019

The Zoning Hearing Board* of the Borough of Steelton will meet at **6:00 p.m.**

	May 16, 2019	September 19, 2019
February 21, 2019	June 20, 2019	October 17, 2019
March 21, 2019	July 18, 2019	November 21, 2019
April 18, 2019	August 15, 2019	December 19, 2019

The Codes Appeal Board* of the Borough of Steelton will meet at **6:00 p.m.**

	May 8, 2019	September 11, 2019
February 13, 2019	June 12, 2019	October 9, 2019
March 13, 2019	July 10, 2019	November 13, 2019
April 10, 2019	August 14, 2019	December 11, 2019

The Planning Commission* of the Borough of Steelton will meet at **6:00 p.m.**

	May 1, 2019	September 4, 2019
February 6, 2019	June 5, 2019	October 2, 2019
March 6, 2019	July 11, 2019	November 6, 2019
April 3, 2019	August 7, 2019	December 4, 2019

The Fire, EMS and EMA Committee of the Borough of Steelton will meet at **6:00 p.m.**

	May 5, 2019	September 1, 2019
February 3, 2019	June 2, 2019	October 6, 2019
March 3, 2019	July 7, 2019	November 3, 2019
April 7, 2019	August 4, 2019	December 1, 2019

2019 Borough Meeting Schedule Continued

Meetings take place at the Frederick S. Douglas Municipal Building, 123 North Front Street, Steelton, PA 17113 unless otherwise noted.

The Steelton Borough Police Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m

May 22, 2019	September 25, 2019	
February 27, 2019	June 26, 2019	October 23, 2019
March 27, 2019	July 24, 2019	November 27, 2019
April 24, 2019	August 28, 2019	

The Steelton Public Works Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m.

	May 27, 2019	September 23, 2019
February 25, 2019	June 24, 2019	October 28, 2019
March 25, 2019	July 22, 2019	November 25, 2019
April 22, 2019	August 26, 2019	December 23, 2019

The Recreation, Parks, and Events Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m.

	May 16, 2019	September 19, 2019
February 21, 2019	June 20, 2019	October 17, 2019
March 21, 2019	July 18, 2019	November 21, 2019
April 18, 2019	August 15, 2019	December 19, 2019

The Steelton Borough Crime Watch Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, on the following dates:

April 4, 2019	October 3, 2019	December 5, 2019
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The Steelton Borough Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. prevailing time, on the following dates:

February 8, 2019	August 8, 2019	October 16, 2019
April 11, 2019	September 12, 2019	October 23, 2019
June 13, 2019	October 2, 2019	October 30, 2019
	October 9, 2019	December 12, 2019

The Steelton Borough Authority will meet at 5:30 p.m., prevailing time, on the following dates:

January 14, 2019	May 13, 2019	October 15, 2019
March 11, 2019	August 12, 2019	December 9, 2019

*Meetings with an asterisk meet on an as needed basis when business is before the Board

Members of the public are encouraged to attend meetings to give their input, ideas, and concerns and be involved in the process!



LOOK FAMILIAR?? It's a TURKEY BUZZARD

ALSO KNOWN AS A **TURKEY VULTURE**

The Turkey Buzzard is also known as the "garbage disposal" because it was created to clean up the environment by eating the left over carcasses of dead animals, of all species. These very social birds have a strong, bacteria killing acid in their stomachs that allow them to eat anything, no matter how rotten, infected or sick and no harm will come to the bird. The Turkey Buzzard only eats dead things, so there's no need to be afraid that your child, or cat or dog will be attacked. However, be aware that if it feels threatened, it protects itself by projectile vomiting. Because of the strong bacteria-eating acid in its stomach, being hit by the vomit is stinky and contains the strong stomach acids that allow it to eat bacteria and viruses without harm. If you're not ready for all of that, don't sneak up on this bird. You cannot intentionally try to harm these birds because they are protected by the U.S. Migratory Bird Act of 1918, which could result in a stiff fine and possible imprisonment. Government agencies can provide the catch and release program, however, with large numbers of birds, this is not a practical action.

There are some ways to get rid of this lovely bird that destroys your roof, outdoor furniture and makes a stinky mess. Making loud noise in the evening when they are sleeping; hanging shiny objects like cds or mirrors hanging from the trees where they roost; placing artificial owls and scarecrows in the area; motion activated sprinklers; using a water hose to spray them; vigorously shaking the tree while they are trying to sleep; helium or Mylar balloons; shining a red laser at them; electrical or spiked strips on the roof, sparklers, sonic or ultrasonic sound, hanging a fake turkey buzzard upside down (\$ 169.00 is the lowest price for a fake one, thousands for a taxidermy bird) - all these things will make them move from your property. The problem is, if there are things around to eat, they will just pick another place to roost.

A representative from the PA Department of Agriculture and information from other areas that have the Turkey Buzzard problems all indicate the same information. The Turkey Buzzard LOVES to eat and finds garbage irresistible.

Turkey Buzzards live in other parts of Pennsylvania, but Dauphin County is not one of the areas listed by the state. That makes Steelton unique. Since these birds usually only pass through on their way south, with the unusually mild winters, they seem to like it here and appear to want to make this area their home. If everyone would follow these guidelines, they should go away:

1. **ELIMINATE THEIR FOOD SOURCE—Dispose Of Garbage Properly—**They will go to places where smelly garbage contains meat scraps or other similar pickings. That means that **ALL GARBAGE MUST BE PLACED IN HARD PLASTIC OR ALUMINUM TRASH BINS OR GARBAGE CANS WITH TOPS.**



Even trash bags that can be torn open will supply party food for the very social birds.

2. PLACE YOUR TRASH OUT ON THE DAY OF PICKUP.
3. REMOVE ANY DEAD ANIMAL IMMEDIATELY.
4. CLEAN YOUR GRILL AND BBQ AREA.

Let's work together to keep the community we love a clean place to live.

Mayor's Minute



WOW! What a year and really, can you believe how fast it flew by?!!

I would like to mention a few things I observed throughout the year that restore my confidence that the Borough is moving in the right direction! I have observed a more active and engaged community who by telephone calls, emails, and participating in public meetings have shown that they truly care about their community and want to live in a clean and safe environment; I have seen an extremely active Codes Department; I have seen the development of the TNT (Tactical Narcotics Team) within our Police Department; I have seen the first medical marijuana dispensary in Dauphin County open right here in Steelton; I have seen the support of Dauphin County in assisting us moving blighted properties to the land bank and in other project; I have seen the development of the Adams Street townhouse project move along steadily; I have witnessed residents actively participate in the discussions regarding the sale of the water plant; I have seen the success of a community event (Steelton Fest) that we have not seen in many years; I have seen residents excited about becoming voices in their community (Mayor's Advisory Committee on Police/Community Relations); I have seen hopes of redevelopment on North Front Street turn into disappointment and then rise again when one of our own (Jonathan Bowser) stepped up to revive those hopes again and make it a reality; I have seen the Steelton Volunteer Fire Department develop, design and receive their first new fire engine in 34 years; I have seen a Police Department dedicated to Community Policing and Community Involvement; and lastly I have seen the establishment of a K-9 Program within the Borough. All of this could not had happened without your active and forward thinking Borough Council! I look forward to many other great things in 2019!



I would like to take this time to highlight our Police Chief, Police Department and newly formed K-9 Unit. Chief Minium has done an outstanding job taking back the community one citizen at a time. We have a dedicated police department who truly care about serving Steelton and keeping our residents safe. The uniqueness of our school district being located outside of the Borough is always an issue when dealing with our children. Our Chief, the Swatara Township Police Chief, Highspire Borough's Director of Public Safety and the respective Departments work together daily so that our children can enjoy the school experience and can expect that the Police are there to help them and they should to be feared.

43% of our Police force have Bachelor Degrees and 100% have college credits and take additional courses throughout the year to keep up with all of the new technology, policing methods, and human service issues they encounter everyday. This is a testament to their dedication to their profession.

In early October we welcomed our two new Canine Police Officers from the Czech Republic. Canine Officer Beny, is a 13 month old pure-bred German Shepard. His handler is Officer Scott Schaeffer. Officer Schaeffer has been a canine handler before at the Dauphin County Sheriff's Office. Canine Officer Noro, is a 13 month Belgium Malinois/German Shepard Mix. His handler is Officer Cody Webster. This is Officer Webster's first time as a canine handler.

It takes a certain type of individual to become a canine handler in that the commitment involves not only their work environment but their family life, dedication to the program, and the long term care of the canine. The canine lives in their home environment and their families and pets have to be accepting of the same commitment.

Officers Beny/Schaeffer and Officers Noro/Webster completed their training at Castle's K-9 earlier this year. Bill Castle has been in the police K-9 training business since 1967 and was a previous Chief.

Most of the funds to support this program have been donated by residents, individuals, community organizations, Steelton clubs, and businesses. There will be many fundraisers throughout the year. Take a minute when you see them on the street to welcome them to the Borough!

Once again, many thanks to the Steelton Borough Council who, without their support, not one thing mentioned above could have happened!

Happy Holidays and I look forward to hearing from you in 2019!