

November 1, 2022 Agenda

November Council Meeting

Call To Order

Roll Call

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for the Council Prayer.

Copies of the minutes of the previous council meetings have been given to borough council members and Mayor Tomko, are there any errors or corrections? If not, they stand approved.

Public Comment

Mayor's Report

1. Residents are urged to be aware of telephone scams over the upcoming holiday season. Do not give any Social Security, Medicare, or banking information to anyone over the telephone.
2. Notify the St. Clair Police Department (at 570-429-2240 or 570-429-3050) if you notice any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.
3. With the holiday season upon us, drivers are reminded to use designated drivers if they plan to celebrate with alcoholic libations.

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is an organization composed of men, women, and youth who believe in the Supreme Being, and also believe that the concepts of Friendship, Love, and Truth are the basic guidelines that should be followed in the daily lives of people; and,

WHEREAS, The Independent order of Odd Fellows began in the 17th century England deriving its name from the fact that, at that time, it was deemed “odd” to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need without recognition and pursuing projects for the benefit of all mankind; and,

WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. was chartered in what is now the Borough of St. Clair on November 22, 1847; and,

WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. is celebrating the 175th anniversary of its founding on November 22, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. is the oldest continuous organized non church related group in the Borough of St. Clair being three years older than the Borough itself and,

WHEREAS, Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. organized a cemetery association in 1866 to provide a place for the burial of the dead in our community; and,

WHEREAS, The Borough Council, borough officials, and all of the people of St. Clair wish to express their congratulations and best wishes to Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. on the event of its 175th year of existence,

NOW, Therefore, I, Mayor Richard E. Tomko, on this, the 1st day of November 2022, do proclaim that the month of December 2022 be “Mineral Lodge #285 I.O.O.F. Month” in the Borough of St. Clair.

Historical Note – November 2022

Mineral Lodge #285, Independent Order of Odd Fellows was chartered in what is now St. Clair Borough on November 22, 1847 making it the oldest non-religious organization in St. Clair. Fraternal organizations were very popular in the 18th and 19th centuries. The Odd Fellows, based on friendship, love, and truth, had an obligation to “bury the dead.” Therefore, The Odd Fellows Cemetery Association was chartered in 1866 to create a new community cemetery since the existing cemetery, now known as the Borough Cemetery was nearly full. This new community cemetery was dedicated on October 1, 1867. This cemetery is located in the south eastern section of the borough and is home to the Civil War Memorial built by the people of St. Clair to honor those from St. Clair who fought for the Union during the Civil War.

Solicitor’s Report

Update on Comcast and conservatorships.

Request an executive session of Council to discuss personnel and litigation issues.

Engineer’s Report

Council to consider potential grant opportunities.

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report

Electric Light Department

Treasurer’s Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to September 30, 2022

Real Estate - \$943.89

Per Capita - \$55.00

Occupational - \$20.79

TOTAL - \$1,019.68

Submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS

Old Business

New Business

Accept a motion to raise the reconnect fee from \$50 to \$100.

The date for the Fire Convention will be Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. Borough Council representatives are Council President Dempsey, Judy Stednitz-Julian and Tony Klazas.

Budget Work Sessions were rescheduled to Monday, November 14 and Tuesday, November 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

A special council meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council will be held Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. to tentatively adopt the 2023 Budget.

Executive Session.

Accept a motion to pay all Bills and Claims properly approved by council.

Accept a motion to adjourn.

Notes:

2023 Council meeting dates in question:

Tuesday, July 4

Tuesday, November 7 (Election Day)