

February 7, 2023 Agenda

February 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

The following email from Rick McShaw was received Sunday, February 5, 2023:

Hi Roland.

Please present the following questions at the borough meeting on Tuesday.

- 1-How many ducks are allowed on a residential zoned property?
- 2-How many roosters are allowed on a residential zoned property?
- 3-How many goats are allowed on a residential zoned property?
- 4-How many geese are allowed on a residential zoned property?
- 5-How many turkeys are allowed on a residential property?
- 6-Can you have your dog unleashed at all times on your property?
- 7-Can you have cats outside roaming the area?

Please provide the borough meeting minutes from this coming Tuesday showing these items were brought up. I would like answers to my concerns prior to the March meeting. Unfortunately I can not attend this meeting but will be there in March.

These concerns seem to be ignored and I want it on the record showing the borough answers or the lack thereof. Previous emails went unanswered. Also it appears having the cops come to my house for a fabricated story about trespassing, etc is ok but my issues are not that important to the borough. This will be an ongoing concern. And because my dog was almost killed and viciously attacked by xxxxxx dog I will require the borough to enforce the ordinances on record regarding dogs. I've sent pictures of my dogs injuries before and of course nothing was done about my neighbors animals. This need to stop before it goes further.

Thank you

Rick and Jamie
406 Fairview St.

Mayor's Report

1. Abuse of senior citizens can take various forms. Senior abuse can be physical, emotional, or financial. Senior abuse can be reported to the St. Clair Police Department at 570-429-3050 or 570-429-2240 or to the Schuylkill County Office of Senior Services at 570-622-3103.
2. Suspicious activity in the vicinity of abandoned properties should be reported to the St. Clair Police Department at 570-429-3050 or 570-429-2240.
3. Residents are asked to support our local churches in their fund-raising activities.

Historical Note

The first post office in what is now St. Clair was established in 1845. The mail was carried by stagecoach to and from Pottsville. John Breadon was the owner of the first stagecoach.

Solicitor's Report

Discuss amendment of the Police Pension Fund Ordinance.

Update on conservatorships.

Update on Comcast and Service Electric franchise agreements.

Update on Solar Ordinance.

Request an executive session to discuss personnel matters, litigation issues, and Union and Police negotiations.

Engineer's Report

1. **Potential Grant Opportunities** – Council may wish to consider any of the open grant opportunities.
2. **Zoning Permit Application Fee Schedule** – Council may wish to consider revising the current fee schedule (last revised May 2008).
3. **AutoZone Land Development** – Council may wish to consider extending the Conditional Final Plan approval set to expire on March 1, 2023.

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report

Electric Light Department

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to December 31, 2022

Real Estate -	\$7,688.29
Per Capita -	\$643.50
Occupational -	\$184.80
TOTAL -	\$8,516.59

Submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS

Old Business

Discuss the trucking situation from Patterson Street with the Borough Solicitor and Engineer.

Accept the proposed Teamsters Local 429 contract for the period 2023-2027.

New Business

Accept a motion to refer Customer Owned Electric Generation Ordinance to the Solicitor for consideration for adoption.

Accept a motion to hire a part time qualified electrical lineman at the current rate.

Authorize the Electric Light Department to purchase switches, fans and electric wire to make repairs in the Historical Society building for approximately \$1,500.00.

Accept a motion to make a donation to the "Nicholas Ryan Over Foundation" in the amount of \$100.00 in appreciation of their generosity of donating 5 AEDs to the Police Department .

Accept a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to amend the Police Pension Fund Ordinance to allow buy back of military time.

Accept a motion to revise the current Zoning Permit Application Fee Schedule.

Accept a motion to extend the Conditional Final Plan approval of the AutoZone Land Development.

Accept a motion to exonerate tax collector, William Umbenhaur, from collecting the following taxes:

205 Delinquent Real Estate Accounts in the amount of \$19,409.01

562 Delinquent Per Capita Accounts in the amount of \$3,091.00

562 Delinquent Occupational Accounts in the amount of \$1,298.22

And that these accounts be turned over to the appropriate collection agencies.

Executive Session.

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

Accept a motion to adjourn.

Notes: