

## ISSUES, REVIEW & FINANCE WORK SESSION

March 30, 2023

A special meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held to review issues and finance on Thursday, March 30, 2023 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance were council members: Joann Brennan, Cheryl Dempsey, Thomas Dempsey, Judy Stednitz-Julian, President William Dempsey, Thomas Adamchick and Mayor Tomko. Absent was Councilman Tony Klazas.

Others in attendance included Borough Secretary Roland Price, Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Barbara Artz, Debbie Piccioni, Doc Dress, Brian McNulty, Gretchen Sterns, Renee Ahner and Rebecca Ahner of the West End Fire Company.

### Public Comment

Deb Piccioni, Pool Manager, reviewed an analysis of fees for pools in the surrounding communities. After a discussion, the following fee schedule was recommended.

SEASON PASSES	
Student	\$37.00
Adult Single	\$44.00
Couple	\$50.00
Senior (55+)	\$37.00
Family*	\$74.00

\*Family - 2 adults and 4 children. \$10 each additional child above 4

DAILY RATE	
3- 5 Children	\$1.00
Students	\$2.00
Adult	\$4.00
Senior	\$2.00

Pool Party \$150.00 plus lifeguard fee

Council agreed to the recommended rates and will approve them at Tuesday's council meeting. Piccioni also recommended a smaller menu and will look into different vendors to be the most cost effective for food and supplies.

Brian McNulty of Famous Reading Outdoors updated council on the May 13<sup>th</sup> ATV event in the Borough. The proof of insurance listing the borough as an additional insured will be provided. They are in the process of obtaining a Small Games of Chance license. The crossing of Route 61 is in process. They are seeking permission for trailers at John's Patch. There will be eight lots in total. Mayor Tomko added that the Solicitor and the Zoning Officer need to be included in this process.

Mayor Tomko asked that two letters be written, one each to PA Senator Argall and PA Representative Tim Twardzik thanking them for their help and support in obtaining the grant for the garbage truck.

Treasurer Carol Sutzko stated that we are still waiting for grant money to come in, in particular the FEMA money. She also mentioned two police cars will be purchased with the funds from the Capital Reserve. Joann Brennan questioned what we will be doing with the older police cars. President Dempsey said we will be reserving them for possible use by the fire police.

Renee and Rebecca Ahner representing West End Fire Company #5 questioned council on the supposed discrepancies. Mayor Tomko stated that police investigations will not be discussed and recommended that they come on Tuesday night to speak with the Solicitor.

Tom Dempsey questioned whether the feces and chain length for dogs was addressed.

Roland Price, Borough Secretary, presented the Secretary's Notes.

### **Borough Secretary's Notes**

Just a reminder that the "Statement of Financial Interest" forms are due May 1.

STS is holding their ribbon cutting celebration on April 4 at 10 a.m. Please advise us if you intend to attend.

The General Liability, the Police and Borough Officials insurance renewal applications have been submitted for the 2023-2024 package.

The demolition applications and resolutions for 26 S. Front St. and 146 N. Nichols St. have been prepared and are to be approved at the April council meeting.

The Memorandum of Agreement between the Schuylkill River Greenway Association and the St. Clair Borough for the trail has been prepared for consideration at the council meeting.

The Handicapped Barrier Removal pre bidding conference will be held by County Officials and Engineer Baldwin to discuss the renovations for the Municipal Building will be held in Council Chambers on April 17 at 10 a.m.

The Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) approved the Garbage Truck grant in the amount of \$301,609. Both Carol Sutzko and Borough Secretary Price have begun the process securing the grant on line.

The council meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**APRIL COUNCIL MEETING****APRIL 4, 2023**

The April Council Meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in Council Chambers, St. Clair Borough Municipal Building, 16 S. Third Street, St. Clair. The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Answering the roll call were council persons: Thomas Adamchick, Joann Brennan, Cheryl Dempsey, Thomas Dempsey, Judy Stednitz-Julian, Tony Klazas, and Council President William Dempsey. Mayor Richard Tomko was absent.

Also present included Solicitor Edward Brennan, Engineer Brian Baldwin, Borough Secretary Roland Price, Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Barbara Artz, Fire Chief Frank Uhrin, Electric Light Superintendent Bob Petrozino, Street Department Superintendent Kevin Dempsey, Police Chief William Dempsey, Jamie Van Boskirk, Rick McShaw, Andrew McNulty, Doc Dress, Andrew McNulty, Luis Negron, Michelle Price, Mimi Mettam, Dave Linkhorst, Hubert Plungis, Patrolman Brad Blanner and Jessica Knapp from the Pottsville Republican newspaper.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilperson Joann Brennan read the council prayer.

President Dempsey called to order the April 2023 monthly council meeting.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Rick McShaw and Jamie Van Boskirk appeared as a follow up to previous council meetings. Their complaint is the noise and trespassing of animals from their neighbor. Attorney Ed Brennan stated that the Borough has recently hired a new Zoning Officer and he will reach out to him again.

The Saint Clair Women's Club representatives, Michelle Price and Mimi Mettam and Dave Linkhorst of Rescue Hook & Ladder, thanked Council for providing Boone Park as a great backdrop for the Christmas Festival that was held on December 3, 2022. They mentioned that the Saint Clair Electric Light Department did a great job, even considering making them honorary members of the Saint Clair Women's Club. They asked council to consider permanently running electric to Boone Park. President Dempsey will see what can be done. Electric Superintendent added that they would need to dig a ditch to lay conduit to the base of each of the trees.

Dave Linkhorst of Rescue Hook & Ladder announced a "Mr. Sticky" sticky bun sale on May 31 and June 1. Bob Petrozino added that the Electric Light Department will supply a temporary 240V pole line for the fundraiser.

Hubert "Duke" Plungis questioned the proposed ATV park at the end of Morris Street. He stated that DEP and the EPA should be notified. Solicitor Brennan stated that a zoning application must be submitted first, it is unknown what is being done until the application is submitted. Mr. Plungis was concerned as to why so much money and time was being spent on this ATV ride rather than finishing painting poles on Second Street. The condition of Second Street is a disaster. President Dempsey confirmed that the state controls the condition of Second Street. A letter will be sent to Penn DOT requesting they come and evaluate the condition of Second Street. Mr. Plungis commended Street Supervisor Kevin Dempsey on a great job of maintaining the Borough and laying the concrete in the Borough garage, he questioned if we could teach these skills to others to correct the curbs on Second Street. Mr. Plungis questioned the land development plan for the work from Sherman Street to Walmart and its expiration date arose. The expiration date will be found out for next meeting.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by C. Dempsey, to accept the mayor's report; approved.

### **Mayor's Report**

**April 2023**

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### **Historical Note**

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### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Adamchick, to accept the report, approved.

Attorney Brennan updated council on the conservatorships project. He filed 2 new petitions: 307 East Railroad Street and 0-202 Cherry Street. The resident at 307 Railroad Street is apparently in a nursing home which may slow down the process of conservatorship.

The structure at 26 S. Front Street should be approved for final plan of demolition on April 20. The former Ritz Theatre property will be settled with Mr. Norm Diehl on April 25. A deal is being negotiated for 21 Pike Street. The former owner at 146 N. Nichols Street hired a Philadelphia lawyer to terminate the conservatorship, the hearing will take place May 11.

Attorney Brennan reached out to the FOP attorney, if Council agrees to the police proposal with the new conditions, a short memo can be drawn.

Comcast wants an agreement finalized. We have an agreement but we are adding conditions upon Comcast entering in to a pole attachment agreement to satisfy the borough engineer from the substantive standpoint and satisfy the borough solicitor from the legal standpoint. Upon further condition, the pole attachment should be \$200 per pole with credit for any payments made by Comcast for invoices from the borough. We can advertise an ordinance to get things rolling. The make ready work may begin on streets other than Second Street, due to the issue of the steel poles once the agreement is finalized.

Attorney Brennan also requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues and pending litigation.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas, to accept the report and to make it part of the minutes by reference; approved.  
Potential grant opportunities were discussed.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

### **STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT**

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian, the report was unanimously approved and it was made part of the minutes by reference. Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey mentioned they are keeping an eye on 438-440 S. Front Street; it hasn't digressed to the point of threatening safety. He is going to contact Bob Dudash to get an estimate for demolition.

### **ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT REPORT**

On a motion made by Klazas, seconded by T. Dempsey, the report was unanimously approved and it was made part of the minutes by reference.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian, the report was unanimously approved and it was made part of the minutes by reference. Treasurer Carol Sutzko reviewed the numbers.

### **TAX REPORT**

On a motion made by C. Dempsey, seconded by T. Dempsey, the report was unanimously approved and it was made part of the minutes by reference.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Schuylkill Area Community Foundation awarded the Police Department \$500 grant for supplies, which will be presented to the Treasurer. Police Chief Dempsey thanked the Street Department for saving an estimated \$2400 by installing the new lights on the police cars. The Police Department is taking a new approach to patrolling. The blue and red steady 3-inch lights will stay on, they won't flash to increase visibility. This will aid in deterring crime, will make the police presence noticeable if a citizen needs assistance and will make the community safer. It will not be bright and overwhelming.

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas, to accept the report, approved.

**ZONING REPORT** – No report.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan the report was unanimously approved and it was made part of the minutes by reference. Two purchase orders were granted for inspections. The fire hydrant at Nichols and Lawton Street is out of service. Kevin Dempsey will take care of it.

### **CODE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

On a motion made by C. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan the report was unanimously approved and it was made part of the minutes by reference.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

An application for a zoning permit is expected from the Famous Reading Outdoors concerning their communication sent to the council.

Council will make a donation to the Saint Clair Community and Historical Society to help cover the cost of the fireworks on July 15.

The council approved the Little League parade route on May 6 at noon provided they supply the Borough Secretary with a Certificate of Insurance listing the Borough as an additional insured before the parade.

### OLD BUSINESS

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian to accept the resignation of Policeman Chad Seitzinger as of April 1, 2023, approved. Roll call was taken. ADAMCHICK-YES, BRENNAN-YES, C. DEMPSEY-YES, T. DEMPSEY-YES, STEDNITZ-JULIAN-YES, KLAZAS-YES, PRESIDENT WILLIAM DEMPSEY-YES.

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian to adopt the pool rates, according to the chart below, for the 2023 swim season and tentatively open the pool on Friday, June 16 and tentatively close the pool on Sunday, August 3, approved.

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### NEW BUSINESS

A motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by C. Dempsey to hire S. Gregory Stednitz as a third party to provide zoning services, approved.

A motion made by Klazas, seconded by Brennan to approve a donation to the St. Clair Community and Historical Society for the St. Clair fireworks display on July 15, approved.

A motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian to accept St. Clair Little League's request to hold an opening day parade on Second Street on May 6 at 11 a.m., upon receiving a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough as additional insured, approved.

A motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by C. Dempsey to approve the purchasing of two police vehicles at a cost of \$71,199.90 each, approved.

A motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas to adopt the proposed 3% increase in wages for a one-year contract extension with no other contract changes for the Police Department, approved.

A motion made by Klazas, seconded by Stednitz-Julian to adopt Resolution No. 1-2023, for the demolition application for 26 S. Front Street, approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-2023**

RESOLUTION OF THE (BOROUGH OF St. Clair) APPROVING SUBMISSION OF DEMOLITION REQUEST TO THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL.

The St. Clair Borough Council, having met this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, in public session, has approved a demolition request to the County of Schuylkill in the amount of \$36,000 for the demolition of:

26 S. Front Street, St. Clair, PA.

The Municipality acknowledges that it will be responsible for payment of 25% of the cost of demolition.

The Municipal Governing Body authorizes Roland Price, Borough Secretary to submit the application for funding on its behalf.

A motion was made by T. Dempsey seconded by Klazas to adopt Resolution No. 2-2023, for the demolition application for 146 N. Nichols Street, approved.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-2023**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF St. Clair APPROVING SUBMISSION OF DEMOLITION REQUEST TO THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL.

The St. Clair Borough Council, having met this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023, in public session, has approved a demolition request to the County of Schuylkill in the amount of \$46,000 for the demolition of:

146 N. Nichols Street, St. Clair, PA.

The Municipality acknowledges that it will be responsible for payment of 25% of the cost of demolition.

The Municipal Governing Body authorizes Roland Price, Borough Secretary to submit the application for funding on its behalf.



A motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas to adopt a Memorandum of Agreement between the Schuylkill River Greenway Association and the Borough of St. Clair, attached to the council meeting notes, approved.

A motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan to accept the Resolution for the DCNR Grant for the John Siney Park Improvements, approved.

### **John Siney Park Improvements**

WHEREAS, **ST CLAIR BOROUGH DBA BOROUGH OF SAINT CLAIR** ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project, "**John Siney Park Improvements**" ("Project Title"); and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") a grant for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department **if the applicant is awarded a grant**; and

#### **NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:**

1. The grant application may be electronically signed on behalf of the applicant by "**William Dempsey**" who, at the time of signing, has a **TITLE** of "**Council President**" and the email address of **rprice@ptd.net**.
2. If this Official signed the Grant Application Electronic Authorization prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Grant Application Electronic Authorization, signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's **executed** signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the "**TITLE**" specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

A motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas to accept the agreement with Comcast with the following conditions: a pole attachment agreement which meets the satisfaction of the borough engineer from the substantive standpoint and the satisfaction of the borough solicitor from the legal standpoint. Upon further condition, the pole attachment should be \$200 per pole with credit for any payments made by Comcast for invoices from the borough or Norm Baran, approved.

Council President called an executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and litigation matters

A motion was made by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by Klazas to pay all bills and claims properly approved by council, approved.

A motion was made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., approved.

**Roland Price**  
**Borough Secretary**

## **Mayor's Report**

**April 2023**

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April 4, 2023

Mr. William Dempsey  
Council President  
St. Clair Borough Council  
16 S Third Street  
St. Clair, PA 17970

**RE: Consulting Engineer's Report (CER)  
Benesch Project No. 31433.02**

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

The following is the status of engineering services performed by our firm as of this date:

**ENGINEERING CONSULTATIONS & CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

**Famous Reading Outdoors (31433.02, Task 3)**

On March 14, 2023, our office participated in a third teleconference with representatives from Famous Reading Outdoors (FRO, Andrew McNulty), Lehigh Engineering (LE, James Moore), PennDOT, and DCNR to discuss FRO's desire for their ATV traffic to cross Route 61 at Terry Rich Blvd. This is a unique situation, and PennDOT remains uncertain exactly how it should be handled. PennDOT is going to continue with further research, and FRO will develop some conceptual plans as well as apply to DCNR for trail grant funding to support the design and construction of a trail crossing. PennDOT would have to ultimately approve the crossing as would the Borough as the permit holder for the Terry Rich Blvd traffic signal. Another teleconference has been scheduled for May 18, 2023.

**Property Demolitions (31311.70)**

We are working with the Borough Secretary, Code Enforcement Officer, and Solicitor to consider multiple properties for demolition using both County and Borough funds. We anticipate several properties to be advertised for demolition within the next month or two.

**Little League Field Development (31226.20)**

After the final plans are approved by DCNR, we will be able to advertise the project with the hope of receiving bids in May. Construction will take place at a time that is preferable to the Little League.

**Northward Court Improvements**

The Borough was awarded a DCNR grant to resurface the Northward basketball courts and improve drainage on the court. The Initial Conference Call with DCNR was held on February 8, 2023. As such, the Borough can proceed with design and begin incurring costs towards the project. The Borough is also entitled to request the initial grant payment toward startup costs. It is possible that the courts could be resurfaced late in the 2023 paving season, providing DCNR approvals are timely.



**SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

**STS LD (31137.31, Task 1)**

Although STS has occupied the facility, some site work related to landscaping has not yet been completed. We will continue to monitor their progress before closing out the project.

**AutoZone LD (31137.31, Task 3)**

At your March 1, 2022, Council Meeting, Conditional Final Plan Approval was granted by Council with the major conditions being the PennDOT Driveway HOP, the PennDOT Stormwater HOP, and the Development Agreement. With the conditional approval about to expire, the Applicant submitted a time extension request with the new expiration date being June 13, 2023. The request was granted by Council at your February 7, 2023, Council Meeting. Since then, our office has received additional information, and the County has received a resubmission. We will let the Borough know when the final plans are ready for signature. No further action is required by the Borough at this time.

**POTENTIAL FUNDING/GRANT SOURCES (31433.02, Task 5)**

**RECREATION**

*DCNR Community Partnerships Program (C2P2), Small Communities (SC) Program*

- **Current Status: OPEN** (as of Jan 17, 2023)
- **Application Deadline: 4:00 PM, April 5, 2023**
- **Uses:** Grant funds must be used for rehabilitation and/or new development of basic outdoor recreation and park facilities that provide a high level of recreational value, such as playgrounds and pavilions with ADA accessibility. John Siney Playground is eligible. **A resolution is required.**
- **Funding:**
  - **Grant funding ranges from \$60,000 – \$100,000:**
    - \$10,000 is earmarked for Professional Services only and requires no match
    - \$20,000 is earmarked for Materials and/or Equipment only and requires no match
    - Grant funds over \$30,000 may be used for Materials, Equipment, and/or Labor and require a \$1 for \$1 match
  - **Total project costs range from \$90,000 – \$170,000**
  - Examples:

DCNR Grant	Match Requirement	Equivalent Match %	Total Project Costs (Grant + Match)
\$60,000	\$30,000	33%	\$90,000
\$70,000	\$40,000	36%	\$110,000
\$80,000	\$50,000	38%	\$130,000
\$90,000	\$60,000	40%	\$150,000
\$100,000	\$70,000	41%	\$170,000

- **Timeline:**
  - A Resolution is required: April 4 2023
  - Anticipated award notifications: Fall 2023
  - Grant agreements begin: Jan 2024
  - Earliest Project Start: Spring/Summer 2024

*Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Greenways, Trails, Recreation Program (GTRP)*

- **Current Status:** **OPEN** (as of Feb 1, 2023)
- **Application Deadline:** **May 31, 2023**
- **Uses:** Can fund planning grants, as well as construction/repair/rehab grants, for a wide variety of community recreation facilities, like baseball and soccer fields, basketball courts, playgrounds, pools, etc. Can fund indoor or outdoor facilities.
- **Funding:**
  - Grants shall not exceed **\$250,000** for any project.
  - **15% local match required.** Can be land value and other state grant funds. In-kind match not accepted.
- **Timeline:**
  - Anticipated award notifications: Fall 2023
  - Grant agreements begin: Jan 2024
  - Earliest Project Start: Spring/Summer 2024

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND VEHICLES**

*DEP: Driving PA Forward, Onroad Rebate Program – Truck and Bus*

- **Current Status:** **CLOSED**
- **Anticipated reopening:** April – May 2023
- **Background:** Approximately \$30 million is being allocated over a 5-year period to fund rebates for projects that replace or repower fleets of 5 or fewer class 4-8 trucks, port drayage trucks, school buses, shuttle buses, and/or transit buses. **The upcoming rebate application solicitation is expected to be the last for this funding program**, as no funds will remain to award after this round.
- **Uses:** Class 4-8 trucks with Model Years 1992-2009 are eligible for rebates for repower or replacement with new diesel, electric or alternative fuel. **Vehicles must be scrapped.**
- **Funding: Max 70% up to the following Maximums per Vehicle:**

Truck Class	Diesel	Alt Fuel
6-7	\$70,000	\$105,000
8	\$122,500	\$157,500

*USDA Rural Development: Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program*

- **Current Status:** **OPEN**
- **Application Deadline:** Applications accepted continuously throughout the year.
- **Uses:** Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities (including police & fire stations), purchase equipment (including vehicles), and pay related expenses.
- **Funding:** Low interest direct loans and/or grants (max 75%). Most funding via low-interest loans.

**TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE**

*Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)*

- **Current Status:** **OPEN** (as of Mar 1, 2023)
- **Application Deadline:** **July 31, 2023**
- **Uses:** Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, roadway drainage, connectivity of transportation assets, and transit-oriented development. Bridge replacements and rehabilitations are eligible.
- **Funding:**
  - Grants are available for projects with a total cost of **\$100,000 or more.**
  - Grants **shall not exceed \$3M** for any project.
  - Typically requires 30% local match.

**PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS**

*2022 Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Local Share Account (LSA) – Statewide*

Project **Garbage Truck**  
Total Project Estimate \$301,609  
    *Borough Portion* \$0 (0%)  
**Date Submitted** Mar 15 2022  
Anticipated Award Notification **Mar 16 2023**  
Application Status **AWARDED \$301,609**

*2022 Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Local Share Account (LSA) – Statewide*

Project **Electric Utility (Bucket) Truck**  
Total Project Estimate \$270,000  
    *Borough Portion* \$0 (0%)  
**Date Submitted** Mar 15 2022  
Anticipated Award Notification **Mar 16 2023**  
Application Status **NOT AWARDED**

*2022 DCNR Community Partnerships Program (C2P2), Small Communities (SC) Program*

Project **Northward Playground Basketball Courts**  
Total Project Estimate \$70,000  
    *Borough Portion* \$20,000 (29%)  
**Date Submitted** Apr 6 2022  
Award Notification **Sep 6 2022**  
Application Status **AWARDED \$50,000**

*DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) Special Fall Round*

Project **John Siney Park**  
Total Project Estimate \$125,000  
    *Borough Portion* \$25,000 (20%)  
**Date Submitted** Oct 27 2022  
Anticipated Award Notification **Jan 2023**  
Application Status **NOT AWARDED**

*PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD): Local Law Enforcement Support (LLES) Grant Program*

Project **Equipment and Technological Upgrades**  
Total Project Estimate \$177,018  
    *Borough Portion* \$0 (0%)  
**Date Submitted** Oct 31 2022  
Anticipated Award Notification **Dec 14 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> Rnd) / Mar 8 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> Rnd)**  
Application Status **AWARDED \$87,660**

*2022 Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)*

Project **Thwing St Bridge Replacement**  
Total Project Estimate \$2,182,700  
    *Borough Portion* \$0 (0%)  
**Date Submitted** July 31 2022  
Anticipated Award Notification **Mar 16 2023**  
Application Status **NOT AWARDED**

**ST. CLAIR ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Potential Grant Opportunities** – Council may wish to consider any of the open grant opportunities.
  - a. **Recreation, DCNR** – Deadline is April 5, 2023, and a Resolution is required. If Council wishes to apply for this funding, the Borough must pass a Resolution at tonight's meeting.
  - b. **Recreation, CFA** – Deadline is May 31, 2023.
  - c. **Transportation/Infrastructure, CFA** – Deadline is July 31, 2023.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or comments concerning the above, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Baldwin".

Brian W. Baldwin, PE  
Project Manager

Attachments: Draft DCNR Grant Application Resolution

cc: Atty. Edward M. Brennan, Solicitor (w/ attachments)





DCNR-C2P2	Applicant Information (* indicates required information)	
Applicant/Grantee Legal Name: <b>ST CLAIR BOROUGH DBA BOROUGH OF SAINT CLAIR</b>	Web Application ID:	
Project Title: <b>John Siney Park Improvements</b>		

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WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant," including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department **if the applicant is awarded a grant**; and

**NOW THEREFORE, it is resolved that:**

1. The grant application may be electronically signed on behalf of the applicant by "**William Dempsey**" who, at the time of signing, has a **TITLE** of "**Council President**" and the email address of "**rprice@ptd.net**".
2. If this Official signed the Grant Application Electronic Authorization prior to the passage of this Resolution, this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the Grant Application Electronic Authorization, signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's **executed** signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the "**TITLE**" specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the

\_\_\_\_\_ (identify the governing body of the applicant, e.g. city council, borough council, board of supervisors, board of directors)

of this applicant, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature of the governing body)

#### Street Dept.

Collected garbage, ashes, and recyclables for the month of March.

Cleaned all recreation areas and maintained them daily.

Installed new sign on North Front Street. "No Parking from here to the Corner".

Replaced same worn-out signs throughout the borough.

Put down three ton of cold patch to fill potholes.

Trimmed trees and cut embankment on Ann Street.

Repaired inlet on Cherry Street

Repaired hole on Thwing Street bridge.

Cleaned all inlets after every storm.

#### Maintenance Dept.

Installed brakes on 150 B Police Tahoe

Installed new headlight 150 B

Installed new headlight 150 A

Chevy impala police car was transformed into an undercover unit. Removed old lights, push bar and decals. Wired and installed new lights.

Serviced hydraulic system and replaced hose on garbage truck.

Prepared all trucks for snowstorm.

Installed tires and inspection on recycle truck.

Checked all trucks and topped of fluids were needed.

Installed new positive cable from starter to battery on the backhoe.

## Electric Light Dept. Work Log March 2023

### Week ending 03-03-2023

**Borough wide Power blip Thursday approximately 9:50 am, Device activation on PPL side.**

**Friday 10:00 am Virtual meeting in regards to Com Cast make ready project.**

**Call from Electrician in regards to my reporting that Large Coal Creek sign at entrance to Terry Rich Blvd. has not been working since end of December.**

George off all week. Generator check/exercise. Time cards to front office. Call from Norm on their way down to start working on Com Cast Project. Spent all of Monday in office and on Second Street with Utility Engineers reviewing poles, Com Cast make ready project. Cleared snow pavement front of office. Took down another Hero Banner contacted Family. Working at Street department garage figuring out existing lighting circuits in service panel and pulled new feeder wires through 2 - 120' runs of EMT conduit. Call from owner of 451 South Mill wanting to make a deal on delinquent account, denied! Placed call to Powerton generator problem found with 60 kW generator at Police Station. Posted No Parking signs for Monday the 6<sup>th</sup> Utility Service work. Out Thursday evening 7:30 pm to check meter and Large Coal Creek signage not working. Rudy off Friday. Returned call to Customer on Oak Street to answer questions on upgrading Electrical Service to 200 amp. Spoke with Dave Linkhorst about a 240-volt temp service for sticky bun truck/sale, we do not have all our picnic services are made for 120 volts. Received calls from several in regards to updating residential services.

### Week ending 03-10-2023

**Monday at Police Station generator Tech inside to run voltage tests on standby generator, coolant leak fixed and annual service preformed.**

**Reviewed surveillance video in hopes to help Police with a Vandalism case.**

**Electric Bills taken to Pottsville Post Office on Friday.**

George off all week. Generator check/exercise. Time cards/sheet to front office. Removed old and installed new larger 1/0 service drop for 12&14 East Lawton Street. Removed old and installed new larger 1/0 service drop for double gang 200-amp service at 12 & 14 East Lawton Street. Cut service drops to 5 old vacant row homes 100 to 108 South Front Street. Met in person with new owner of 6 East Lawton (Rental property) told him Electric Service must be upgraded to minimum 100 amp before renting out, Spoke with Code Officer in regards to this. Started to wire in and hang LED light fixtures in Street Department garage. Placed order for 4 replacement batteries for both 6-ton crimping tools. Placed order for 100 screw knobs with Anixter. Placed order with Outdoor Décor for 10-3x5 State Flags. Responded to PA. One call 220 South Third Water Company. Took down 4 more Hero Banners. Replaced U.S. Flag Monument at Storage Units in Arnot's. Replaced U.S. Flag in Boone Park. Tied in new 200-amp service at 406 South Second Street. Continued wiring in and hanging LED light fixtures at Street Dept. garage.

### Week ending 03-17-2023

**February Energy cost = \$130,709.78 / 1,588,491 KWH – 2023 < 2022 - \$21,786.52 / - 9,872 KWH**

**Helped Street Dept. with oversize load move down Nicholas and East Hancock Street on Monday morning.**

**Power Blip PPL side approximately 9:30 am Thursday.**

George off all week. Re-set all timers for security lighting around office, Boone Park and also Town Clock. Weekly generator check/exercise. Time cards/sheet to front office. Took down 3 more Hero Banners contacted Families for pick up. Responded to PA ONE at 105 East Russell, Ehrlich Pest Control. Continued installing LED energy saving light fixtures in street department garage, north row ceiling lights complete and energized. Returned call to Customer at 438 South Mill Street in regards to usage. Responded to PA ONE call Water Company working on North Second Street. Repaired Electric Service point of attachment at 512 South Mill Street, pulled out of rotted wood on home repaired flashing best as possible. As per call from Council President contacted S.T.S. Facilities director in regards to 4 post lift going to be auctioned off. Respond to PA ONE call Fence install at 215 North Mill Street. Restored power to 708 West Carroll, account and fees paid in full. Continued working on LED lighting project in Street Department garage. Returned call to 3 Customers concerned about increase in usage, when I get time, I will test these meters for accuracy. Replaced caution bulb in traffic signal South Second / Russell Street intersection.

#### **Week ending 3-24-2023**

**Completed LED lighting project in Street department garage.**

**Started to take down all faded and torn Hero Banners, put in storage.**

**GMC Bucket truck taken to repair Hydraulic leak in boom and State Inspection.**

George off all week. Time cards/sheet to front office. Weekly generator check / exercise. Returned call to Customer in regards to extension on payment. Responded to PA ONE call Sewer Authority on Fernwood Ave. Hung Spring Banners on Second Street. Pulled meter at 118 East Patterson electrical hazards found inside home and needs new service upgrade. Reviewed delinquent account book, printed 111 48 hour disconnect notices to post on Monday. New 200-amp service hookup at 130 South Second Street. Posted 4 notices of service terminations scheduled for Monday. Restored power to 113 East Patterson paid in full and re-connect fee. To Lowes to purchase an on sale electric pressure washer for washing Electric department trucks, washed new pickup truck.

#### **Week ending 03-31-2023**

**Posted 90 – 48 Hour disconnect notices on Monday.**

**Resumed taking down faded/torn Hero banners, tagging and putting in storage.**

**Sharon away attending Benacon seminar Thursday and Friday, Michelle covering.**

George off all week. Weekly generator check/exercise. Time cards/sheet to front office. Returned calls to several customers in regards to payments. Hung new triplex service drop/hooked up new 100-amp service mobile home 8 South Front Street. Cut service to 15 south second apt. 3 for non-payment. Returned call to owner of 124 Cherry Re: service equipment. Entered new customer, meter, details and mapped into NEX GRID system for new install at 8 South Front Street. Letter sent to customer in regards to 2 returned checks. Letter sent to customer in regards to sending cash payment. Responded to PA ONE work being done detention pond 300 Wade Road.

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert Petrozino

Superintendent Electric Dept.

04-04-2023

Borough of St. Clair  
**Treasurer's Report - General Fund**  
 February 2023

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	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
301.30 · Real Estate Tax, Delinquent	786.29
310.03 · Per Capita Tax, Delinquent	106.35
310.10 · Real Estate Transfer Tax	2,445.55
310.20 · Earned Income Tax	32,533.05
310.30 · Business Privilege Tax	645.35
310.43 · Occupation Tax, Delinquent	46.20
310.50 · Local Service Tax	8,594.27
331.12 · Police Fines	1,381.64
342.20 · Rental Income - Boro Property	1,000.00
355.02 · Motor Vehicle Fuel/Liquid Fuels	1,082.33
357.01 · County Grants - GG	902.44
359 · Intergovernmental Revenue	2,949.13
362.10 · Police Protection Services	7,083.33
364.30 · Solid Waste Collection Fees	40,852.02
392.18 · Transfers from Electric Light	150,000.00
395.500 · Workers Com Reimburseme...	1,532.59
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>251,940.54</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Administration Department	25,958.01
Health & Sanitation Department	19,232.36
Miscellaneous Department	678.00
Planning & Zoning Department	7,169.12
Police Protection Department	46,850.28
403.00 · Tax Collection Department	637.67
409.00 · Borough Buildings Department	7,145.00
411.00 · Fire Department	4,271.47
419.00 · Educational Services	
419.30 · Salaries	8,538.00
<b>Total 419.00 · Educational Services</b>	<b>8,538.00</b>

Borough of St. Clair  
Treasurer's Report - General Fund  
February 2023

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	<u>TOTAL</u>
430.00 - Streets & Bridges Department	24,359.81
452.00 - Recreation Department	300.00
481.00 - Payroll Tax Expense	4,612.90
487.00 - Employer Benefits & W/H	<u>46,302.68</u>
Total Expense	<u>196,055.30</u>
Net Ordinary Income	55,885.24
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 - Interest, Dividend Income	<u>1,593.17</u>
Total Other Income	1,593.17
Other Expense	
492.00 - Transfers Department	
492.130 - Transfer to Sinking Fund	25,000.00
492.305 - Transfer to Gen Fund Cap ...	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total 492.00 - Transfers Department	<u>28,000.00</u>

ENDING BALANCE: \$112,793.12

Borough of St. Clair  
Treasurer's Report - Electric Light Fund  
February 2023

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
7372.40 · Electric Energy Sales	287,048.72
7372.50 · Sales Tax Discounts	25.00
7372.57 · Service Fees	500.00
	287,573.72
Total Income	
Expense	
7401.00 · Electric Light	
7401120 · Superintendent	5,363.84
7402114 · Treasurer	1,325.88
7405300 · Secretary	2,295.16
7409300 · Rental Expense	195.60
7442141 · Office Manager	3,978.00
7442142 · Administrative Assistant	2,431.36
7442143 · Lineman	7,987.20
7442210 · Office Supplies	3,961.36
7442220 · Electrical Materials & Supplies	824.10
7442231 · Gasoline & Oil	383.46
7442321 · Telephone	424.11
7442361 · AMP - Ohio	178,236.09
7442370 · Maintenance & Repairs	220.00
7442372 · Technology/Computer Expenses	975.00
	208,601.16
Total 7401.00 · Electric Light	
Total Expense	208,601.16
Net Ordinary Income	78,972.56
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	1,462.67
	1,462.67
Total Other Income	
Other Expense	
492.00 · Transfers Department	
492.130 · Transfer to Sinking Fund	11,500.00
492.80 · Transfer to General Fund	150,000.00
	161,500.00
Total 492.00 · Transfers Department	

ENDING BALANCE: \$257,456.00

Borough of St. Clair  
Balance Sheet  
As of February 28, 2023

Feb 28, 23

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

100.10 · Elec. Lgt. Sales Tax- Mid Penn	15,199.22
100.12 · PLGIT - Elec Light Deposit Acct	13,147.51
100.121 · PLGIT PRIME - Elec. Light Dep.	41,297.68
100.13 · PLGIT - Elect Lgt Capital Rsrv	7,544.73
100.131 · PLGIT PRIME-Elec.Light Cap Res	236,401.17
100.14 · PLGIT - Electric Light Fund	251,952.74
100.15 · PLGIT - FIRE INS ESCROW ACCT	35,159.86
100.16 · PLGIT - General Fund	97,778.16
100.17 · PLGIT - General Fund Cap Reserv	7,544.75
100.171 · PLGIT PRIME-Gen. Fund Cap. ...	277,496.99
100.18 · PLGIT - HD Land Devel Escrow	19,741.92
100.19 · PLGIT - Highway Aid Fund	37.54
100.191 · PLGIT PRIME - Highway Aid Fu...	22,904.58
100.20 · Elec. Light Chk. (Mid Penn)	5,503.26
100.21 · PLGIT - Home Program	840.55
100.22 · PLGIT - Recreation Grant Fund	14,762.14
100.221 · PLGIT PRIME - Recreation Grant	169.78
100.23 · PLGIT - Sinking Fund	126.21
100.231 · PLGIT PRIME - Sinking Fund	111,799.19
100.24 · PLGIT - Street Opening Permit	19,162.33
100.241 · PLGIT PRIME - Street Opening	44,968.97
100.30 · Gen. Fund Chk. (Mid Penn)	15,014.96
100.40 · PLGIT-Bridge Construction Fund	10,073.41
100.401 · PLGIT PRIME - Bridge Cons. Fu...	95,881.15
100.50 · PLGIT - Demolition Fund	-16,814.37
100.501 · PLGIT PRIME - Demolition Fund	224,896.17
100.90 · PLGIT - Building Permit Fund	64,750.28
105.10 · PLGIT - Payroll Fund	237.35
105.20 · PLGIT - Withholding Account	76.39
110 · Petty Cash	500.00
110.10 · Petty Cash - General Fund	200.00
110.20 · Petty Cash - Swimming Pool - GF	100.00

<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>1,618,454.62</b>
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**Tax Collector's Remittance to Taxing Districts**  
**WILLIAM UMBENHAUR - 2023 - SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH**  
**For 03/01/2023 thru 03/15/2023**  
**Date Created 03/16/2023**  
**SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH Taxing District**

		Municipality	Borough Per Capita	Borough Occupation	Other
<b>A. Collections</b>					
1.	Balance Collectable - Beginning of Month	187027.09	8335.00	3500.70	
2A.	Additions: During the Month (*)		85.00	35.70	
2B.	Deductions: Credits During the Month - (from line 17)				
3.	Total Collectable	187027.09	8420.00	3536.40	
4.	Less: Face Collections for the Month	30537.68	1745.00	432.60	
5.	Less: Deletions/Exemptions from the List (*)			300.30	
6.	Less: Exonerations (*)				
7.	Less: Liens/Non-Lienable/Installments (*)				
8.	Balance collectable - End of Month	156489.41	6675.00	2803.50	
<b>B. Reconciliation of Cash Collected</b>					
9.	Face Amount of Collections - (must agree with line 4+7)	30537.68	1745.00	432.60	
10.	Plus: Penalties				
11.	Less: Discounts	610.86	34.90	8.24	
12.	Total Cash Collected per Column	29926.82	1710.10	424.36	
13.	Total Cash Collected - (12A + 12B + 12C + 12D)				32061.28

(\*) ATTACH ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY YOUR TAXING DISTRICT

C. Payment of Taxes

14. Amount Remitted During the Month (\*)

Date	Transaction #	Amount	TOTAL ALL TAXES
		Total	0.00

15. Amount Paid with this Report Applicable to this Reporting Month	Transaction #	32061.28
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16. Total Remitted This Month	32061.28
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17. List, Other Credit Adjustments (\*)

Parcel / PerCapita #	Name	Amount
		Total
		0.00

18. Interest Earnings (if applicable)	\$	
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TAXING DISTRICT USE (OPTIONAL)

Carryover from Previous Month \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount Collected This Month \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Less Amount Paid this Month \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ending Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*William Eisenhauer*  
 Tax Collector 3-16-23  
 Date

I verify this is a complete and accurate reporting of the balance collectable, taxes collected and remitted for the month.

Received by (taxing district): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge the receipt of this report.

**SAINT CLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**24 North Second Street**  
**Saint Clair, PA 17970 (570)**  
**429-2240**

**Police Report: 03/07/2023**

TOTAL POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE: 305

TOTAL PARKING TICKETS: 0

TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 24

TOTAL NON-TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 6

TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS: 17

William M. Dempsey  
Chief of Police

**Saint Clair Fire Department**  
**Fire Alarm Report**  
**March 2023**

**March-01 GENERAL ALARM** 06:05 hours (**BOX33**) 18 South Second St. for an automatic fire alarm. All companies dispatched, Alert/Columbia, Rescue , and all chiefs arrived to find an oil burner malfunction and held the call to stations 1,2,3. Members shut the unit off and found over 100 ppm of carbon monoxide in the basement and 15 ppm on the first floor. Members used fans to ventilate the basement and first floor. The 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apartment was vacant. (**AFA62**) In service 1 hour.

**March-03 STILL ALARM** 22:55 hours 436 West Savory St. Palo Alto for a reported house fire. Alert/Columbia for the tower ladder, members were cancelled enroute to the incident. (**RSF57**) In service 20 minutes.

**March-04 CHIEF CALL** 18:30 hours 231 North Front St. for an investigation. Deputy Skrobak responded, Deputy Skrobak arrived to find a fire out in a stoker and called for an odor investigation box be dispatched. (**ODO62**) In service 1 hour

**March-04 STILL ALARM** 18:42 hours 231 North Front St. for a carbon monoxide investigation. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin, and Johns responded. Members found reading of carbon monoxide in 231 and 229 North Front St. Members secured the stoker in 231 N. Front St. and ventilated both properties. Chief contacted the landlord of 231 N. Front St. to have the stoker and chimney serviced and inspected. (**CO62**) In service 50 minutes.

**March-07 STILL ALARM** 13:18 hours 1000 St. Clair / Frackville Grade North for a tree down blocking the roadway. Alert/Columbia, West End, and Chief Uhrin responded. Members checked the whole roadway with nothing found. (**TD02**) In service 20 minutes.

**March-15 STILL ALARM** 22:16 hours 918 St. Clair / Frackville Grade Blythe Township for a vehicle leaking fluid no injury. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, West End, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded. Members found the vehicle on the ramp to the mall road leaking oil. Driver stated that they ran over something on the

roadway and ruptured the oil pan. Members and State Police checked the roadway, nothing was found. (VLF02) In service 35 minutes.

**March-16 GENERAL ALARM** 09:33 hours (BOX 33) 550 Terry Rich Blvd. for an automatic fire at Tractor Supply. All companies and Asst. Johns responded. Members found the alarm was due to a power failure. (AFA62) In service 30 minutes.

**March-17 STILL ALARM** 09:28 hours 315 North Centre St. Pottsville for a commercial fire. Alert/Columbia , Chief Uhrin and Skrobak requested for the towerladder and were cancelled before going responding. (CSF68) In service 15 minutes.

**March-17 STILL ALARM** 10:54 hours 161 Valley St. New Philadelphia for working fire in multiple homes. Alert/Columbia ,all chiefs for an engine and the tower ladder responded. Members operated with elevated master stream from the bucket. Members also did ventilation, and overhaul in multiple buildings. (RSF54) In service 4 hours.

**March-17 STILL ALARM** 14:04 hours 298 East Sherman St. for a landing zone. Alert/Columbia,West End, and all chiefs responded. Members secured the landing zone for Ashland Ambulance. (LZ62) In service 40 minutes.

**March-17 STILL ALARM** 16:26 hours 1000 St. Clair / Frackville Grade North Blythe Township for a vehicle accident unknown injury. Alert/Columbia,Rescue, Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members were cancelled, call was on south bound side. (MVA02) In service 15 minutes.

**March-17 GENERAL ALARM** 16:58 hours (BOX 33) 8 Thwing St. for a reported chimney fire. All companies, Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members arrived to find an oil burner malfunction. Members shut the unit off, checked the chimney, did air monitoring, and checked the walls with the thermal camera, told the owner the unit will need to be serviced before it can be started again. (OBM62) In service 45 minutes.

**March-18 GENERAL ALARM** 17:14 hours (BOX 311) 25 North Nicholas St. (Neumans Apartments) for an automatic fire alarm. All companies dispatched, Deputy Skrobak, Alert/Columbia, Phoenix, arrived to find a child pulled the alarm. Members reset the alarm and went available. (AFA62) In service 20 minutes.

**March-19 GENERAL ALARM** 09:24 hours (BOX 33) 400 Terry Rich Blvd. (Vito's) for an automatic fire alarm. All companies dispatched, Chief Uhrin arrived and confirmed an accidental activation. All units placed available. (AFA62) In service 15 minutes.

**March-19 STILL ALARM** 11:12 hours North Second St. and East Hancock St. for a vehicle accident with air bag deployment. Alert/Columbia, Deputy Skrobak, and SCPD responded. Members secured the vehicles and provided traffic control. (MVA62) In service 30 minutes.

**March-19 STILL ALARM** 12:39 hours 1000 Schuylkill Manor East Norwegian Township for smoke in a high occupancy building. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded with the towerladder. Members assisted with transferring of residents from one building to another using wheel chairs. (SIS08) In service 75 minutes.

**March-20 STILL ALARM** 05:17 hours Joseph H Long Blvd. South and West Hancock Sts. For a tractor trailer fire. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and SCPD responded. Members checked the brakes with the thermal camera and temperatures on the rear axels were cooling down. Driver was hauling scrap metal for Hydro in Cressona. Driver contacted his company to send out a towing company. (TTF62) In service 30 minutes.

**March-24 STILL ALARM** 20:00 1061 Burma Rd. Blythe Township for a brush fire. Phoenix, West End, Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members found a small rubbish fire. Members extinguished with one hoseline. (RF02) In service 1 hour.

**March-26- CHIEF CALL** 22:44 hours 1000 St. Clair / Frackville Grade North Blythe Township for an unknown type fire. Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Chiefs found a small fire along the roadway and extinguished it. (BF02) In service 30 minutes.

**March-27 STILL ALARM** 16:11 Second St. and Chestnut St. East Norwegian Township for a pole fire. Alert/Columbia,Phoenix, Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members arrived and waited for PPL to arrive. (PF08) In service 45 minutes.

**March-29 GENERAL ALARM** 13:45 hours **BOX 311** 25 North Nicholas St. for an automatic fire alarm. All companies, Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members found a smoke condition on the second floor from food on the stove. Members used fans to remove the smoke. (AFA62) In service 1 hour.

**March-29 STILL ALARM** 23:49 hours Joseph H Long Blvd. and Terry Rich Blvd. for a vehicle accident unknown injury. Alert/Columbia,Rescue,West End,Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members found that a tractor trailer struck the concrete barrier. Members provided traffic control. (MVA62) In service 2 hours.

**March-30 GENERAL ALARM** 21:24 hours **BOX 33** 62 Caroline Avenue East Norwegian Township for a reported house fire. All companies dispatched, Capt-62-1 arrived to find an oil burner malfunction. The call was scaled back to Station 1,2,3. Members shut the unit off and checked the chimney and used fans to clear the smoke from the house. (OBM08) In service 105 minutes.

Comments :

The following alarm boxes were tested; 33,34,28,

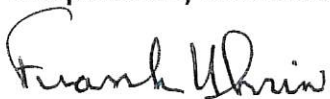
On Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> the Saint Clair Fire Department held a (HOT) "Hands On Training" on North Mill St.( Johns Patch ). Members from Alert, Columbia, and Phoenix participated in the training which covered Engine Company drills, Truck Company drills, Rescuing trapped occupants, ventilation practices, Hose line advancement, and building construction. In all 16 members were present for the 5 hour training.

The fire hydrant at Nicholas & Lawton Street was placed **out of service** on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2023.

General Alarms	7
Still Alarms	14
False Alarms	0
Chief Calls/ Public Service	2

Total Calls	23
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Respectfully submitted,



Frank Uhrin Fire Chief



**BOROUGH OF ST. CLAIR - CODE ENFORCEMENT - PROPERTY  
MAINTENANCE**

16 South Third Street  
St Clair, PA 17970

PHONE: 570-429-0640

Fax: 570-429-2829

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April 8, 2023

TOTAL COMPLAINTS - 26

RENTAL INSPECTIONS - 7

Respectfully,

Michelle D. Brestowski

Code Enforcement Officer

200 Mahantongo St  
P.O. Box 1200  
Pottsville, PA 17901



Office (570) 622-5150  
FAX (570) 622-2612

Website: [www.racoal.com](http://www.racoal.com)

March 28, 2023

St. Clair Borough Council  
300 Cherry Street  
St. Clair, PA 17970

**RE: READING ANTHRACITE COMPANY – Mill Street Properties, St. Clair Borough**

Dear Council Members:

As you are aware, over the last several years, Reading Anthracite Company (“RAC”) has purchased or taken possession of various structures and lots along Mill Street in the Borough of St. Clair, many of which were in a state of significant disrepair. These structures are unsightly from Coal Creek Commerce Center, as well as many areas in the Borough, and RAC desires to improve the aesthetics of the neighborhood. RAC has slowly worked on either boarding-up some of these properties or tearing them down and hopes to address more of the problematic properties in the near future.

In furtherance of this goal, Doc Dress of RAC has recently spoken with William Dempsey with respect to the dilapidated structures. As Mr. Dress explained, in an effort to offset the costs of removing these structures, RAC is seeking to utilize the existing utilities on the lots for a parking area with a utility plug-in, limited only to where a house was located. RAC currently has eight (8) individual structures which it has either recently tore down or intends to tear down in the near future, which are mostly located on separate tax parcels (two of the lots had a double-house on one tax parcel). RAC seeks to keep each of these parcels separate and simply temporarily replace the structure with a single utility hook-up and grated parking area with 2B stone until such time as a new single-family home can be placed on the property.

While we appreciate that this is an unconventional use for these lots, we seek to use them temporarily to recoup the costs to demolish blighted structures and ultimately move forward with new permitted single-family homes. In many instances, RAC had no obligation to demolish these abandoned homes. This proposal would be greatly beneficial to both RAC and the Borough of St. Clair, as the Borough would avoid property maintenance or other enforcement and remove blight from that area. Again, this would be temporary in nature until such time as permitted-by-right single-family homes can be reinstalled. We believe that working together to utilize these lots will help beautify the North end of St. Clair for the benefit of the Borough and neighboring properties.

We appreciate the Borough’s willingness to have a discussion with us on these matters.

Sincerely,

READING ANTHRACITE COMPANY

By: 

Mark Pishock, Vice President

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# SAINT CLAIR COMMUNITY *AND* HISTORICAL SOCIETY

March 21, 2023

Saint Clair Borough Council  
% William Dempsey, Sr., Council President  
16 South Third Street  
Saint Clair, PA 17970

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

The Saint Clair Community and Historical Society will host the Saint Clair Borough Fireworks on July 15, 2023, at 9:30 p.m. at the Saint Clair Memorial Stadium.

Bixler Pyrotechnics, Ashland, PA, has been contracted to shoot off the display again this year. As in prior years we will secure the proper permits, have all emergency procedures in place and provide the borough with insurance certificate.

Please know that we have appreciated the monetary support you have given in the past. As with everything else, the price of the fireworks has increased. The total cost is \$6,600 which is an increase of \$600 over last year. If at all possible, we would appreciate any help you may be able to give this year.

Thank you for the support you have given us throughout the years. If you have any questions, please contact me at 570-429-2272 or 570-590-0450.

Sincerely,

*Bonnie Baker*

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Dear Saint Clair Borough Council,

Last year we held a Saint Clair Little League opening day parade and it was amazing. With the season rapidly approaching, we are asking permission to hold it again. Opening day is scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We would like to follow the same path as last year which is:

- Begin at the school
- West on Railroad st
- North on 2<sup>nd</sup> st
- East on Franklin St.
- Ending at the Saint Clair Little League Field

Teams will be staging at the school for 10 am and would like to begin the parade at 11am. Opening Day Ceremonies will take place at 12 pm. The Saint Clair Little League Board and Coaches would like to invite all residents to come out and enjoy the activities. Thank you in advanced for your consideration.

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Norm Diehl

Saint Clair Little League