

July 5, 2023 Agenda

June 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 of St. Clair who own firearms of any type should keep their firearms in a secure location within their home. Firearm owners should make note of the Make, Model, and Serial Number of their firearms in the event of theft.
2. As vacation time is now upon us, residents are reminded that they may obtain a Vacation Form from the St. Clair Police Department. Once the form is filled out and returned to the police department, the police could increase patrols and contact the residents should there be an emergency with their property. Forms may be obtained by calling 570-429-2240 or 570-429-3050 as well as on the St. Clair Borough website.

Historical Note

The Miners Supply Company of St. Clair was engaged in the manufacturing of squibs for use by miners in firing their blasts. The idea was first suggested to Samuel H. Daddow by Jesse Beadle. The invention was perfected and patented and the manufacturing plant was built around 1866. The squibs were made and packed by hand and all of the work was done by women.

Around 1883 George Hayes opened a squib factory. He died in 1890 and his sons held the business together for a few more years after which the business closed.

The Daddow and Beadle concern operated for more than 62 years. With the use of dynamite and fuse, the squib was no longer required for

mining. The Miners Supply Company of St. Clair, owned by Daddow & Beadle closed its doors in 1928.

Solicitor's Report

- Discuss the demolition lien for 105 S. Mill Street/Hulet garage.
- Conservatorships update.
- Discuss eminent domain and ball park issues.
- Request an executive session to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation matters and 26 S. Front St. and 438-440 S. Front St.

Engineer's Report

- Property Maintenance Activities
- County Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Potential Grant Opportunities

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report

Electric Light Department

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to June 15, 2023

Real Estate -	\$1,127.93
Per Capita -	\$60.00
Occupational -	\$21.00
TOTAL -	\$1,208.93

Submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

- Discuss providing retired police vehicle to the Saint Clair Fire Department for use by the chiefs as a Command/Duty Officer vehicle.

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter received from Shannon Heiser:

6/27/2023

Dear St. Clair Borough Council/Code Enforcement,

I am writing today to bring up the issue of the property (formerly 132 South 2nd Street St. Clair, PA) that sits next to my house (130 South 2nd Street). The property was knocked down over a year or so ago and has yet to be filled in. This is a safety hazard not only to the public walking by on a daily basis (there is no fence up keeping people from falling in the hole or from going onto the property) but to my nieces and nephews who are small that come to visit (it only takes a quick minute for something to happen) and to my neighbors on the other side of the property who also have small children. Also, not only is it a hazard it makes the street look like a dump. I take pride in my home, but I am tired of the property not being taken care of and looking a mess on a daily basis. I feel like I live next to a dump. It should have been filled in when the building was knocked down. I am also tired of hearing other people who walk by (when I am sitting on my porch) commenting on how bad the property looks. My response to them is "I agree and please call the borough to complain." I had called back at the end of May to inform the borough that the grass on the property was very high and needed to be cut (I have 2 dogs and again my nieces and nephews who come to play and I am worried about snakes and other animals that the high grass would attract, and it was also coming in through my fence). A few weeks went by with nothing being done and then my neighbor that is connected to my house took it upon himself to cut the grass as a nice gesture due to knowing that either side of the property has children and dogs who like to be in the yard. Again, it was not his job to do, it's the property owners' job or maybe even the borough's job to make sure the property is maintained. I am pretty sure the issue of the grass would have been taken care of by July 15, 2023, since the Car Cruise is that day (things seem to get done when there is a community event that brings others to our town). I would like this issue of the property being maintained and filled in to be placed on the agenda for the next borough meeting so the issue can be discussed. I would also like to be informed of the outcome of the issue with the property once it's discussed.

Thank you,
Shannon M. Heiser
570-617-1094

Letter received from Joseph M. Maucailla:

Received June 30, 2023

Dear Sir, Roland Price, Jr. This means business. I am doing a follow up, on the surprise orchestration short meeting proposal by you, in taking or stealing my little land which is part of my gas station pole sign, and the existing accessory two car garage building standing on the same property structurally in good condition. Once for all stop acting evil, I don't think you are Putin's Family and you don't look Russian. I now you were a good men at one point, that is the reason I did requested, last year and recent months in purchasing extra land from the borough thru you, next to this my property, that exist an extensive amount of property that belongs to the city. The members of the little league expressed to me that they do not use it, which nobody uses the little league. I need extra

property to give safety corridor to my customers. Today you did surprise me, with this nuisance suggestion for you pleasure of giving someone's property which is not good and it is not, yours, with the pretext of parking lot for cars to the little league as eminent domain, mentioning that you are waiting for a grant, this is not a good practice as a city secretary official in destroying my potential existing gas station business. This is call corruption and abuse of your authority. Show me the main highway road that is coming through my property or the main central park that exist. Next to my property is not even a playground is a waste of land and government's money, the little league doesn't care its accidental area is the reason I wanted to buy.

I was not comfortable with your participation at the Borough Hall of St. Clair PA. Last week June 9 at 1:00PM. Which you, surprise me, and to the two officials, this proposal was unknown, which they witnessed because I had an appointment meeting with, Mr. Greg Stednitz and Michalle Brestowski. For you to know, I am Joseph M. Maucailla Developer Real Estate Contractor from Inca Builders LLC. with 41 years of experience in the industry of new constructions, demolitions, Real Estate, and repair of all kind of structures, in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and PA. Citizen of this location, with offices in Girardville PA. And 2144 Niagara St. Buffalo New York, 14207. Phone 716-348-4195.

Furthermore I do need a written explanation about your proposal or you were just yoking. If I do not get any written statement from you I will take this to the next level. Any questions please call me or email me at maucailla@hotmail.com.

Sincerely yours.

Joseph M. Maucailla

Letter from Saint Clair First Primitive Methodist:

John Culbert, Pastor of Saint Clair First Primitive Methodist Church, representing the Community of Caring Christians in town, made up of six churches, is asking for permission to hold a block party on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from noon until 4 p.m. They would like to block off North Mill Street from Hancock Street north for one block to Franklin Street. They would need "No Parking" signs for the block. There will be no gambling for profit or alcohol. They ask that the police drive by every once in a while.

Saint Clair Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #3 would like to run a boot drive on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 24 North Second Street from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Old Business

Accept a motion to accept George Rennick's retirement as of Tuesday, August 15, 2023 from the St. Clair Borough workforce and to send him a letter of gratitude for his years of service to the Borough.

Discuss and accept a motion to create a policy concerning the leaving of cones, chairs, or any other item put on a public street on a long-term, repetitive basis to save a parking space. These are considered abandoned property and will be taken away by our sanitation and police departments.

Discuss authorizing the Borough Solicitor to draft an ordinance prohibiting the parking of trailers and campers on borough streets.

Discuss enforcing parking regulations within the borough.

Discuss sale of conservatorship properties.

New Business

Accept a motion to hire the following employees for the St. Clair Community Pool for the 2023 swim season.

Lifeguard

Logan Strauss
Owen Gretskey

Concession

Sydney Heffron
Aaron Boyer
Nathan Washborn

Accept a motion to authorize a letter to St. Clair Police Civil Service Commission to conduct a non-competitive sergeant's examination as per the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Accept a motion to authorize the borough employees and pool personnel to hold a swim party upon the pool's closing.

Accept a motion to authorize the Community of Caring Christians to hold a block party on September 23, 2023 with the provisions mentioned in the letter.

Accept a motion to authorize Saint Clair Hook & Ladder Co. #3 to run a boot drive at 24 North Second Street on Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Executive Session.

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

Accept a motion to adjourn.