

ISSUES, REVIEW & FINANCE WORK SESSION

June 1, 2023

A special meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held to review issues and finance on Thursday, June 1, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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

Others in attendance included Borough Secretary Roland Price, Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Barbara Artz, and Police Chief William Dempsey via a zoom conference.

The meeting began with Chief Dempsey discussing the success of the new highway safety program in which salaries are reimbursed.

Officer Weist attended an accredited Penn State Field Training Officer course. The course helps to maintain and mentor police officers.

Chief Dempsey attended training focused on challenges to the police force including disciplinary actions, documentation, liability issues within the department, leadership, and management. The training reduces liability and will serve the community better.

The two police cruisers are ready to be picked up once the paperwork is ready. Secretary Roland Price has started the process.

The \$90,000 police grant money is being dictated how it is spent by the state. We are working with Engineer Brian Baldwin on this grant.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Secretary Roland Price reviewed the June 2023 Secretary Notes.

The Police Civil Service Commission has started the process of creating an eligibility list to hire a full-time police officer. The advertisement is placed in the paper this week.

In a virtual meeting with AMP and Walmart, the St. Clair Walmart is targeted to become completely green energy within a few years.

The HOME Program expired, and we are applying for the sixth round of funding. I recommend awarding Mullin & Lonergan Associates to provide professional services.

Schuylkill County is renewing and reviewing the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Borough Secretary and Administrative Assistant are to be appointed points of contact for the Borough.

Council President Dempsey updated council on the Handicap Barrier Removal Project for the Municipal Building. One bid was received, therefore it needed to be rebid. A second meeting took place at the Municipal Building with one bidder attending. Depending on the quote that comes in, the scope of the project may need to be reduced.

Tom Dempsey questioned the status of the Little League Grant. Engineer Brian Baldwin spoke to Little League President Dave Strauss about its status.

Mayor Tomko suggested a follow up letter be sent to PennDOT listing the location of potholes and problem areas on the state routes throughout town.

The council went into executive session at 6:48 p.m.

President Dempsey thanked Tom Dempsey, Tom Adamchick, the St. Clair and Pottsville School Districts students, the St. Clair Fire Police and everyone else who participated in helping place over 1,000 flags on the veteran's graves for Memorial Day. The cemeteries looked beautiful.

President Dempsey also suggested for Memorial Day 2024, a ceremony at Boone Park be planned. Firetrucks and a veteran's motorcycle group were a few ideas that were proposed.

Councilwoman Stednitz-Julian has received repeated complaints about parking issues and cones holding parking spots on Second Street.

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

Roland Price
Borough Secretary

Borough Secretary's Notes

June 2023

REMINDER: The July council meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5th due to the July 4th holiday.

Ralph Hummell, Zoning Officer Stednitz, Solicitor Brennan and I met to discuss the issue at 500 Fairview Street. The Zoning Officer will compose a written document concerning the issue.

The Police Civil Service commission's ad seeking candidates for testing to create an eligibility list is placed in the newspaper and it will run all next week.

On May 13th the 3-year contract with DCED for the HOME program expired. During this time, 14 houses were rehabilitated spending \$500,000 in grant money. A sixth round of funding will be requested; a request for proposals for technical assistance for HOME & CDBG programs for the years 2023,2024 & 2025 has been advertised. Upon review of the proposals received, I recommend that the firm Mullin & Lonergan Associates be awarded the contract to provide professional services.

A virtual meeting was held with AMP and the Wal-Mart firm. The St. Clair Wal-Mart is slated to go all electric using green energy. Currently the store uses natural gas to heat the store. It will be converted to use electric heating. Recharging stations will be installed for its customers, but also for its own delivery vehicles. Wal-Mart also intends to build some solar panels to produce clean energy. Norm Baron, of Utility Engineers, our electrical consultant, has been notified of these proposed changes.

Schuykill County has notified the borough it is time to renew and review the Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Borough Secretary was appointed at the last review to represent the borough.

I am asking permission to attend the Pennsylvania Municipal Electric Conference (PMEA) from September 6th through the 9th. Funding for housing and mileage is requested.

I request an executive session of the council to discuss personnel issues.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING**June 6, 2023**

The June Council Meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held on Tuesday, June 6, 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, Council President William Dempsey, and Mayor Richard Tomko.

Also present included Solicitor Edward Brennan, Borough Secretary Roland Price, Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Barbara Artz, Street Department Superintendent Kevin Dempsey, Police Chief William Dempsey, Police Officer Sean Weist, Fire Chief Frank Uhrin, Code Enforcement Officer Michelle Brestowski, Jim Hale, Robert Ritter, Rick McShaw, Jamie Van Boskirk, and Jessica Knapp from the Pottsville Republican newspaper.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilperson Joann Brennan read the council prayer.

President Dempsey called to order the June 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 appeared as a follow-up to the ongoing situation at 500 Fairview Street. Attorney Ed Brennan mentioned the Brew parcel is not zoned as agricultural. It lies in an R-2 Zoned District. It lost its agricultural district distinction when the previous owners did not utilize the property for agricultural purposes. It defaulted back to being zoned as residential. An enforcement notice will be served. If it is appealed, the Zoning Hearing Board will hear the case.

The following email sent by Norm Diehl was read.
(Email dated 5/23/23)

Mr. Price,

My name is Norm Diehl and I'm a member of the Saint Clair Little League board. This email is regarding the progress of a Grant we obtained for the Saint Clair Little league in the early months of 2020. With our 2023 season ending, we fear losing the grant if it is not used in time. Is the borough actively taking bids? What is the time frame of projects to be started/completed? I'm requesting this email be put on the agenda for the meeting in June.

Thank you,
Norm Diehl

President Dempsey mentioned that this was taken care of. Engineer Brian Baldwin contacted Little League President Dave Strauss.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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

Mayor's Report

1. Many thanks are extended to Street Department Superintendent Kevin Dempsey and the street department work force for the outstanding work done to prepare the Borough Cemetery for Memorial Day.
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.
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Historical Note

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our borough by parades and celebratory gatherings at which patriotic ovations were delivered by local dignitaries.

Council President Dempsey reply to this message prior too the meeting.

Mayor Tomko read his report as well as specific sections of the ordinance from the Borough Code pertaining to *rubbish/garbage* to enlighten everyone and encourage the council to make the public aware of these rules, as discussed at the Work Session. Rules especially pertaining to the use of cones, chairs or any other item saving parking spots on the street, would be considered abandoned property and be taken away. He recommended that the Council, in concert with the police department and the solicitor, discuss and craft an ordinance pertaining to trailers, campers, and other unmotorized vehicles or items parked on the street. Finally, Council should clarify rules and regulations concerning garbage within the borough.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Brennan introduced Comcast representative, Bob Ritter. Atty. Brennan stated the ordinance is ready to adopt between Comcast and the Borough of St. Clair condition upon pole attachment agreement and the make ready work to be finalized. A make ready work meeting had to be rescheduled. Unlike previously thought, borough infrastructure, in this case, is not subject to public bidding due to the leased space on the pole by Comcast. Since we are replacing several poles, we do not need to bid publicly. Mr. Ritter added that Comcast appreciates all the work done by the Borough and is looking forward to being in service before the end of the year.

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by C. Dempsey, to adopt the ordinance authorizing the execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough and Comcast of Pennsylvania, LLC, approved.

Three more ordinances will be adopted at the meeting; an ordinance adopting the execution of the renewal of the Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough and Service Electric Cablevision Inc., an ordinance vacating a portion of Walnut Street, and an ordinance amending the St. Clair Police Pension Plan to allow for the purchase of credit for military service.

Attorney Brennan updated the council on the conservatorships program. There are 7 to8 conservatorships projects in various stages. The following were demolished and are waiting for a buyer: 438-440 S. Front Street, 311 Broad Street, 102-104 Cherry Street, and 601 Wade Road. On July 18th in a court hearing the Ritz Theatre conservatorship will be terminated.

Concerning 500 E. Hancock Street, the conservatorship was terminated.
21 Pike St is waiting for a buyer.
26 S. Front Street – impending demolition
On June 20, a court hearing will be held to issue a final order for 146 N. Nichols Street. The structure is pending demolition.
Two hearings will be held on June 27th, 212 Cherry Street and 307 E. Railroad Street to hear the Petition for Conservatorship.

Concerning 307 E. Railroad Street and Janet Hinchey's parcel, the owners cannot be located. Service will be made by publication.

The structure located at 113 E. Hancock Street will be difficult to demolish without causing damage to the adjoining property at 115 E. Hancock Street.

Negotiations should be held with the owner of 115 to discuss the situation. Attorney Brennan encouraged the council to consider forming a Redevelopment Authority, which would consist of 5 people on the board. This would easily help settle some obstacles in the borough.

A sliver of land adjacent to John Siney Park, which is needed for handicap parking, is needed for recreational grant applications. This parcel can be taken by eminent domain. The Borough Secretary was instructed to get an appraisal of the property.

A Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Saint Clair and Joseph Leskin was reviewed.

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of St. Clair and Joseph Leskin, approved.

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

Brennan discussed the property at 146 N. Nichols Street. Judge Hale will either approve or disapprove the final plan on June 20th.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

On a motion made by Adamchick, seconded by Stednitz-Julian, the report was unanimously approved, and it was made part of the minutes by reference.

Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey asked for permission to purchase a pump for the St. Clair Community pool. Permission was granted.

Stednitz-Julian added that they have done a wonderful job in preparing the pool for opening day. Council agreed that Stednitz-Julian was doing a great job as well.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dempsey reported Officer Weist is specializing in technology for internet and social media investigations.

Foot patrols have begun in areas such as playgrounds and Little League games. Bike patrols will begin in the coming weeks.

Chief Dempsey is encouraging residents going on vacation to complete a vacation form.

The Chief is also asking residents adhere to the rules of parking. Several complaints have been received concerning illegal parking and they are planning to enforce and be stricter with the parking violations.

Authorization was requested to hire part-time police officer Owen Webber.

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

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

TAX REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

A letter provided by the fire chief and the assistant chiefs asking for the retired police vehicle to be used by the chiefs for fire calls and related instances. They currently use their personal vehicles. Council President Dempsey tabled the matter until the police department receive their new vehicles.

Routine, yearly service will be completed for the ladder truck. Maintenance is currently being done on the fire hydrants. Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey noted they need supplies; council gave permission to order them.

Fire hydrants were all flushed, and deficiencies were noted.

Fire Chief Uhrin commended the public for their quick thinking in reporting a fire by activating a fire alarm for a fire in the 500 block of E. Hancock Street and thwarting a full-blown situation. Several pets were saved, and the fire was extinguished. A thank you to the public for seeing something, hearing something, and calling 911.

Technical support from Fire Apparatus Service was needed at a fire call, an invoice to follow.

Chief Uhrin confirmed that permission was granted by the council for the firetruck to go to the Famous Reading Outdoors fundraiser.

ZONING REPORT – On a motion made by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by T. Dempsey, the report was unanimously approved, and it was made part of the minutes by reference.

CODE DEPARTMENT REPORT

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by C. Dempsey, the report was unanimously approved, and it was made part of the minutes by reference. A thank you from T. Dempsey to Code Enforcement Officer Michelle Brestowski for a job well done.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from PennDOT stating Second Street is on the Act 89 resurfacing list. They are currently scheduled for the 2027 construction season, pending available funds.

First Primitive Methodist church submitted a letter through Schuylkill Community Action requesting to hold a food pantry the third Wednesday of the even months, beginning in August between the hours of 10:30-11:30. If possible, they would like to stop traffic from entering Mill St. from Hancock St. on pantry morning from 8-9am to noon.

They are open to suggestions on designing the pantry in the safest way for volunteers, drivers, walkers, neighbors etc. They are happy to discuss the details with Saint Clair officials anytime at 570-294-2745. Signed by Jason Schally, Coordinator.

OLD BUSINESS

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Adamchick to adopt the ordinance to vacate a portion of Walnut Street, approved.

On a motion made by Brennan, seconded by Stednitz-Julian to adopt the ordinance to amend the Police Pension Plan to allow for the purchase of credit for military service under certain conditions, approved.

On a motion made by C. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan, to adopt the ordinance authorizing the execution of a Cable Franchise Renewal Agreement between the Borough and Service Electric Cablevision, Inc, approved.

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian, to hire the following lifeguards and concession stand employees for the St. Clair Community Pool for the 2023 swim season:

Lifeguards:

Bailey Thomas
 Claudia Mancini
 Hannah Zimerofsky
 Jada Gudinas
 Taleah Ruben
 Natale Estremera
 Elizabeth Davis
 Caitlyn Peleschak
 Aliana Bauers
 Dominic Alvarez

Concession Stand:

Chloe Motto
 Felix Blasser
 Lauren Ditzler
 Elizabeth Davis
 Elizabeth Ortiz
 Emma Bowers
 Thomas Linkhorst
 Andriana Romeu
 Brooklyn Reinert

Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas, to appoint the Borough Secretary and Administrative Assistant as representatives of the Borough to the Schuylkill County Mitigation Program, approved.

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Adamchick, to authorize Borough Secretary to attend the PMEA Conference September 6-8, 2023, which includes lodging and mileage, approved.

On a motion made by Klazas, seconded by T. Dempsey, to hire Owen Webber as a part-time police officer contingent upon successful graduation from the PA Act 120 Police Academy (early June graduation), a successful background check and a successful physical examination. It would also be contingent upon receiving a satisfactory certification exam administered by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved.

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan, to award the technical assistance for the HOME and CDBG contract for years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to Mullin and Lonergan Associates Inc., approved.

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas, to authorize the food pantry at First Primitive Methodist Church allowing the drive through distribution system, approved.

On a motion made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Adamchick, to authorize Alert/Columbia Fire Company to hold a boot drive in town on Saturday, June 24, approved.

Borough Council extended a thank you to the St. Clair Area School District, the Pottsville School District, the students, the St. Clair Fire Police, Tom Dempsey, Tom Adamchick, and everyone else who placed flags on veteran's graves at the cemeteries in the surrounding area. It looks amazing!

Council President Dempsey called an executive session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and litigation matters.

A motion was made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian 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 7:27 p.m., approved.

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Borough Secretary

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Mayor's Report (Addendum)

June 2023

4. I ask that a proposal be placed on the July agenda for Borough Council to authorize the publication in July's newsletter of a directive to the residents of St. Clair that cones, chairs, or any other item put on a public street to save a parking space would be considered abandoned property and would be taken away by our sanitation and police departments.
5. I would ask Borough Council to reconsider and discuss the proposed ordinance banning trailers, campers, tractor trailers and any other unmotorized vehicle or item from parking on Borough streets. The police department would, if asked by council, work in concert with our solicitor in crafting an ordinance to reflect the view of Borough Council.
6. Borough officials need clarification of the existing Borough ordinances on the collection of garbage within our borough.



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June 6, 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)

The fourth teleconference with representatives from Famous Reading Outdoors (FRO, Andrew McNulty), Lehigh Engineering (LE, James Moore), PennDOT, and DNCR to discuss FRO's desire for their ATV traffic to cross Route 61 at Terry Rich Blvd was held on May 18, 2023. FRO will review internally the steps and costs necessary to prepare a design to cross at Terry Rich Blvd. However, due to the timing relative to PennDOT's Route 61 Frackville Grade project, the crossing may be delayed and incorporated into that project with a crossing at or near Darkwarter Road.

Property Demolitions (31311.70)

We are working with the Borough Secretary, Code Enforcement Officer, and Solicitor to address multiple properties intended for demolition using both County and Borough funds. We have been working with Mr. Charles Altshuler, owner of adjoining properties of 113 E Hancock St, in preparation for its demolition. Initially, 113 and 115 were one house. Over the decades, the home was converted into two residences in various forms, complicating the demolition. We hope to receive demolition bids at your July Council Meeting.

We have also been assisting the Borough with the demolition of 146 S Nichols St, attending a court hearing on May 11, 2023. Another hearing is currently scheduled for June 20, 2023. The County will administer this demolition once all conservatorship items are addressed.

Little League Field Development (31226.20)

On May 16, 2023, our office spoke with current Little League President Dave Strausser to give him an update on the project. We intend to receive bids at your July Council Meeting with construction to take place in the Fall.

Northward Court Improvements

The Borough was awarded a DCNR grant to resurface the Northward basketball courts and improve drainage on the court. It is possible that the courts could be resurfaced late in the 2023 paving season, providing DCNR approvals are timely.

Schuylkill County HBR Project

On May 3, 2023, the County received bids for the St. Clair Handicap Barrier Removal (HBR) project to install ADA push button power operation of the exterior door as well as the double-door to Council Chambers (the Council Chambers doors will be replaced with new doors, while the existing exterior door will remain; as an alternate, the small service counter will be lowered). However, only one bid was received, which did not satisfy the CDBG requirements (the primary source of funding). As such, the County readvertised the project. Another pre-bid meeting was held on May 25, 2023, and bids are due on June 14, 2023. Council may wish to consider potential options if rebid comes in too high (e.g. cost sharing, scope reduction).

Grant Assistance (31433.02, Task 5)

Our office has been working with the Chief of Police in satisfying PCCD requests for further information associated with the grant the Police Department received. We will continue to work to address those requests and will assist with PCCD's quarterly reporting requirements.

Additionally, we will assist the Borough with receiving price quotes associated with the LSA grant to purchase a new garbage truck.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Taco Bell LD (30567.32, Task 2)

The last major outstanding item of work to be performed by the Developer is the paving of the pathway along Mill Street to Taco Bell. This path might become a part of the Schuylkill River Trail. Nevertheless, Taco Bell has been in operation since late 2015. We have reached out to CCCC for a status update several times, but they have not provided any updates.

Coal Creek Commerce Center – Phase III LD (30839.32, Task 2)

As of early 2019, work in the area of the medical office building is essentially complete, although a majority of the remainder of Phase III – including stormwater features – has not yet been started. The NPDES Permit associated with Phase III expires on June 28, 2023. There are three (3) more buildings and associated infrastructure yet to be completed. We have reached out to CCCC for a status update several times, but they have not provided any updates. However, in discussions with the Count Conservation District, they were told that CCCC will be submitting a permit time extension request (typically granted for 12 months).

STS LD (31137.31, Task 1)

Although STS has occupied the facility, some site work related to the detention basin is an outstanding punch list item. We will continue to monitor progress before closing out the project.

AutoZone LD (31137.31, Task 3)

The land development plans have now been recorded, and construction activities have begun. We will continue to monitor the project as construction progresses.

POTENTIAL FUNDING/GRANT SOURCES (31433.02, Task 5)

RECREATION

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND VEHICLES

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

- Current Status: **CLOSED**
- Anticipated reopening: **Early July 2023 – FINAL ROUND**
- 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.

Schuylkill County FY 2023 CDBG Program

- Current Status: **OPEN**
- Application Deadline: **July 28, 2023, 4:00pm**
- Background: The County has opened CDGB funding to non-entitlement communities. To provide information on the 2023 application process and solicit input on the housing and community development needs within the County, the County requests a municipal representative attend a public hearing on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 1:00 pm in the Commissioners Boardroom.
- Uses: Water Lines, Sewer Lines, Stormwater Collection, Recreation, Street Improvements, Handicap Barrier Removal, Economic Development, Public/Community Facility (i.e., Community Senior Citizens Center; Fire Station improvements)
- Funding: The County will pay the cost of engineering for final project design and bidding. However, the County will not be responsible for the cost of the initial inspection, design and cost estimate required for this application.

PENDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

Project	Equipment and Technological Upgrades
Total Project Estimate	\$177,018
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$0 (0%)
Date Submitted	Oct 31 2022
Anticipated Award Notification	Mar 8 2023 (2nd 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
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$0 (0%)
Date Submitted	July 31 2022
Anticipated Award Notification	Mar 16 2023
Application Status	NOT AWARDED

2023 DCNR Community Partnerships Program (C2P2), Small Communities (SC) Program

Project	John Siney Park
Total Project Estimate	\$125,000
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$47,500 (38%)
Date Submitted	Apr 5 2023
Award Notification	Fall 2023
Application Status	Under Review

2023 Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Greenways, Trails, Recreation Program (GTRP)

Project	John Siney Park
Total Project Estimate	\$150,000
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$22,500 (15%)
Date Submitted	May 31 2023
Award Notification	Fall 2023
Application Status	Under Review

ST. CLAIR ACTION ITEMS

1. **Potential Grant Opportunities** – Council may wish to consider any of the open grant opportunities.
 - a. **Transportation/Infrastructure, CFA MTF** – Deadline is July 31, 2023.
2. **County HBR Project** – Council may wish to consider potential options if rebid comes in too high (cost sharing, scope reduction).

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 "BW Baldwin".

Brian W. Baldwin, PE
Project Manager

cc: Atty. Edward M. Brennan, Solicitor

Street Dept.

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

Installed new wiring harness and lights on trailer.

Cleaned all inlets in town.

Installed new Stop sign on Third Street.

Cut entire creek inside and out.

Cut all of Ann Street and removed debris from road and bank area.

Filled in two sink holes at Little Saint's playground.

Inspected and removed garbage from playgrounds daily.

Assisted with the removal of the garage on Lawton Street with Bob Dudash.

We removed all down trees and cut the grass in the Borough Cemetery for Memorial Day. I would like to thank New Castle Township for lending their skid loader and crew for the assistance with the tree removal in the cemetery.

Cut grass numerous times throughout the borough.

Cut and cleaned in front of all churches.

Potholes were filled throughout the borough.

Work completed on the pool which was extensive and time consuming:

 Pressured washed inside and outside pavements.

 Welded pool filter.

 Painted pool, kitchen, bathhouse and bathrooms.

 Fabricated new base for diving board.

 Installed new chlorine lines.

 Trees were cut on Post Road, Cherry St., Pine St., McCord Ave. to Pine St., Pearl St and Fairview Street

Electric Light Department Report

May 2023

Energy Cost / usage for April = \$ 117,415.23 / 1,416,106 KWH

Edmunds Billing Program is now Cloud Host, better information security and backup.

New CASS Postal program / process for Bulk mailing of Electric Bills instituted.

All Wal-Marts Stores / Vehicles to be off fossil fuels in near future. Borough needs a solar ordinance adopted.

Next onsite meeting with Com Cast, Utility Engineers and myself scheduled for June 8th at 9:00 am.

Installed 3 new circuits/receptacles at Pool for refrigerators and freezer, extended ground wire 2 locations.

Installed 2 temporary electric services - FRO Ride (not informed ride was cancelled) and Mr. Sticky Bun sale.

Terminated Electric Service to 12 for non-payment.

E-filed with the P.U.C. the required 56.231 monthly reports for Jan. – Feb. – Mar. – Apr.

Continued removing Hero Banners, contacting Families to pick up, tagging and storing others.

Removed all flags from flag poles installed cleaned flags, put up on Second Street, dirty flags to Cleaners.

To Court House (Veteran Affairs) picked up 7 boxes (1008) Flags for Cemeteries.

Replaced 3 Flags at Borough Hall and 2 at Police Station.

Attended SC HBR Pre-Bid meeting.

Performed numerous other jobs, answered, returned many calls and emails throughout month.

A detailed report is available if needed.

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert Petrozino
Superintendent
Electric Light Dept.

06-06-23

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

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
301.10 · Real Estate Tax, Current	34,136.88
301.20 · Real Estate Tax, Prior Year	3,477.93
310.01 · Per Capita Tax, Current	1,038.80
310.03 · Per Capita Tax, Delinquent	66.00
310.10 · Real Estate Transfer Tax	3,367.74
310.20 · Earned Income Tax	13,193.52
310.30 · Business Privilege Tax	803.50
310.41 · Occupation Tax, Current	243.08
310.43 · Occupation Tax, Delinquent	1,408.97
310.50 · Local Service Tax	161.38
331.12 · Police Fines	2,855.30
342.20 · Rental Income - Boro Property	500.00
351.01 · Federal Grants	300.24
359 · Intergovernmental Revenue	5,788.16
361.33 · Variance/Zoning Permits	150.00
362.10 · Police Protection Services	7,083.33
364.30 · Solid Waste Collection Fees	34,162.71
392.18 · Transfers from Electric Light	150,000.00
395.500 · Workers Com Reimbursements	1,591.82
Total Income	260,329.36
Expense	
Administration Department	26,652.07
Health & Sanitation Department	
427.140 · Salaries	6,209.20
427.200 · Materials & Supplies Expense	156.44
427.305 · Landfill	10,575.21
427.370 · Vehicle Maint & Repairs	3,771.51
Total Health & Sanitation Department	20,712.36
Miscellaneous Department	
486.20 · Fire and Casualty Insurance	83,899.00
Total Miscellaneous Department	83,899.00
Planning & Zoning Department	3,689.43
Police Protection Department	62,660.23
403.00 · Tax Collection Department	
403.110 · Tax Collector Commissions	344.82
403.120 · Earned Income Tax Commissions	397.11

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

	<u>TOTAL</u>
403.316 · Business Privilege Commissions	24.11
Total 403.00 · Tax Collection Department	766.04
409.00 · Borough Buildings Department	5,681.65
411.00 · Fire Department	2,029.16
419.00 · Educational Services	
419.30 · Salaries	7,557.00
Total 419.00 · Educational Services	7,557.00
430.00 · Streets & Bridges Department	33,202.55
452.00 · Recreation Department	1,749.80
481.00 · Payroll Tax Expense	4,254.38
487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	55,884.71
Total Expense	<u>308,738.38</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-48,409.02
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	1,674.85
Total Other Income	1,674.85
Other Expense	
492.00 · Transfers Department	
492.130 · Transfer to Sinking Fund	25,000.00
492.305 · Transfer to Gen Fund Cap Res	3,000.00
Total 492.00 · Transfers Department	<u>28,000.00</u>

ENDING BALANCE: \$80,378.45

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

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
7372.40 · Electric Energy Sales	368,956.08
7372.50 · Sales Tax Discounts	25.00
7372.55 · Processing Fees	1,900.00
7372.57 · Service Fees	200.00
	371,081.08
Total Income	
Expense	
487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	
487.20 · Health Insurance Expense	144.99
	144.99
Total 487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	
7401.00 · Electric Light	
7401120 · Superintendent	5,212.04
7402114 · Treasurer	1,288.36
7405300 · Secretary	2,230.20
7409300 · Rental Expense	104.32
7442141 · Office Manager	3,892.80
7442142 · Administrative Assistant	2,493.65
7442143 · Lineman	8,600.03
7442210 · Office Supplies	1,211.34
7442220 · Electrical Materials & Supplies	1,568.86
7442231 · Gasoline & Oil	233.40
7442260 · Minor Equipment	166.24
7442321 · Telephone	216.85
7442361 · AMP - Ohio	130,709.78
7442372 · Technology/Computer Expenses	4,650.00
7442374 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	187.00
	162,764.87
Total 7401.00 · Electric Light	
Total Expense	162,909.86
Net Ordinary Income	208,171.22
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	1,035.61
	1,035.61
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: \$343,297.65

Borough of St. Clair
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2023

Apr 30, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

100.10 · Elec. Lgt. Sales Tax- Mid Penn	15,057.39
100.12 · PLGIT - Elec Light Deposit Acct	12,238.87
100.121 · PLGIT PRIME - Elec. Light Dep.	31,608.57
100.13 · PLGIT - Elect Lgt Capital Rsrv	13,579.86
100.131 · PLGIT PRIME-Elec.Light Cap Res	237,363.10
100.14 · PLGIT - Electric Light Fund	330,955.83
100.15 · PLGIT - FIRE INS ESCROW ACCT	35,293.90
100.16 · PLGIT - General Fund	62,788.60
100.17 · PLGIT - General Fund Cap Reserv	13,625.82
100.171 · PLGIT PRIME-Gen. Fund Cap. ...	279,759.56
100.18 · PLGIT - HD Land Devel Escrow	17,138.44
100.19 · PLGIT - Highway Aid Fund	44.57
100.191 · PLGIT PRIME - Highway Aid Fu...	97,355.53
100.20 · Elec. Light Chk. (Mid Penn)	12,301.82
100.21 · PLGIT - Home Program	142.98
100.22 · PLGIT - Recreation Grant Fund	14,818.42
100.221 · PLGIT PRIME - Recreation Grant	170.47
100.23 · PLGIT - Sinking Fund	73,204.11
100.231 · PLGIT PRIME - Sinking Fund	112,254.11
100.24 · PLGIT - Street Opening Permit	19,560.16
100.241 · PLGIT PRIME - Street Opening	45,335.62
100.30 · Gen. Fund Chk. (Mid Penn)	12,619.85
100.40 · PLGIT-Bridge Construction Fund	10,111.81
100.401 · PLGIT PRIME - Bridge Cons. Fu...	96,621.08
100.50 · PLGIT - Demolition Fund	7,961.63
100.501 · PLGIT PRIME - Demolition Fund	216,701.33
100.90 · PLGIT - Building Permit Fund	7,949.12
105.10 · PLGIT - Payroll Fund	217.76
105.20 · PLGIT - Withholding Account	144.69
110 · Petty Cash	500.00
110.10 · Petty Cash - General Fund	200.00
110.20 · Petty Cash - Swimming Pool - GF	100.00

Total Checking/Savings	1,777,725.00
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Tax Collector's Remittance to Taxing Districts
WILLIAM UMBENHAUR - 2023 - SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH
 For 05/01/2023 thru 05/15/2023
 Date Created 05/17/2023
SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH Taxing District

		Municipality	Borough Per Capita	Borough Occupation	Other
A. Collections					
1.	Balance Collectable - Beginning of Month	42535.16	4335.00	1820.70	
2A.	Additions: During the Month (*)				
2B.	Deductions: Credits During the Month - (from line 17)				
3.	Total Collectable	42535.16	4335.00	1820.70	
4.	Less: Face Collections for the Month	1359.68	70.00	18.90	
5.	Less: Deletions/Exemptions from the List (*)			10.50	
6.	Less: Exonerations (*)		35.00	14.70	
7.	Less: Liens/Non-Lienable/Installments (*)				
8.	Balance collectable - End of Month	41175.48	4230.00	1776.60	
B. Reconciliation of Cash Collected					
9.	Face Amount of Collections - (must agree with line 4+7)	1359.68	70.00	18.90	
10.	Plus: Penalties				
11.	Less: Discounts				
12.	Total Cash Collected per Column	1359.68	70.00	18.90	
13.	Total Cash Collected - (12A + 12B + 12C + 12D)				1448.58

(*) 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 # 1448.58

16. Total Remitted This Month 1448.58

17. List, Other Credit Adjustments (*)

Parcel / PerCapita #	Name	Amount
Total		0.00

18. Interest Earnings (if applicable) \$ _____

TAXING DISTRICT USE (OPTIONAL)

William Unkenbauer Tax Collector 5-17-2023 Date

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

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
DISPATCH: 570-429-2240 FAX: 570-429-3050

POLICE REPORT: 05/01/2023-06/01/2023

TOTAL CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE 330

TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS	123
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS	104
TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS	14
TOTAL PARKING TICKETS	6

Traffic Enforcement Grants:

Our agency received \$1,753.00 in federal funding for traffic enforcement activities. This amount resulted in 42 hours of reimbursed police coverage; the grant period occurred between May 15th and June 4th, 2023.

Departmental Training:

The following officers attended training during May 2023:

Shaun Wiest:

Field Training Officer Certification (Penn State University)

Internet and Social Media Investigations (Northeast Counter Drug Center)

Chief Dempsey:

Police Executive Leadership Certification (Penn State University)

Strategic Intelligence Analysis (National White Collar Crime Center)

Department Notes:

- Officers have started doing foot patrols throughout the community.
- Residents are encouraged to complete Vacation Watch forms while traveling this summer.
- We plan to start bicycle patrols throughout the community in the coming weeks.
- Residents are reminded to follow laws related to parking. We have received several complaints about illegal parking and plan to increase enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Dempsey
Chief of Police

Borough of St. Clair
Zoning Officer's Report
May 2023

Application	Application Date	Description	Status	Special Notes
Zoning Violation	5/1/2023	Farm conditions in R2	Violation notification in process	Meeting held with solicitor
Zoning Permit	5/5/2023	Cell Tower	Permit Issued	
Zoning Violations	5/2/2023	Amvets Clean-up	In Process	Requested Clean-Up Time-Line in writing
Zoning Permit	5/3/2023	Home Addition	Pending	
Zoning Permit	5/5/2023	Cell Tower Modifications	Pending Drawing Submission	Drawing submission Requested
Zoning Violations	5/9/2023	Amvets Clean-up	Pending	Obtained Time Line Meet Owner
Zoning Permit	5/10/2023	Advanced Auto	Settled	
Zoning Permits	5/15/2023	Fence, Home Occupation & Shed	In Process	Result of Complaint by Neighbors
Zoning Permit	5/17/2023	Driveway	In Process	New
Zoning Permit	5/25/2023	Porch Re-build	In Process	Insure Re-built to Same Dimensions
Zoning Meeting	5/30/2023	Farm Meeting W/ Solicitor	Violation Decision	
Zoning Permit	5/30/2023	Fence	Pending	New

Saint Clair Fire Department
Fire Alarm Report
May 2023

May-09 STILL ALARM 03:25 hours 1108 West Arch St. Pottsville for a house fire w/entrapment. Alert/Columbia,Deputy Skrobak responded along with the rest of the second alarm companies. The tower was redirected to the Humane Fire Company as was Port Carbon Fire Company to be on stand-by for City of Pottsville. Members were in service for 1 hour. (FSB68) In service 60 minutes.

May-09 STILL ALARM 11:06 hours 15 Dodd St. East Norwegian Township for an automatic fire alarm. Alert/Columbia,Deputy Skrobak,Port Carbon, and Cumbola Fire Company responded. SCCC called and reported burnt food and for all units to recall. (AFA08) In service 15 minutes.

May-10 STILL ALARM 20:24 hours 500 Terry Rich Blvd. (Wal-Mart) for a hazardous condition inside the store. An employee was stocking a shelf with a *chlorinating liquid* when the shelf collapsed and ruptured 3 one gallon containers. Alert/Columbia,West End, Good Intent of Pottsville and Deputy Skrobak responded. The area of the spill was cleaned up by store personnel and several employees were evaluated by Schuylkill EMS and released.Members did air monitoring and ventilated the area until all was clear. (ODO62) In service 90 minutes.

May-10 GENERAL ALARM 22:48 hours 48 Tunnel Rd. East Norwegian Township for an automatic fire alarm. All companies and chiefs responded. Members found a problem with the boiler and notified a key holder who contacted their plumber who came out and shut off the boiler. The fire alarm panel still would not reset, members found a breaker tripped for the dry sprinkler system air compressor. Members advised SCCC that the alarm isn't reset to make it a chief call until problem is repaired. (AFA08) In service 3 hours 15 minutes.

May-12 CHIEF CALL 15:06 hours Broad St. and Wade Rd. New Castle Township for a chief request for and illegal burning above the cemetery. All chiefs responded and extinguished a small rubbish fire. (RBF17) In service 30 minutes.

May-14 STILL ALARM 13:36 hours 101 Firemen's Rd. West Mahanoy Township for a brush fire. Rescue Hook & Ladder requested for the UTV to respond to assist other units with a brush fire. (BF36) In service 7 hours.

May-14 STILL ALARM 14:28 hours 217 Green St. West Mahanoy Township for a brush fire. West End Fire, Phoenix, and Asst. Johns responded with the brush trucks. Members worked on the fire line and protected homes in that area. (BF36) In service 6 hours.

May-14 STILL ALARM 15:00 hours 50 Replier Rd. New Castle Township for an ATV accident. Alert/Columbia,Rescue, and Deputy Skrobak responded. Members assisted EMS with patient care. (ORR17) In service 50 minutes.

May-14 STILL ALARM 18:30 hours Brown St. & 5th Street East Norwegian Township for a brush fire. Alert/Columbia, and Deputy Skrobak responded. Members extinguished a small brush fire in the area of the Amvets. (BF08) In service 30 minutes.

May-15 STILL ALARM 17:49 hours 335 Cherry St. for a brush fire. Phoenix, West End, and all chiefs responded. Members used one hose line to extinguish the fire. (BF62) In service 40 minutes.

May-16 CHIEF CALL 01:45 hours 45 South Second St. for a smoke investigation. Chief Uhrin, Skrobak, and SCPD responded. Members found illegal burning of building materials in the rear yard of 4 East Lawton St. he was told to extinguish the fire. Police warned if it happens again, a citation will be issued. (CHF62) In service 30 minutes.

May-16 STILL ALARM 14:32 hours 516 Mountain Road Delano Rush Township for a brush fire. Saint Clair Forest Fire Crew responded with manpower to assist other crews on scene of a large brush fire. Members operated for 5.5 hours with 7 personnel. (BF25) In service 5.5 hours.

May-17 STILL ALARM 17:04 hours 1015 Drift Road Towamensing Township Carbon County for a brush fire. Saint Clair Forest Fire Crew responded. Members assisted other units with extinguishing a brush fire that damaged a structure. Members operated with 8 personnel for 5 hours. (BFCC) In service 5 hours.

May-19 GENERAL ALARM 14:43 hours (BOX 311) 25 North Nicholas St. (*Neumans Apartments*) for an automatic fire alarm. All companies dispatched, Chief Uhrin arrived and investigated and held the call to Alert/Columbia, and Rescue. Maintenance is working on finding the problem. (AFA62) In service 45 minutes.

May-19 GENERAL ALARM 17:02 hours (BOX 311) 25 North Nicholas St. (*Neumans Apartments*) for an automatic fire alarm. All companies and Deputy Skrobak responded. Members checked the entire building, and no problem was found. Maintenance checked the system and is trying to find why the alarm activated. (AFA62) In service 40 minutes.

May-20 GENERAL ALARM 06:56 hours (BOX 311) 25 North Nicholas St. (*Neumans Apartments*) for an automatic fire alarm. All companies and Chiefs responded. Members checked the entire building and found a faulty detector in the community room on the first floor, maintenance put the system to test while he made temporary repairs. Companies were placed available, and the chiefs remained on scene while repairs were made. (AFA62) In service 2 hours.

May-23 CHIEF CALL 20:58 hours 5 North Price St. for an unknown type alarm sounding. Chief Uhrin and Johns were contacted while flushing the hydrant at Price & Carroll Sts. By the person living in 7 North Price St. The chiefs found the alarm in a garbage can on the D side of the home and removed the batteries and left the unit on the front porch. (AFA62) In service 20 minutes.

May-25 STILL ALARM 05:31 hours East Mt. Laffee Road and Peach Mt. New Castle Township for a tree down blocking one lane. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded. Units were placed available before arriving on scene. (TD17) In service 20 minutes.

May-26 CHIEF CALL 11:11 hours 321 Chestnut St. New Castle Township for a structure investigation. Deputy Skrobak responded and met with township worker to examine the property. The rubber roof covering was coming off. (CHF17) In service 30 minutes.

May-26 STILL ALARM 16:00 hours 384 Pottsville / St. Clair Highway (Aldi's) for a mulch fire. Phoenix, West End, SCPD, Chief Uhrin and Johns responded. Asst. Johns arrived and cancelled the fire units SCPD used an extinguisher on the mulch. Chiefs raked and soaked the area with water. (BF08) In service 30 minutes.

May-26 CHIEF CALL 18:46 hours 421 East Hancock St. for an unknown type alarm. People from John Siney Park heard an alarm and told a resident to call 911. Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded, chiefs found the alarm to be coming from 522 East Hancock St. Chiefs checked around the house and found smoke from a second-floor window and upgraded the alarm. (CHF62) In service 1 hour 15 minutes.

May-26 STILL ALARM 18:56 hours 522 East Hancock St. for a structure fire. Members forced entry into 522 East Hancock St. and found a pet container on fire. Members extinguished the fire with a water extinguisher, removed the pets from the home and ventilated all 3 floors and the basement. The neighbors took the pets to care for them. Members also ventilated the other half of the duplex; smoke was on all 3 floors of that home also. Fire Chief spoke with the owner and asked them to contact him when they arrive home. The fire department secured the home and went available. (RSF62) In service 1 hour.

May-27 STILL ALARM 16:50 hours 1550 Burma Rd. Blythe Township for a brush fire. Alert/Columbia, Phoenix, West End, Good Will, Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members extinguished approx. 1 acre of grass and brush. (BF02) In service 90 minutes.

May-28 STILL ALARM 14:05 hours 2 East Darkwater Rd. New Castle Township for a brush fire. Phoenix, West End Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members extinguished an area 25'x100' of moss and grass. (BF17) In service 1 hour.

May-28 STILL ALARM 19:03 hours 2 East Dark Water Rd. New Castle Township for a brush fire. Phoenix, West End, DCNR, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded, members extinguished an area 200'x 200' on top of the mountain. (BF17) In service 3 hours.

May-29 STILL ALARM 14:35 hours 1 East Dark Water Rd. for a brush fire. Phoenix, West End, Alert/Columbia, DCNR, Asst. Johns responded, Members extinguished an area 75'x125' of grass and a large tire. (BF17) In service 150 minutes.

May-29 STILL ALARM 16:09 hours 500 Terry Rich Blvd. (*Wal-Mart*) for an automatic fire alarm. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded. Members found it to be in the garden center. Members contacted the alarm company to try and reset the alarm. The store manager gave me store information for the alarm company that still didn't work. The garden center sprinklers were taken offline. The manager put in an emergency work order to have it repaired. No time frame given as to when corporate would have a company out to do repairs. (AFA62) In service 50 minutes.

May-30 STILL ALARM 09:43 hours 1 East Dark Water Rd. for a brush fire. West End, Alert/Columbia, and Deputy Skrobak responded. Members extinguished a brush fire in the area of the previous fire. 75'x75'. (BF17) In service 1 hour.

May-30 STILL ALARM 12:29 hours 1 East Dark Water Rd. for a brush fire. West End, Alert/Columbia, and Chief Uhrin responded. Members extinguished an area of brush at the rock climb approx. 50'x50'. (BF17) In service 2 hours.

May-30 STILL ALARM 15:17 hours 217 Green St. for a fire stand-by. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded. Members were on stand-by while Altmont assisted at a structure fire in Ashland. (FSB36) In service 1 hour.

May-31 STILL ALARM 06:27 hours 417 Dock St. Schuylkill Haven for a fire stand-by. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded with an engine and tower to cover the borough. (FSB63) In service 2 hours.

Fire Hydrants that need repairs
2023 list

June 1, 2023

Morris & Hancock St.s (can't open) OUT OF SERVICE

Mill & Railroad St.s (can't open) OUT OF SERVICE

Front & Hancock St.s (won't take grease)

Morris & Railroad St.s (nut on top to open loose)

Arnot & Pine St.s (not draining)

Cherry & Pine St.s (not draining)

Wade & Pine St.s (not draining)

Frank Uhrin Fire Chief

Saint Clair Fire Department

16 SOUTH 3RD ST.
SAINT CLAIR, PA 17970

May 25, 2023

Saint Clair Borough Council
16 South Third St.
Saint Clair, PA 17970

RE: Retired Police Vehicles

Dear Council,

It has come to our attention that one or more of the current St. Clair Police vehicles may be in the process of being replaced and we would like to inquire about the possibility of the Saint Clair Fire Dept. obtaining one of the vehicles for use by our chiefs as a Command/Duty Officer vehicle.

Our fire department has become increasingly busy, not only with fire and emergency calls but also inspections and community service work and our coverage area has expanded to nearly the largest and diverse coverage areas in the county.

The chiefs primarily use their own vehicles and incur the costs of fuel and use of their own vehicles for these emergency and community service calls, which does add up over several years of our terms. We do carry our own fire equipment such as air packs, tools, reference material, reports, mapping and our turn out gear/PPE in our vehicles. This becomes an issue when using our own vehicles for personal use such as family events, and general use with taking it out and putting it back in constantly.

The chiefs also incur the costs of purchasing emergency lighting and siren systems for our vehicles for use when responding to emergency incidents and while working in hazardous locations such as highways.

With the acquisition of a Command/Duty Officer vehicle, we would be able to keep all necessary items within one vehicle and use it on emergency calls when necessary. A retired police vehicle would be perfect for that use. The emergency lighting could stay in the vehicle with the replacement of the blue lights and each chief has a radio that can be utilized when on duty. The fire department would order and install the necessary markings and remove references to "Police" and no repainting of the vehicle would be necessary.

The vehicle would be available for use by a duty chief (One of the chiefs that remains available for calls for a period of time) and would remain within our coverage area at all times with the exception of mutual aid incidents. General maintenance of the vehicle could be covered by the fire dept. since it would incur significantly lower mileage than what is used by a police vehicle on patrol.

The acquisition of such a vehicle would help us tremendously in our emergency and daily operations and the use of a retired police vehicle would be financially beneficial in such an endeavor. Please consider this request and present any concerns or discussion on this matter.

Thank You.

Frank Uhrin, Chief, SCFD

Thomas M. Johns, Asst. Chief., SCFD

Carl Skroback, Deputy Chief, SCFD

FIRE DISTRICT 62
SAINT CLAIR FIRE

Saint Clair Fire Department

June 1 , 2023

Alert Fire Company #1

A Purchase Order is needed for the Tower Ladder for service. The service will be done through Fire Apparatus Service.

A price quote will be sent from Fire Apparatus Service.

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

16 South Third Street
St Clair, PA 17970

PHONE: 570-429-0640

Fax: 570-429-2829

June 6, 2023

TOTAL COMPLAINTS – 28

RENTAL INSPECTIONS – 6

Respectfully,

Michelle D. Brestowski

Code Enforcement Officer



SCHUYLKILL COMMUNITY ACTION

225 NORTH CENTRE STREET
POTTSVILLE, PA 17901
(570) 622-1995
FAX: (570) 622-0429
www.schuylkillcommunityaction.com

05/31/2023

To whom it may concern:

The Saint Clair Area Food Pantry is moving its drive thru in August. Our new location will be the First Primitive Methodist Church, 115 N. Mill St., St. Clair PA 17970. We changed the day of the month and the time of distribution as well. The new day will be the third Wednesday of the even months and the time for the drive thru will be 10:30-11:30. Our clients tend to show up early so we serve them as soon as we can to lessen congestion.

If possible, we would like to stop traffic from entering Mill St. from Hancock on pantry morning from 8-9am to Noon. This method has worked well in other parts of the county where drive thru operations are conducted.

We are open to suggestions on designing the pantry in the safest way for volunteers, drivers, walkers, neighbors etc. I am happy to discuss the details with Saint Clair officials anytime at 570-294-2745.

Thanks very much!
Jason

Jason Schally, M.Ed.
Schuylkill Community Action Food Network Coordinator

St. Clair Area Food Pantry 2023 Schedule



Location: First Primitive Methodist Church,
115 N Mill St, St Clair, PA 17970

Area Served: St. Clair, New Castle Township, Arnots Addition,
Mill Creek and Dieners Hill

Distribution Schedule: Even Months, third Wednesday, 10:30-11:30

The food pantry is moving in August

NEW LOCATION: First Primitive Methodist
Church, 115 N. Mill St., St. Clair PA 17970

NEW DAY: 3rd Wednesday of even months

NEW TIME: 10:30-11:30

Please travel South on Mill Street with the
church on your left for the drive-thru. Thanks!

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ALERT/COLUMBIA FIRE CO.
34 SOUTH 2ND ST
ST. CLAIR, PA



To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Alert Fire Company I am writing to request permission to have a boot drive in town on Saturday, June 24th. All members participating in the boot drive will wear appropriate reflective/safety gear as well as setting up cones on the street. If this date is not okay we are flexible to move the date as needed. Any questions/Concerns please feel free to reach out.

Thank you

-Mandy Bower, Treasurer

Alertfire6211@gmail.com

570-294-6992