

HOME PUBLIC HEARING

August 31, 2023

A special public hearing of the St. Clair Borough Council was held on Thursday, August 31, 2023, in Council Chambers, St. Clair Borough Municipal Building, 16 S. Third Street, St. Clair, PA.

The hearing began at 6:00 p.m.

President Dempsey called to order the Public Hearing.

President Dempsey read the following Opening Statement.

Tonight's hearing is on a proposal to submit a HOME Investment Partnership program application to the state Department of Community and Economic Development. This grant is for \$500,000 and will be used to assist 10-14 homeowners make code-related improvements to their homes and address the threat of Lead-Based Paint Hazards. The Borough recently completed a previous grant for the same work, which assisted 12 homeowners.

The program is available to all homeowners in the borough with incomes at or below 80% of median family income which for 2023 is not all that low. A household of 2 can make up to \$51,000.

We do not have to target the funds to a specific neighborhood as we had in the past. We will however, try to prioritize elderly, low-income residents. We have sent information to all the Borough's homeowners and any "word of mouth" about the program would be appreciated. We would like to show there is a substantial waiting list in the application.

If awarded the grant, the Borough will contact with a third-party to do intake and inspections for each participating homeowner. This service will include the Risk Assessment and Lead-based paint testing and Radon testing as required under this program.

President Dempsey also mentioned there is a list of 27 homeowners for the upcoming HOME Program.

Administrative Assistant to the Borough Secretary, Barbara Artz, read the following Borough Secretary's Office Statement.

This is the sixth round of funding the Borough of St. Clair is applying for. We have received over 2.5 million dollars so far. Numerous houses have been rehabilitated for elderly and low-income residents of St. Clair. This is the first line of defense in fighting blight by providing funds to assist in repairing properties and by preventing further deterioration of properties.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Council President Dempsey closed the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

Roland Price

Borough Secretary

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**August 31, 2023**

The Special Council Meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held on Thursday, August 31, 2023, in Council Chambers, St. Clair Borough Municipal Building, 16 S. Third Street, St. Clair, PA.

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m.

President Dempsey called to order the Special Council Meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to authorize the submission of the HOME Investment Partnership program application to the state Department of Community and Economic Development.

Roll Call

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

Also present included Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Electric Light Superintendent Bob Petrozino and Barbara Artz.

Pledge of Allegiance

Councilperson Joann Brennan read the Council Prayer.

A motion was made by T. Dempsey, seconded by C. Dempsey, to authorize the submission of the HOME Investment Partnership program application to the state Department of Community and Economic Development, approved.

A motion was made by T. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas to adjourn the Special Council Meeting and begin the monthly Work Session, approved.

**Roland Price
Borough Secretary**