

November 9, 2023 Agenda

November 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 meeting 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 are urged to be aware of telephone scams over the upcoming holiday season. Do not give any personal financial information over the telephone when called. Recent reports of calls pertaining to unpaid Amazon Prime bills are numerous. When called with such propositions – hang up!
2. With the Holiday Season upon us, drivers are reminded to use designated drivers if they plan to celebrate with alcoholic drinks.
3. Congratulations are extended to Jude Dempsey, son of Chief of Police William Dempsey, on the completion of his Eagle Scout Project. Jude created a Rock Garden and Veteran's memorial behind the Third Street playground in the Borough of St. Clair. The projects primary goal was to honor and show appreciation for our local veterans by establishing a serene and meaningful space that incorporated flags representing all branches of the military, the American Flag, and Prisoner of War Flag. The project centerpiece features the arrangement of rocks in the shape of the letters "S" and "C" symbolizing St. Clair. The Rock Garden and Veterans Memorial provides a place for community members to reflect and pay their respects.

Historical Note

The first monument to veterans in St. Clair was proposed by the St. Clair Monument Association after the conclusion of the Civil War. The monument was procured at a cost of \$2,600. It was erected in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, and dedicated on Thanksgiving Day in 1874.

During the Civil War, Pennsylvania furnished the greatest quota of soldiers in all of the United States of America. Schuylkill County provided

the largest per capita number of soldiers in Pennsylvania; and St. Clair responded with the highest percentage of soldiers in Schuylkill County.

Solicitor's Report

- Discuss police negotiations.
- Discuss Chief of Police negotiations.
- Adopt Dumpster Ordinance.
- Discuss the Customer Owned Electric Generation Ordinance and the amended #446 Ordinance.
- Update on conservatorships.
- Discuss the purchase of 115 E. Hancock Street.
- Request an executive session for personnel issues and pending litigation.

Engineer's Report

- 2023 Crack Sealing
 - We recommend Council approve the contractor's first and Final Application for Payment in the amount of \$22,312.50 (875 gals at \$25.50 per gallon).
- Grant Opportunities
 - Council should consider adopting a resolution to apply for LSA funding to purchase an electric bucket truck.
 - Council should consider adopting a resolution to apply for LSA funding on behalf of the St. Clair Fire Department to construct an addition to the firehouse.
 - Council may wish to consider appropriating additional matching grant funds (dollar-for-dollar) to the Little League project before the rebid.

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report

Electric Light Department – request an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to September 30, 2023
Real Estate - \$560.82

Per Capita -	\$38.50
Occupational -	\$9.24
TOTAL -	\$608.56

Submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS

The Borough received a letter from DCNR on October 5, 2023 stating that the borough received a grant award of \$77,500 for development of the John Siney Park. The letter is attached to the reports.

The Saint Clair Community and Historical Society is planning a Tour of Churches on December 28, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. They are requesting fire police or Borough Policemen on the corner of Mill and Hancock Street during the hours of the tour.

The St. Clair Women's Club and the Rescue Hook & Ladder Fire Co. is requesting the use of Boone Park, the area around the Municipal Bldg., and a portion of 3rd St. for the Annual Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. There will be food trucks and stands, trolley rides, and vendors in and around the gazebo on 3rd St.

The DaLinda Dancers will perform in the Gazebo @ 5:00
Santa Claus will arrive @ 5:30
The Trolley will drive through the town and make stops @ the Kelsey Theater and St. Clare of Assisi Church to view the Living Nativity.

The Women's Club appreciates all the help and support the borough has shown to us throughout the years and we thank you for it.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Michele Price
St. Clair Women's Club

Dear Borough Council,

We, the Civil Service Commission, have completed testing the applicant for promotion to Sergeant.

The applicant, Brad Blanner, successfully passed the written examination for first line supervisors and an oral examination.

This completes the Civil Service Commission's duties in this matter. We thank you for the opportunity to serve St. Clair Borough.

Respectfully,
Paul Shandor
Secretary
Civil Service Commission

William Sutzko
Chairperson

Anthony Klazas
Vice President

Old Business

Accept a motion to pay \$22,312.50 (875 gals at \$25.50 per gallon) for crack sealing to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC.

Accept a motion to approve the Police contract.

Accept a motion to approve the contract for Police Chief.

Accept a motion to adopt the Dumpster Ordinance.

Accept a motion to purchase 115 E. Hancock Street.

Accept a motion to adopt a resolution to apply for LSA funding to purchase an electric bucket truck.

Accept a motion to adopt a resolution to apply for LSA funding on behalf of the St. Clair Fire Department to construct an addition to the firehouse.

Accept a motion to appropriate additional matching grant funds (dollar-for-dollar) to the Little League project before the rebid.

Accept a motion to promote Acting Sergeant Brad Blanner to Sergeant of the St. Clair Borough Police Department.

Accept a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to amend Ordinance # 446 concerning customer owned generation.

Accept a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare an ordinance concerning the technical aspects of the Customer Owned Generation Ordinance.

New Business

Accept a motion to approve the rate change of Street Department employee Nicholas Vazquez to \$21.26.

Accept a motion to accept the resignation of Street Department employee Mario Vazquez on November 2, 2023.

Accept a motion to hire Derek Kreider as a part time employee of the Street Department as of October 10, 2023 at a rate of \$18.07.

Accept a motion to hire Nicholas Bell as a part time employee of the Street Department effective November 13, 2023 at a rate of \$18.07.

Accept a motion to approve the use of Boone Park, the area around the Municipal Building and a portion of Third Street for the Annual Christmas Festival by the St. Clair Women's Club and the Rescue Hook & Ladder Fire Department on Saturday, December 2 from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Accept a motion to approve the use of fire police and/or policemen on the corner of Mill and Hancock Streets on December 28 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. for the Tour of the Churches held by the Saint Clair Community and Historical Society.

Accept a motion to adopt the EPPG Resolution.

Executive Session.

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

Accept a motion to adjourn.