

February 6, 2024 Agenda

February Council Meeting

Call To Order

Roll Call

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for the Council Prayer and for a moment of silence for the late Councilman Thomas “Dinker” Adamchick.

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 reminded to be aware of telephone scams related to the IRS as it is income tax season. The IRS does not contact individuals by telephone.
2. This is the time of the year when many of our churches have fund raising activities such as Lenten dinners, breakfasts, food sales, etc. These fund raisers help to fund the operations of area churches. I ask that residents of St. Clair consider patronizing these endeavors to help us in maintaining the spiritual well-being of our community.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Catherine Leone Cheruka is a lifelong resident of the Borough of St Clair; and,

WHEREAS, Catherine Leone Cheruka is a member of St. Clare of Assisi R. C. Church and a former member of St. Mary’s R. C. Church; and,

WHEREAS, Catherine Leone Cheruka is the daughter of the late Paul and Assunta Leone who immigrated to the United States from Italy and established a grocery store in the Borough of St. Clair; and,

WHEREAS, Catherine Leone Cheruka attended St. Clair High School and later was the co-owner of various business enterprises in the Borough of St. Clair; and,

WHEREAS, Catherine Leone Cheruka is the mother of Dr. Joseph Cheruka and Mrs. Kathleen Glessner as well as the proud and loving grandmother to five grandchildren and one great grandchild; and,

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2024, Catherine Leone Cheruka celebrated the 100th anniversary of her birth on January 3, 1924;

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Richard E. Tomko, on this the 5th day of January, 2024, do proclaim that the month of February 2024 be “Catherine Leone Cheruka Month” in the Borough of St. Clair.

Historical Note

The late Rose Leone Zamaria, younger sister of Catherine Leone Cheruka, was one of our native-born citizens whose career was among the most illustrious in the annals of the history of St. Clair.

Rose was born in October of 1925 in the Borough of St. Clair. Graduating from St. Clair High School in 1943 as Salutatorian of her class, she took the federal Civil Service Examination and after graduation began her career in Washington, D.C.

She served on Capitol Hill for 27 years as Administrative Assistant to Congressmen Albert Thomas, George Herbert Walker Bush, Bill Archer, Shirley Pettis, and Albert Quie.

In 1973, she left Capitol Hill to join George H. W. Bush when he became Chairman of the Republican National Committee, where she served as Director of Administration; the first woman to hold that position.

In 1983, Mrs. Zamaria was appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to the Advisory Council on Social Security.

When George H. W. Bush was elected President in 1988, Rose came out of retirement to become a Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of White House Operations.

After President Bush left office, Rose moved to Houston, Texas to become the Chief of Staff to former President Bush. She served as a member of the George Bush Library Advisory Council until her death.

She is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Solicitor's Report

- Update on conservatorships.
- Request an executive session for personnel issues and pending litigation.

Engineer's Report

1. LSA Grant, Garbage Truck – Council should authorize the signing of the purchase order for the garbage truck, if not already done so.
2. Potential Grant Opportunities – Council may wish to apply for new grant opportunities for various projects.

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report – No report.

Electric Light Department

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to January 16, 2024

Real Estate -	\$11,878.18
Per Capita -	\$ 676.50
Occupational -	\$ 203.28
TOTAL -	\$12,757.96

Submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS

Dear Borough Council,

1/30/2024

The Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #3 is asking permission from the board to allow the Rescue Hook & Ladder Co #3 is having a 1999 GMC 3500 4x4 quad cab automatic diesel & walk-in rescue box being donated to the company. This vehicle will be utilized as a first due rescue truck for the borough of Saint Clair & surrounding communities that the company offers their services to. This donated unit will not only serve as the boroughs and surrounding communities designated rescue unit but will be primarily used in time of need for any offroad rescues that the company's UTV is requested on. We are only requesting that the borough council pays for the fuel of this newly acquired unit and private maintenance will be done through the company.

Thank you,
David Linkchorst – Captain 62-3

Dear Borough Fire Chief's,

1/30/2024

The Rescue Hook & Ladder Co. #3 is asking permission from the board to allow the Rescue Hook & Lader Co #3 to run a boot drive at the following location on the following date below.

- February 18th, 2024
 - Times: 0800hrs to 1700hrs
 - Location: 2nd St. directly in front of the borough police station
- Rain Date: February 25th, 2024
 - Times: 0800hrs to 1700hrs
 - Location: 2nd St. directly in front of the borough police station

Thank you,
David Linkchorst – Captain 62-3

Old Business

Accept a motion to accept the payment of \$5,500.00 for the sale of 307 E. Railroad Street from Matt Ward.

Accept a motion to set the commercial garbage fees according to the three-tier schedule and fees as follows:

Tier One – 1-3 bags \$32.00

Tier Two – 4-6 bags \$40.00

Tier Three – Recommend a dumpster.

Accept a motion to begin charging commercial garbage fees for the month of March 2024.

New Business

Accept a motion to exonerate tax collector, William Umbenhaur, from collecting the following taxes:

205 Delinquent Real Estate Accounts in the amount of \$18,227.22

545 Delinquent Per Capita Accounts in the amount of \$2,997.50

545 Delinquent Occupational Accounts in the amount of \$1,258.95,

and that these accounts be turned over to the appropriate collection agencies.

Accept a motion to hire Isaac Fedornak-Boyer as a part-time General Worker 1 for the Street and Sanitation Department effective 2/1/2024 at a rate of \$18.62 per hour.

Accept a motion to vote for either Vincent Alessi or William M. Dempsey to fill the vacancy on the Borough Council created by the passing of Councilman Thomas Adamchick to fulfil his term ending on the 1st Monday of 2026.

Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. #3 will be accepting the donation of a 1999 GMC 3500 4x4 quad cab automatic diesel and a walk-in rescue box.

Accept a motion to have Borough Council pay for the fuel of this newly acquired unit.

Accept a motion to authorize Rescue Hook and Ladder Co. #3 to run a boot drive on Sunday, February 18 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Second Street, in front of the Borough Police Station. The rain date will be Sunday, February 25, (same time and place).

Accept a motion to authorize the Recreation Committee to hold a 5K race in the Borough in August or September 2024 benefitting the St. Clair Pool expenses.

Accept a motion to appoint Councilwoman Judy Stednitz-Julian to the position of Pro Tem.

Accept a motion to consider authorizing, after consulting with the Borough Engineer, erecting a school crossing signal on Wade Road.

Accept a motion to authorize the purchase of a new folding and inserting machine, to replace the old machine, for the office in the amount of \$10,739.00.

Video streaming council meetings can be done with minimal cost, if council desires.

Discuss monitors.

Discuss Office Manager.

Discuss the sale of 601 Wade Road.

Executive Session.

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

Accept a motion to adjourn.