

ISSUES, REVIEW & FINANCE WORK SESSION

February 1, 2024

A special meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held to review issues and finance on Thursday, February 1, 2024 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

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

Others in attendance included Borough Secretary Roland Price, Street Department Superintendent Kevin Dempsey, Police Chief William Dempsey, Sergeant Brad Blanner, Barbara Artz, Joshua Sophy and Vaughn Vesay.

Stednitz-Julian announced preparations are being made to hold a 5K run to benefit the St. Clair Pool to help defray expenses for August or September and requested it be added on the agenda.

Council President T. Dempsey requested that a motion be made to add Judy Stednitz-Julian as Pro Tem to the February agenda.

Councilman Diehl asked if it was possible to live stream council meetings for those who cannot attend the meetings for various reasons. Also adding, it would provide an accurate record. Council discussed the issue.

Councilwoman Brennan explained a potential system to be used for commercial sanitation fees. A spreadsheet listing all the businesses within the borough was created. A three-tier classification system was discussed, consisting of Tier One - light garbage usage, Tier two - medium garbage usage and Tier three - dumpster recommended. Churches would not be charged. Discussion concerning discarding oil and liquids in the garbage was also mentioned. Keeping oil in designated containers could be a solution. Placing information in the monthly newsletter to remind residents of the garbage guidelines was requested. The use of recycling containers is solely used as recycling containers, and not garbage containers.

Councilman Diehl inquired about the vacant seat created after the passing of Councilman Thomas "Dinker" Adamchick. Klazas nominated William Dempsey. Diehl nominated Vincent Alessi. A replacement will be voted on at the February council meeting.

Cheryl Dempsey, along with President Dempsey, asked if all the work done by the Borough workers was submitted and paid for the Comcast project and if the check from Comcast for pole attachment was paid. An update will be provided at the February council meeting.

Secretary Roland Price presented the Secretary's Notes.

- Calculations were submitted to Mockenhaupt Benefits Group for Joe Leskin to begin receiving pension benefits.
- The John Siney Park grant contract has been signed. Another phone conference will be held at the end of February. The Borough Engineer can commence working on the project.
- The police radios from the Police Equipment Grant have been ordered.
- Feb 6 or 7 – Demolition of 146 N. Nichols Street will commence.
- 21 Pike Street was demolished on January 30.
- The Zoning Hearing Board will hold a hearing on Tuesday, February 20 at 7 p.m. to consider the Chaklos variance application.
- Code Officer Brestowski and I will be meeting with Attorney Brennan at the courthouse for the following hearings:
Monday, February 5 – 28 N. Nichols Street
Wednesday, February 7 – 6 S. Mill Street (Hinchey property)
- On Wednesday, January 31, the fourth meeting for the Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024 was held at Penn State University. Over 100 participants were in attendance, which included Chief Dempsey and myself. Four topics were selected after the last several meetings which were of most importance.
 1. Blight properties
 2. Power Outages
 3. Flooding
 4. Resource Availability & Capabilities (Volunteer Firemen & EMS Personnel)
 At the conclusion of the session, it was announced that another \$800,000 has been appropriated by the State Legislature to the county for demolition.
- The Statement of Financial Interest forms need to be filled out for fiscal year 2023. Please return them to Barb at your earliest convenience by May 1st.
- School Crossing Guard Ruth Kerns requested council consider communicating to PennDOT concerning erecting School Crossing Signals on Wade Road.
- Request an executive session to review personnel matters and potential litigation.

President Dempsey asked if there was any public comment.
No public comment.

Brennan asked about the comp time being earned by the borough employees, and an explanation of time used, and a total amount will be provided.

Crossing Guard Ruth Kerns expressed concern at her post on Wade Road. She asked if a letter could be sent to PennDOT requesting new signage to raise awareness of the bus stop and children crossing the road. It will be added to the agenda.

Council member Cheryl Dempsey questioned if we could install new poles since we have the equipment, alleviating the cost incurred in the recent past.

Council thanked Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey, Derek and Todd for fabricating a piece for the broken garbage truck, saving the Borough \$20,000.

The executive session began at 7:25 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The executive session adjourned.

President Dempsey proposed creating an ice-skating rink at the Third Street playground. Secretary Price informed council that our insurance will not cover ice-skating rinks. Also, funding is provided by the Department of Natural Resources. In the contract it specifically states ice skating rinks are prohibited due to the likely hood of potential litigation.

Diehl proposed for the recreation committee to consider a New Year's Eve Celebration within the Borough. Cheryl Dempsey mentioned a craft show as another idea. Mayor Tomko added that a classic car show will tentatively take place on June 1 at the St. Clair School Stadium.

The council meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

**Roland Price
Borough Secretary**

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

February 6, 2024

The February monthly Council Meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, in Council Chambers, St. Clair Borough Municipal Building, 16 S. Third Street, St. Clair. The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Council President Thomas Dempsey called to order the February 2024 monthly council meeting.

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

Also, present included Solicitor Edward Brennan, Engineer Brian Baldwin, Borough Secretary Roland Price, Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Electric Light Superintendent Bob Petrozino, Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey, Police Chief William Dempsey, Patrolman Christopher Wallace, Fire Chief Frank Uhrin, Code Enforcement Officer Michelle Brestowski, Zoning Officer Greg Stednitz, Barbara Artz, Bob Hoffman, Erin Hoffman, Blake Herndan, Dave Linkchorst, Mike Boyer, Vince Wentzel, Michaela Chiao, Vaghn Visay, Madison Munley, Erin Portland, Adrian Portland, William Dempsey, Greg Sagan, Nicholas Sagan, Justin Cappel, and Robert Nolan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council member Joann Brennan read the council prayer and everyone remained standing in a moment of silence for the late Councilman Thomas "Dinker" Adamchick.

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

Vaghn Visay asked for permission to live stream the council meeting. Solicitor Brennan acknowledged Mr. Visay and allowed the live streaming.

MAYOR'S REPORT

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Mayor Tomko thanked Councilman Norm Diehl for bringing his attention to Mrs. Cheruka's 100th birthday.

Mayor Tomko also acknowledged the unexpected passing of Councilman Thomas "Dinker" Adamchick and read a heartfelt composition written by Mayor Tomko.

At this time – I deem it important to say a few words about Thomas "Dinker" Adamchick whose unexpected passing last month ended a career of over 50 years serving the people of St. Clair as a Borough Employee and as a Councilman and left a void in our lives that only time can heal.

His dedication to his duties and devotion to the Borough of St. Clair was apparent to all of our residents during every day of his service.

His personal attributes of friendliness, helpfulness, and respect for others were so emblematic of the people of our town.

His love and pride for his family – Kathy and Susan – was evident to all of his friends and co-workers.

He was a "town character" who displayed all that is so uniquely representative of small-town America and he left us with memories that will last a lifetime.

He was a "pal" to all, a good friend to many and a blessing to his family and to our town.

As a Borough employee he will remain a model for future employees to emulate and as a Councilman – his first obligation was to the people of our Borough.

He was never small-minded or self-important and his only concern was the welfare of our citizens. He possessed an institutional knowledge of our Borough, and he certainly will be missed.

I was blessed to have known Dinker as a friend and neighbor and to have worked alongside him for many years in the execution of our duties to this Borough.

My prayer – now that Dinker’s earthly afflictions are over – is that he rests in peace – knowing he made a difference – a difference by making so many contributions to the welfare of others and by extending what Shakespeare called “the milk of human kindness” to all he encountered.

On a motion made by Klazas, seconded by C. Dempsey, the report was approved.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Solicitor Brennan updated council on the conservatorship program.

146 N. Nicholas Street – This structure is currently being demolished.

28 N. Nicholas Street – The Borough was appointed conservator and approved demolition of this property. It may take up to a year to complete this process.

6 S. Mill Street – A hearing will be held 2/7/24. The goal is for the Borough to be named conservator of this property and then to have it demolished.

214 S. Third Street – A hearing is tentatively set for March 1st.

An executive session was requested to discuss the selling price of several conservatorship properties.

He added there is a great deal of interest in the Panko estate which is on Lawton Street and some property in East Norwegian Township. The families agreed to replace Judge Burke with Attorney Brennan to settle the Panko estate, but he will have to petition the court to be appointed. Going forward, if anyone is interested in the estate, please direct them to Attorney Brennan.

The Amusement and Solar Ordinances are being worked on.

On a motion made by Brennan, seconded by Stednitz-Julian, the report was approved.

ENGINEER’S REPORT

Engineer Baldwin stated we should have a new garbage truck by summer.

Electric Light Superintendent asked Baldwin if he can assist him in getting the “As Built.” Baldwin assured Petrozino they were not forgotten about and will get them to him.

Diehl asked about the RCAP Grant. Baldwin said the grant requires a 50% match, possibly with physical assets and legislative assistance. We are not capable at this time.

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Superintendent Kevin Dempsey noted that Street Department employees Derek Kreider and Todd Geiger helped in fabricating a piece for the garbage truck that was broke, resulting in cost savings of \$21,000. Council thanked Dempsey for saving the Borough that money.

He added the flooding issue at the Borough Hall was resolved by milling the road behind the building and adding a medium bump, redirecting the water away from the building and into the parking lot.

On a motion made by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by C. Dempsey, the report was unanimously approved.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT REPORT

C. Dempsey questioned the invoice for \$2875.00 for Wright Electric and why we are not installing our poles. Superintendent Petrozino explained that Wright Electric did the repair to a switch arm at the Coal Creek Plaza live. Whereas we would have had to take down that whole plaza to repair. Electric Light Superintendent explained that we can only do secondary poles. We don't have the capability or the experience. The newest lineman will be attending CDL Class soon. Petrozino also thanked council for approving the 3 poles installed by Wright Electric. The poles were in terrible shape and were a safety hazard.

Comcast reimbursements were discussed. All of our employee's time and hardware was submitted for reimbursement.

Padfield installed the final stage of the heated pavement in front of Borough Hall.

Discussion concerning the overdue garbage bills ensued. The Borough went from excess of \$40,000 down to \$6,000 in overdue bills. Petrozino explained to council the process of collecting late bills for the Electric Light Department starting with receiving a bill, getting a 10-day overdue red letter, a 48-hour shut off notice and typically in the winter, a final notice. The electric bill also contains the garbage bills. Attorney Brennan said there needs to be a policy in place as to how credit is applied to a customer's account. Petrozino also added, customers are also directed to programs for assistance in paying electric bills. The bill is set up for garbage to come out first. Diehl asked if we could post overdue garbage bills in the same manner? Petrozino added we had 48 red notices in January and only three ended up being cut. Since the garbage bills are part of the electric bill and the checks are made out to electric light department, can their electric be shut off if the garbage bill is not paid? Attorney Brennan will look into this matter.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Treasurer Carol Sutzko reviewed the report and mentioned the Annual Financial Report for 2023 was included in their packets.

TAX REPORT

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

POLICE REPORT

Chief Dempsey reviewed his report. A training for crime scene photography is requested for Sergeant Brad Blanner in the amount of \$235. The car cruise will be held July 6 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. The fireworks will be approximately 9 p.m. While attending the Hazard Mitigation Meeting at Penn State Schuylkill, he commented that one of the driving points discussed was better communication between PPL and the Borough. Electric Light Superintendent and Chief Dempsey discussed this point further.

A car show is being planned tentatively for June 1, to offset the cost of the fireworks. The 5K run will offset the pool expenses. Councilwoman C. Dempsey asked about an Emergency Management Committee meeting, possibly with Mike Boyer and the Chief on a committee. Councilman Diehl suggested that a dedicated line going straight Theo the Comm Center be placed outside the Police Station in the event of an emergency. The suggestion will be researched and considered.

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

ZONING REPORT

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Fire Chief Uhrin wanted to recognize all the hours and commitment of the volunteers for the month of January. Council commended the Fire Chief and all volunteers on a great job.

CODE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Michelle Brestowski updated council on the complaints she received, the rentals she reviewed and the conservatorship court hearings she attended. Council commended Brestowski on the great job she does for the Borough.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Rescue Hook & Ladder Fire Co. #3 is in receipt a of 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. 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.

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. David Linkchorst – Captain 62-3

After discussion concerning the donated rescue truck, council reiterated that there is no maintenance done by the Borough on any vehicles but they will consider paying for diesel fuel per the fuel regulations in place.

On a motion made by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by Diehl to pay for the diesel fuel for the donated rescue truck. A roll call was taken. Brennan – YES, C. Dempsey – YES, T. Dempsey – YES, Julian – YES, Klazas – YES, Diehl – YES, approved.

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

•February 18th, 2024

◦ Time: 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

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On a motion made by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by Klazas to hold the Boot Drive according to the letter received on 1/30/24, approved.

OLD BUSINESS

The offer of sale of 307 E. Railroad Street by Matt Lord was tabled for discussion in executive session.

The setting of commercial garbage fees was tabled and to be discussed in the executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion made by Brennan, seconded by C. Dempsey 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, approved.

On a motion by C. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian to hire Isaac Fedornak-Boyer as a part-time General Worker 1 for the Street and Sanitation Department effective February 1,2024 at a rate of \$18.62 per hour. A roll call was taken. Brennan – YES, C. Dempsey – YES, T. Dempsey – YES, Julian – YES, Klazas – YES, Diehl – YES, approved.

Vincent Alessi removed his name as a nominee for the vacancy created on the Borough Council due to the passing of Councilman Thomas “Dinker” Adamchick whose term would have ended on the 1st Monday of 2026. Brennan suggested the court appoint a new councilman. Solicitor Brennan explained the process of filling the vacancy. Nominations for the vacancy were taken. Diehl nominated Justin Dutcavage. Klazas nominated William Dempsey. President Dempsey asked if there were any more nominations. Nominations were closed.

A roll call was taken. Brennan – Dempsey, C. Dempsey – Dempsey, Julian – Dempsey, Klazas – Dempsey, Diehl - Dutcavage, T. Dempsey – Dempsey. Records indicate the majority of votes of 5 were for William M. Dempsey.

William Dempsey signed an Affidavit of Domicile in front of Attorney Brennan. Mayor Tomko administered the oath of office to William M. Dempsey to fulfill the unexpired term of office of Thomas Adamchick,

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by Diehl to authorize the Recreation Committee to hold a 5K race in the Borough in August or September 2024 offsetting the St. Clair Pool expenses, approved.

On a motion by T. Dempsey, seconded by C. Dempsey, to appoint Councilwoman Judy Stednitz-Julian to the position of Pro Tem, approved.

Council discussed the erecting of a school crossing signal on Wade Road with Engineer Baldwin. Currently there are yellow signs with black wording reading "School Bus Stop Ahead" on both approaches of the road. Replacing the current signs with the new high visibility green colored signs with symbols and an orange diamond on top as well as the speed enforcement of 25 MPH during the bus stop hours will create a new awareness for the safety at that bus stop. Chief Dempsey agreed. Clearing brush on the side will also help in seeing the signs. The approximate cost of the signs is \$150 a piece. Chief Dempsey also suggested another possible solution would be to have another meeting with the school to move the bus stop.

A motion to authorize the purchase of a new folding and inserting machine, to replace the old machine, was tabled to consider other avenues for a less expensive option.

The executive session began at 7:55 p.m.

The executive session adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

On a motion by Klazas, seconded by Stednitz-Julian, to authorize Attorney Brennan to petition the court to approve the sale of \$7,000 for 601 Wade Road by Todd Houck, approved.

On a motion by W. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas to authorize Attorney Brennan to petition the court to approve the sale of \$5,500 for 307 E. Railroad Street by Matt Lord, approved.

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by W. Dempsey to authorize the marketing with Holden Real Estate the following properties:

438 S. Front Street (Parcel # 62-05-0140.000)

311 Broad Street (Parcel # 62-02-0005.000), approved.

Council briefly discussed commercial garbage regulations. Brennan reviewed the potential tiered system, discussed possible fees, the recommendation of dumpsters and the grease collection. Further research and discussion concerning commercial garbage collection will be necessary.

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by W. Dempsey, to pay all the bills and claims, approved.

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by W. Dempsey, to adjourn the meeting, approved at 8:27pm.

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Mr. T. Dempsey
Council President
16 S Third Street
St. Clair, PA 17970

**RE: Consulting Engineer's Report (CER)
Benesch Project No. 32089.02**

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

The following is the status of engineering services performed by our firm as of this date:

ENGINEERING CONSULTATIONS & CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Grant Assistance (32089.02, Task 5)

PCCD Police Grant

We have been working with the Police Department and the Borough regarding the purchasing and grant reporting requirements. Quarterly reporting is required for the life of the grant term (until March 31, 2025), which we have been providing on behalf of the Borough, including the latest report submitted on January 17, 2024.

LSA Garbage Truck

The grant received (effective March 16, 2023) was in the amount of **\$301,609.00** and expires on June 30, 2026. We have received updated price quotes from PA-COSTARS vendors for the chassis (TransEdge, Mack Granite 84BR) and compactor (Mid-Atlantic, Heil DuraPack 5000 32 CY) meeting the Borough requirements. The latest price quote has a total price of **\$306,523.87** (\$4,914.87 higher than grant). The Borough will be responsible for any amounts above the grant amount. Payment to the chassis manufacturer is due prior to delivery to the upfitter, which is expected to take at least 12 months. Once purchased and delivered, the Borough can submit to DCED for reimbursement of the grant funds.

2023 PA DCNR Community Partnerships Program (C2P2), Small Communities (SC) Program: John Siney Park

On October 25, 2023, the Borough was informed that they were awarded a grant of **\$77,500** for the John Siney Park Improvements. On January 2, 2024, the Borough received from DCNR official start-up correspondence, and on January 24, 2024, the Borough received the fully executed grant agreement. The initial conference call with DCNR is the first step to proceeding with grant activities and design; this is scheduled for February 27, 2024. The design and DCNR review process will last at least several months, with construction anticipated in 2025. The grant expires on December 31, 2027.

St. Clair Little League Project (31226.20)

This project will be rebid with a modified scope to bring the project within budget. We have been coordinating this effort with DCNR and are awaiting DCNR's approval to readvertise the project. We anticipate receiving new bids at your March Council Meeting.

SR61-14M ECMS 96470 (Frackville Grade) (32089.02, Task 3)

On January 30, 2024, PennDOT held a utility meeting at their field office located in the Frackville Borough Building, which our office and other Borough officials attended. The project is broken into multiple phases with

the earliest phase and one of the longest being single-lane traffic in each direction along the existing northbound lanes. The reduction from four lanes to two lanes will occur north of Terry Rich Blvd. A subsequent phase will have the traffic lane reduction occurring south of Terry Rich Blvd. The only significant impact to the Terry Rich Blvd traffic signal is a reconstruction of the existing traffic islands and curb ramps. PennDOT awarded the project to JD Eckman, Inc., with a project completion date of February 1, 2029.

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. 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, on November 21, 2023, the County Conservation District issued a PAG-02 NPDES General Permit Renewal Approval to CCCC with a new expiration date of December 7, 2024.

STS LD (31137.31, Task 1)

All sitework appears to be complete. We are awaiting the submission of record plans before closing out this project.

AutoZone LD (31137.31, Task 3)

All sitework associated with the Borough's portion of the development is complete. However, we are awaiting the submission of the record plans before closing out this project.

Hale SD (31433.30, Task 1)

At your January 2, 2024, Council Meeting, Council granted Conditional Final Plan Approval with the one remaining condition being that the Applicant address any comments that might be received from the County Planning Commission. All conditions are to be satisfied within one (1) calendar year of the granting of the conditional final plan approval.

POTENTIAL FUNDING/GRANT SOURCES (31433.02, Task 5)

RECREATION

2024 DCNR Community Partnerships Program (C2P2), Small Communities (SC) Program

- Current Status: OPEN (as of Jan 16, 2024)
- Application Deadline: **April 3, 2024, 4:00 PM**
- Uses: Grant funds must be used for rehabilitation and/or new development of basic outdoor recreation and park facilities that provide a high level of recreational value, such as playgrounds and pavilions with ADA accessibility.
- Funding:
 - **Grant funding ranges from \$60,000 – \$100,000:**
 - \$10,000 is earmarked for Professional Services only and requires no match.
 - \$20,000 is earmarked for Materials and/or Equipment only and requires no match.



- Grant funds over \$30,000 may be used for Materials, Equipment, and/or Labor and require a \$1 for \$1 match.
- **Total project costs range from \$90,000 – \$170,000**

DCNR Grant	Match Requirement	Total Project Costs
\$60,000	\$30,000	\$90,000
\$70,000	\$40,000	\$110,000
\$80,000	\$50,000	\$130,000
\$90,000	\$60,000	\$150,000
\$100,000	\$70,000	\$170,000

- Timeline:
 - Anticipated award notifications: Fall 2024
 - Grant agreements begin: Jan 2025
 - Earliest Project Start: Summer/Fall 2025
 - Earliest Project Completion: Fall 2025/Spring 2026
 - Grant Expiration: Dec 2028
- Potential Projects: John Siney Park pavilion replacement, Third Street Basketball Court lighting, other playground improvements.

2024 Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Greenways, Trails, Recreation Program (GTRP)

- Current Status: **OPEN** (as of Feb 1, 2024)
- Application Deadline: **May 31, 2024**
- Uses: Can fund planning grants, as well as construction/repair/rehab grants, for a wide variety of community recreation facilities, like baseball and soccer fields, basketball courts, playgrounds, pools, etc. Can fund indoor or outdoor facilities.
- Funding:
 - Grants shall not exceed **\$250,000** for any project.
 - **15% local match required.** Can be land value and other state grant funds. In-kind match **NOT** accepted.
- Timeline:
 - Anticipated award notifications: Fall 2024
 - Grant agreements begin: Jan 2025
 - Earliest Project Start: Summer/Fall 2025
- Potential Projects: John Siney Park pavilion replacement, Third Street Basketball Court lighting, other playground improvements.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND VEHICLES

PA DEP: Driving PA Forward, Onroad Rebate Program – Trucks and Buses

- Current Status: **OPEN** (as of Nov 24, 2023) – **FINAL ROUND**
- Application Deadline: **The application period will remain open until all funds are exhausted.**
- Background: \$6.1 million is available 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.
- Uses: Class 4-8 trucks with Model Years 1992-2009 **with at least 3 years of remaining useful life** 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
4-5	\$56,000	\$70,000
6-7	\$70,000	\$105,000
8	\$122,500	\$157,500

This is a rebate voucher program that reimburses for costs incurred.



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

USDOT: FY 2024 RAISE Discretionary Grants

- **Current Status:** **OPEN**
- **Application Deadline:** Feb 28, 2024
 - Application is lengthy and requires significant effort.
- **Uses:** Highway, bridge, road projects, public transportation, intermodal, and more.
- **Funding:**
 - Planning Grants: **No minimum, \$25M maximum**
 - Projects: **\$1 minimum/\$25M maximum; typically requires 20% match but may be waived for rural areas**
- **Anticipated Award Announcement:** June 27, 2024
- **Potential Project(s):** Thwing Street Bridge Replacement, Carroll Street Bridge Replacement, streetscapes.

USDOT: FY 2024 Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

- **Current Status:** **OPEN** (as of Dec 20, 2023) with rolling application acceptance
- **Application Deadline:**
 - Planning Grants: FY 2024 Feb 19, 2024; FY 2025 Oct 1, 2024
 - Bridge Projects: FY 2024 Mar 19, 2024; FY 2025 Nov 1, 2024
 - Application is lengthy and requires significant effort.
- **Uses:** Authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), projects that replace, rehabilitate, preserve, or safeguard NBIS bridges, and for culvert replacement/rehabilitation on the NBIS to enhance flood control and aquatic habitat connectivity.
- **Funding:**
 - Planning Grants: **No minimum nor maximum; requires 20% match**
 - Bridge Projects: **\$2.5M minimum; requires 20% match (\$500,000 minimum)**
- **Anticipated Award Announcement:** Spring/Summer 2024
- **Potential Project(s):** Thwing Street Bridge or Carroll Street Bridge replacement planning/design

PENDING/AWARDED GRANT APPLICATIONS

2022 PA DCED 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
Award Notification	Mar 16 2023
Application Status	AWARDED \$301,609
Grant Period Ends	Jun 30 2026

2022 PA 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
Grant Period Ends	Dec 31 2026

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
Award Notification	Mar 8 2023 (Second Rnd)
Application Status	AWARDED \$87,660
Grant Period Ends	Mar 31 2025

2023 PA 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	Oct 5 2023
Application Status	AWARDED \$77,500
Grant Period Ends	Dec 31 2027

2023 PA DCED 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	Jan 18 2024
Application Status	NOT awarded

2023 PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

Project	Thwing St Bridge Replacement
Total Project Estimate	\$2,264,000
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$0 (0%)
Date Submitted	July 30 2023
Anticipated Award Notification	Mar 20 2024
Application Status	Under Review

2023 PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Local Share Account (LSA) – Statewide

Project	Electric Bucket Truck
Total Project Estimate	\$285,000
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$0 (0%)
Date Submitted	Nov 30 2023
Anticipated Award Notification	Mar 20 2024
Application Status	Under Review



2023 PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Local Share Account (LSA) – Statewide

Project	Firehouse Addition
Total Project Estimate	\$651,360
<i>Borough Portion</i>	<i>\$0 (0%)</i>
Date Submitted	Nov 30 2023
Anticipated Award Notification	Mar 20 2024
Application Status	Under Review

ST. CLAIR POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

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** – two new recreational grant opportunities have opened (DCNR and CFA). If Council wishes to pursue a recreational grant, we suggest Council identify potential projects so that conceptual cost estimates can be developed and considered at your March Council Meeting.

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 "Brian W. Baldwin".

Brian W. Baldwin, PE
Project Manager

Cc: Atty. Edward M. Brennan, Solicitor

Electric Light Department Report January 2024

Decembers Energy cost / usage \$140,270.64 / 1,796,990 KWH

Call out Wednesday 1/2/24 wires down in the unit block of South Nicholas Street.

3 days traffic control for pole replacements on Wade Road and line transfers to new Verizon pole E. Hancock

Reviewed Delinquent book, printed and posted 87 - 48 hour disconnect notices.

Repaired meter at 210 North Second Street, stopped communicating.

Cleared snow/ice and spread sand, pavement front of Borough Hall.

New account established and installed meter at 210 North Second Street.

Call out during rain storm 5:19 pm Tuesday 1/10/24 outage/transformer fire East Russell by Funeral Home.

Wright's Electric replaced 2 poles on Broad Street that were approved by Council. Still need to replace 1 on Ann also approved by Council. The 2 poles on Broad were worse than I thought, I thank Council for approving.

Replaced all cutouts and connections for the 3 transformers feeding St. Clair Fish and Game.

Setup small training area in rear garage to help train Josh on some basic Line work / equipment installation.

Due to temperatures, Printed and posted 15 Final notices for payment terminations scheduled for 1-15.

Electric Bills to Pottsville Post Office Friday the 12th.

Meter and service drop removed on Fri. 1/12 at 21 Pike Street, being demolished next week.

Turned off all timers for Christmas Decorations Monday 1-15 / pole decorations take down.

Terminated Electric Service Monday 1-15 to 5 Customers for non -payment, restored 3 paid in full + fees.

Installed a 2- gang dedicated electrical circuit for Computer Rack.

Had Josh complete electronic enrollment form for CDL B course at Schuylkill Technology North Campus.

Submitted P.U.C. 56.231 monthly reports for November and December 2023.

P.U.C. 1307e report taken to be signed, Notarized and mailed.

Installed 3 service drops and meters for Com Cast power supplies.

Took down Christmas decorations on Second Street.

Performed numerous other jobs, responded to multiple PA ONE calls, answered and returned numerous phone calls and emails throughout month.

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert Petrozino

Superintendent

Saint Clair Borough Electric Light Dept.

02-06-2024

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

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
301.10 · Real Estate Tax, Current	1,489.99
301.30 · Real Estate Tax, Delinquent	714.65
310.01 · Per Capita Tax, Current	111.10
310.03 · Per Capita Tax, Delinquent	153.19
310.10 · Real Estate Transfer Tax	3,220.36
310.20 · Earned Income Tax	17,199.34
310.30 · Business Privilege Tax	788.68
310.43 · Occupation Tax, Delinquent	64.68
310.50 · Local Service Tax	723.97
331.12 · Police Fines	1,536.86
331.13 · Police Fines - State Police	552.70
342.20 · Rental Income - Boro Property	500.00
359.10 · Payment in Lieu of Taxes	223.58
361.33 · Variance/Zoning Permits	120.00
362.10 · Police Protection Services	7,166.66
364.30 · Solid Waste Collection Fees	28,943.55
387.00 · Con. & Don. from Pri. Sources	300.00
392.18 · Transfers from Electric Light	100,000.00
	163,809.31
Total Income	163,809.31
Expense	
Administration Department	33,453.40
Health & Sanitation Department	22,108.80
Miscellaneous Department	27,238.11
Planning & Zoning Department	33,833.70
Police Protection Department	68,941.48
403.00 · Tax Collection Department	1,393.13
409.00 · Borough Buildings Department	5,186.73
411.00 · Fire Department	9,306.10
419.00 · Educational Services	9,357.00
430.00 · Streets & Bridges Department	117,666.02

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

	<u>TOTAL</u>
452.00 · Recreation Department	184.60
481.00 · Payroll Tax Expense	6,323.13
487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	<u>25,113.93</u>
Total Expense	<u>360,106.13</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-196,296.82
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	<u>4,449.84</u>
Total Other Income	4,449.84
Other Expense	
492.00 · Transfers Department	
492.130 · Transfer to Sinking Fund	25,000.00
492.305 · Transfer to Gen Fund Cap ...	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total 492.00 · Transfers Department	<u>28,000.00</u>

ENDING BALANCE: \$104,585.18

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

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
7372.40 · Electric Energy Sales	366,408.41
7372.50 · Sales Tax Discounts	25.00
7372.55 · Processing Fees	1,300.00
7372.57 · Service Fees	200.00
	367,933.41
Total Income	
Expense	
7401.00 · Electric Light	
7401120 · Superintendent	6,515.05
7402114 · Treasurer	1,610.45
7405300 · Secretary	2,787.75
7409300 · Rental Expense	208.55
7442141 · Office Manager	4,866.00
7442142 · Administrative Assistant	2,374.90
7442143 · Lineman	5,579.10
7442144 · Assistant Lineman	4,863.04
7442210 · Office Supplies	1,250.27
7442220 · Electrical Materials & Supplies	300.93
7442231 · Gasoline & Oil	321.93
7442260 · Minor Equipment	6,025.25
7442321 · Telephone	248.87
7442361 · AMP - Ohio	258,443.69
7442370 · Maintenance & Repairs	9,964.76
7442372 · Technology/Computer Expenses	7,927.23
7442374 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	162.26
	313,450.03
Total 7401.00 · Electric Light	
Total Expense	313,450.03
Net Ordinary Income	54,483.38
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	3,541.51
	3,541.51
Total Other Income	
Other Expense	
492.00 · Transfers Department	
492.130 · Transfer to Sinking Fund	11,500.00
492.80 · Transfer to General Fund	100,000.00
	111,500.00
Total 492.00 · Transfers Department	

ENDING BALANCE: \$529,589.40

Borough of St. Clair
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2023

Dec 31, 23

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

100.10 · Elec. Lgt. Sales Tax- Mid Penn	15,316.96
100.12 · PLGIT - Elec Light Deposit Acct	1,723.49
100.121 · PLGIT PRIME - Elec. Light Dep.	22,510.76
100.13 · PLGIT - Elect Lgt Capital Rsrv	12,106.40
100.131 · PLGIT PRIME-Elec.Light Cap Res	273,556.39
100.14 · PLGIT - Electric Light Fund	499,824.68
100.15 · PLGIT - FIRE INS ESCROW ACCT	36,650.99
100.16 · PLGIT - General Fund	82,466.01
100.17 · PLGIT - General Fund Cap Reserv	12,106.40
100.171 · PLGIT PRIME-Gen. Fund Cap. ...	269,916.75
100.18 · PLGIT - HD Land Devel Escrow	18,735.48
100.19 · PLGIT - Highway Aid Fund	94.43
100.191 · PLGIT PRIME - Highway Aid Fu...	17,839.07
100.20 · Elec. Light Chk. (Mid Penn)	29,764.72
100.21 · PLGIT - Home Program	819.53
100.22 · PLGIT - Recreation Grant Fund	41,189.29
100.221 · PLGIT PRIME - Recreation Grant	177.47
100.23 · PLGIT - Sinking Fund	37,117.25
100.231 · PLGIT PRIME - Sinking Fund	100,921.93
100.24 · PLGIT - Street Opening Permit	27,046.39
100.241 · PLGIT PRIME - Street Opening	47,004.78
100.30 · Gen. Fund Chk. (Mid Penn)	22,119.17
100.40 · PLGIT-Bridge Construction Fund	9.99
100.401 · PLGIT PRIME - Bridge Cons. Fu...	121,308.64
100.50 · PLGIT - Demolition Fund	6,062.60
100.501 · PLGIT PRIME - Demolition Fund	234,037.35
100.80 · PLGIT - Ann St Maintenance Fund	30,174.93
100.90 · PLGIT - Building Permit Fund	67,599.33
105.10 · PLGIT - Payroll Fund	637.81
105.20 · PLGIT - Withholding Account	371.42
110 · Petty Cash	500.00
110.10 · Petty Cash - General Fund	200.00
110.20 · Petty Cash - Swimming Pool - GF	300.00

Total Checking/Savings

2,030,210.41

Tax Collector's Remittance to Taxing Districts
WILLIAM UMBENHAUR - 2023 - SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH
For 12/01/2023 thru 01/16/2024
Date Created 01/16/2024
SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH Taxing District

		Municipality	Borough Per Capita	Borough Occupation	Other
A. Collections					
1.	Balance Collectable - Beginning of Month	27368.21	3450.00	1449.00	
2A.	Additions: During the Month (*)		15.00	6.30	
2B.	Deductions: Credits During the Month - (from line 17)				
3.	Total Collectable	27368.21	3465.00	1455.30	
4.	Less: Face Collections for the Month	10798.24	615.00	184.80	
5.	Less: Deletions/Exemptions from the List (*)			73.50	
6.	Less: Exonerations (*)		125.00	52.50	
7.	Less: Liens/Non-Lienable/Installments (*)				
8.	Balance collectable - End of Month	16569.97	2725.00	1144.50	
B. Reconciliation of Cash Collected					
9.	Face Amount of Collections - (must agree with line 4+7)	10798.24	615.00	184.80	
10.	Plus: Penalties	1079.94	61.50	18.48	
11.	Less: Discounts				
12.	Total Cash Collected per Column	11878.18	676.50	203.28	
13.	Total Cash Collected - (12A + 12B + 12C + 12D)				12757.96

(*) 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 #	12757.96
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16. Total Remitted This Month	12757.96
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17. List, Other Credit Adjustments (*)		
Parcel / PerCapita #	Name	Amount
Total		0.00

18. Interest Earnings (if applicable)	\$	
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TAXING DISTRICT USE (OPTIONAL)

William Umkehrer Tax Collector 1-16-2024 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.

Prior Year Taxes	1/1/2024
Occupational	203.28
Per Capital	676.50
Real Estate	11,878.18
Total	12,757.96



SAINT CLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT
24 NORTH SECOND STREET
SAINT CLAIR, PA 17970
DISPATCH: 570-429-2240 FAX: 570-429-3050

POLICE REPORT: 11/01/23 - 12/01/23

TOTAL CALLS FOR POLICE SERVICE	351
TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS	63
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS	25
TOTAL CRIMINAL ARRESTS	10
TOTAL PARKING TICKETS	9

-I am requesting permission for Sgt. Brad Blanner will attend a crime scene photography class at Harrisburg Community College. Cost: \$235.00

-The 2024 Saint Clair Car Cruise will occur on Saturday, July 6, from 6 pm to 7 pm. The annual fireworks will take place at approximately 9 pm.

-In May of 2023, I was invited to join the Schuylkill Hazard Mitigation Core Planning Team. Hazard Mitigation Planning is a process for identifying and understanding the hazards facing Schuylkill County and prioritizing the actions Schuylkill County can take to build community resilience. Community resilience has multiple social and economic benefits, including preventing loss of life or injury; reducing property damage to homes, businesses, critical infrastructure, and the environment; reducing business and essential services interruptions; reducing revenue loss; and helping to lower emergency response and disaster recovery costs. On Wednesday, January 31, 2024 I attended Mitigation Town Hall held at Penn State Schuylkill Campus. Roland Price was also in attendance.

-The Police Department has received a check for \$1,000 from Famous Reading Outdoors to be utilized to purchase equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Dempsey
Chief of Police

Borough of St. Clair
Zoning Officer's Report
January 2024

Application	Application Date	Description	Status	Special Notes
Zoning Inquiry	1/2/2024	Antenna	Not Necessary	100 Oak St.
Zoning Permit w/ Variance	1/3/2023	New Home Construction	In Process	62-03-0315.000 100 S. Nichlos
Zoning Permit	1/10/2023	Single Residential conversion to Apartments	Permit Issued	62-05-0115.000 331 S. 2 nd St.
Zoning Permit	1/18/2023	Signs	Permit Issued	62-02-0315.000 106 N. 2nd
Zoning Permit	1/31/2023	Food Truck	Permit Issued	62-01-0005.008 Tractor Supply

Greg Stednitz

Zoning Officer

2-5-2024

Saint Clair Fire Department
Fire Alarm Report
January 2024

January-02 STILL ALARM 09:27 hours 501 West Savory St. Palo Alto for a house fire. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded along with the rest of the first alarm companies. Members responded with the tower ladder and provided fire suppression and overhaul. (RSF57) In service 5 hours 30 minutes.

January-03 STILL ALARM 02:13 hours 507 West Savory St. Palo Alto for a rekindle from the previous house fire. Alert/Columbia, Deputy Skrobak responded along with the rest of the first alarm companies. Members provided overhaul. (RSF57) In service 1 hour.

January-03 STILL ALARM 03:40 hours 314 Broad St. for a Carbon Monoxide alarm activation. Alert/Columbia, and Deputy Skrobak responded. Members did air monitoring throughout the home and determined it to be a faulty detector. (CO62) In service 20 minutes.

January-07 STILL ALARM 07:16 hours 404 East Carroll St. for a carbon monoxide investigation. Alert/Columbia, and Deputy Skrobak responded. Members found dangerous levels of Carbon Monoxide in the residence and ventilated using fans. Members told the occupant to contact a plumber. (CO62) In service 75 minutes.

January-09 STILL ALARM 10:33 hours 1171 Burma Rd. Blythe Township for a vehicle accident w/injury. Alert/Columbia, Deputy Skrobak responded. Members used cribbing and provided traffic control. (MVA02) In service 2 hours.

January-09 STILL ALARM 17:38 hours South Second St. and East Russell St. for a transformer fire. Alert/Columbia, all chiefs, SCPD. And the fire police responded. Members provided traffic control while the electricity was being restored. (TF62) In service 1 hour.

January-09 STILL ALARM 18:39 hours Front & Lawton St. for a pump detail. Alert/Columbia, all chiefs, and the street dept worked together to open a blocked drain. (PD62) In service 1 hour.

January-11 CHIEF CALL 09:31 hours 407 East Hancock St. for a fire chief request. Schuylkill County Communications cancelled the call before any chief responded. (CHF62)

January-13 STILL ALARM 09:57 hours 21 Greenbury Rd. New Castle Township for a pump detail. Alert/Columbia, all chiefs responded. Members used two portable pumps. (PD17) In service 3 hours.

January-13 CHIEF CALL 17:25 hours 408 Rte. 209 Highway East Norwegian Township for a report of trees on wires. Deputy Skrobak responded; the deputy gave the pole numbers to the communication center for the utility company. (CHF08) In service 20 minutes.

January-13 STILL ALARM 18:11 hours 593 Port Carbon / St. Clair Highway East Norwegian Township for a tree down on the roadway. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded, members cleared the tree from the road. (TD08) In service 20 minutes.

January-14 STILL ALARM 13:16 hours Mnt. Laffee Rd. and New Street New Castle Township for a tree down blocking the roadway. Alert/Columbia, West End, and all chiefs responded. Members arrived to find Penn-Dot had plowed the tree from the roadway. (TD17) In service 10 minutes.

January-14 STILL ALARM 13:26 hours 1128 Eagle Hill Rd. East Norwegian Township for a brush fire from a downed power line. Alert/Columbia, Phoenix, West End, and all chiefs responded. Members extinguished the fire and provided a pole number for PPL. (TD08) In service 30 minutes.

January-17 STILL ALARM 18:31 hours 1244 SR.61 highway New Castle Township for a vehicle accident. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, West End, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded. Members arrived in the area to find that the vehicle left the scene and placed all units available. (MVA17) In service 20 minutes.

January-18 CHIEF CALL 15:18 hours 402 East Hancock St. for a utility's investigation. Chief Johns and Skrobak responded. Members found a busted radiator, shut of the water and oil burner. The owner needed to contact a plumber. (UTL62) In service 25 minutes.

January-18 STILL ALARM 17:22 hours Joseph H Long Blvd. & Hancock St. for a vehicle accident unknown injury. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, Deputy Skrobak responded. Members found a minor rear end accident and no fire needed. (MVA62) In service 15 minutes.

January-19 CHIEF CALL 23:06 hours 595 Wade Road for a chief request for a broken water pipe. Chief Uhrin, Skrobak and SCPD responded. Members gained access to the house and shut the water off at the meter. The SCMA arrived and shut off the water at the street. (UTL62) In service 30 minutes.

January-20 STILL ALARM 13:10 hours 606 Laurel Terrace Pottsville for an apartment building fire. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded. Members arrived and were placed available shortly thereafter. (RSF68) In service 20 minutes.

January-20 STILL ALARM 15:36 hours 12 Caroline Avenue for a medical assist. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Johns responded. Members arrived and the patient was taken by EMS to the hospital. (MA62) In service 20 minutes.

January-21 CHIEF CALL 12:20 hours 332 South Nicholas St. for a utility's investigation. Chief Uhrin responded and found the electrical service coming loose from the house. The light Department will handle the matter. (UTL62) In service 15 minutes.

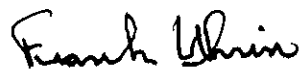
January-25 STILL ALARM 12:09 hours 217 Green St. West Mahanoy Township for a fire standby. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded with an engine to cover the township. (FSB36) In service 1 hour.

Comments:

The following alarm boxes were tested 33,25,62,42

General Alarms	0
False Alarms	0
Still Alarms	16
Chief Calls/Public Service	5
Total Calls	21

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Uhrin Fire Chief

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

16 South Third Street
St Clair, PA 17970

PHONE: 570-429-0640

Fax: 570-429-2829

February 6, 2024

TOTAL COMPLAINTS – 19

RENTAL INSPECTIONS – 6

Respectfully,

Michelle D. Brestowski

Code Enforcement Officer