

ISSUES, REVIEW & FINANCE WORK SESSION

August 1, 2024

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

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

Others in attendance included Borough Secretary Roland Price, Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Electric Light Superintendent Bob Petrozino, Barbara Artz, Doc Dress, Andrew McNulty, Michelle Brestowski, Jason Bauer, Michele Price and Michael Jackson.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michele Price, President of the St. Clair Women's Club, requested council to make the lighting in Boone Park a more permanent situation with their help. It was always a dream of the late Mimi Mettam to have the park all lit up. Mrs. Price requested the purchase of commercial grade light strings for the Boone Park trees for it to be lit up on different occasions and a committee be set up to make these decisions. Approval of \$2200 was given at a prior council meeting for this purpose. Recently, Cable Services offered to directly bore a hole and pull ¾ inch conduit to each tree, leaving the only expense of wire and outlets for the borough. A Lighting Committee for Boone Park will be appointed at the next council meeting.

Jason Bauer of Dunkin Donuts asked what is going on with the power? He spent \$2,000 to purchase transformers to run his ovens. Electric Light Superintendent Robert Petrozino explained there was a peak in power demand due to the excessive heat between 1 p.m.- 7 p.m., This excess power demand reduces the voltage affecting the performance of certain electrical apparatus. Other local communities have also experienced this event during this heat wave.

At this point, the Borough did hear back from AMP Ohio, and they are interested in the peak shaving generation. There is some information they need from us to start building a plan for this project. There was a discussion concerning adding the peak shaving generators to the borough and the best of both worlds would be to have a second line as well as the generators. It would take approximately 18 months to construct the generators. Much discussion and explanation ensued about the peak shaving generators and their operation.

Doc Dress and Andrew McNulty of Famous Reading Outdoors (FRO) asked council if they would consider reopening the option to allow their clients to ride in town. Would they consider having one event to try it out? They added that the same option was presented to nearby Minersville Borough, and it is working great. Discussion concerning the hours of operation, how this works and many questions were answered. The clients of FRO are not here to cause problems, they love this area, and some may even consider purchasing houses to rehabilitate to have a place to stay. FRO is open to many ideas that can be discussed further. The ordinance concerning Air B&Bs will

need to be discussed with Solicitor Ed Brennan. Mayor Tomko added that this should be discussed with the residents of the borough.

Michael Jackson had concerns of the reassessment that was done in the Borough. He cautioned Council about the taxes going up and limiting expenses. Mayor Tomko explained the process of the reassessment concerning the taxes.

Borough Secretary Roland Price reviewed the Borough Secretary Notes and requested an executive session for personnel reasons.

Borough Secretary's Notes

Snyder & Clemente Accounting Firm conducted the 2023 fiscal audit this past month.

Council will need to offer conditional employment to Jessica Zweizig and Karlisa Nash as school crossing guards pending their passing the necessary clearances.

The HOME Grant Program will commence as of 8/2/2024.

The County of Schuylkill is receiving proposals for demolition for the following conservatorship properties. The County Commissioners will be acting upon the proposals on August 14th.

28 N. Nichols St.
113-115 E. Hancock St.
6 S. Mill St.

212 Cherry Street demolition is on hold this round of bidding.

Notification was received during the biyearly bridge inspection concerning the Thwing Street Bridge requiring repairs to the right wing wall within the next 6-months. The bridge is now a category one bridge. Engineer Baldwin and Street Superintendent Dempsey are aware of the situation.

- August Council Meeting was rescheduled to Monday, August 5, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary Price reported for Police Chief Dempsey that the National Night Out was rescheduled to September 11th and to make council aware that Harry Brown's name be placed on the agenda to be hired as a part-time police officer.

Treasurer Carol Sutzko mentioned that the Second Quarter report is provided in their packets.

Mayor Tomko commended Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey for a job well done on the road construction. He also recommended two crossing guards be placed at Wade Road. The guard at the knuckle will hold a sign to draw attention for cars to be more cautious in that area. There will then be no crossing guard at Second and Carroll Streets. He also asked if the Delaware River Basin Authority be contacted to offer guidance of how to properly control the weeds in Mill Creek.

Secretary Price updated council on the tree that was cut down and blocking the flow of water in Mill Creed.

The executive session began at 7:10 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The executive session ended at 7:15 p.m.

The council meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Roland Price

Borough Secretary

AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING**August 5, 2024**

The August monthly Council Meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held on Monday, August 5, 2024, in Council Chambers, St. Clair Municipal Building, 16 S. Third Street, St. Clair. The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

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

Also, present included Engineer Brian Baldwin, Borough Secretary Roland Price, Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey, Police Chief William Dempsey, Fire Chief Frank Uhrin, Barbara Artz, Michael Boyer, Vaughn Vesay, Mike Jackson, Tony Sylvester, Joe Corby, Erin and Adrian Portland, Frank Vetrano, Deb and Dominic Piccioni, Minersville Mayor Sean Palmer, Famous Reading Outdoors Andrew McNulty and Doc Dress.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council member Joann Brennan read the council prayer.

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

Dr. Erin Portland spoke of the BRADS Landfill and thanked council for placing the Department of Environmental Protection phone number at 1-800-541-2050 to report any smells emanating from the BRADS landfill in the monthly newsletter. She explained that the landfill allegedly installed scrubbers to control the smell of rotten eggs. She updated council about the fire that erupted at the landfill on July 3rd emitting asbestos into the air. Apparently, the fire was put out by the landfill piling dirt on the fire. The local fire companies could not get near the flames. She noted BRADS Landfill was in violation of several regulations. She asked council to consider sending letters to DEP asking for an investigation into the contamination of the air and water because of the fire and for an investigation into the violations and fines of the trucking companies. She also presented a study that is being done on the air quality of residents. If interested, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/3kcswrr6>. She is also concerned that she heard the former STS building is being eyed for a prison and she feels that would be another item that would create a problem for the borough.

Debbi and Dominic Piccioni spoke out about the respiratory issues and skin disorders they are suffering with, especially this summer, which they contribute to the ill effects of the emissions coming from the landfill.

The summer months are typically the season they find a respite. The Piccioni's want council to put pressure on the landfill to do things the right way.

Joe Corby a representative of Special Olympics discussed the Special Olympics pool party, and the expenses incurred and charges to the non-profit organization. He was displeased about the handling of the costs.

Vaughn Vesay asked if there was an update on the back up of the electrical system. Secretary Roland Price said PPL is reviewing the proposal.

Mike Jackson suggested the council consider Famous Reading Outdoors pilot program of allowing the off highway recreational vehicles on the Borough streets. He also asked if the Borough could also charge a fee to Reading Anthracite for allowing such an event to occur. He is also concerned about police coverage of these events. If the police don't have time to cover the Wade Road concern and the Coal Creek Plaza, how would they handle the added burden of monitoring the ATVs in town?

Minersville Mayor Sean Palmer enlightened council about the successful experience Minersville has with Famous Reading Outdoors. He encouraged a pilot program. He mentioned there was some pushback from residents in the beginning, but it has come to be a successful situation. He mentioned several events which benefited the community, a few new businesses, and that FRO was very easy to work with. They began them as a pilot program and currently operate seven days a week with only one minor reportable incident since its inception. An average of 15 – 20 riders visit on the weekend. The Minersville Borough works hand in hand with FRO, their rules and regulations mirror that of FRO, as far as time restrictions are concerned, and an FRO permit must be presented if police pull over a quad. The mayor offered to provide a copy of the ordinance and is willing to answer any questions the borough may have.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Street Department Superintendent Kevin Dempsey and members of his Street Department work crew are commended for the street reconstruction done on McCord Avenue and South Mill Street.
2. Schools and school related activities will commence this month, and drivers are reminded to drive with extra care and to follow all vehicle code laws pertaining to areas around school buildings and school bus stops as it is imperative to protect school children on their ways to and from school.

Mayor Tomko added a third point to his report, that being he would like the PA Department of Health be sent a copy of Erin Portland's report and ask that an extensive study be done for the health of the citizens in the borough as well as the bodies of water in the area.

Historical Note

The first Ice Plant powered by electricity was established in June 1921 by Joseph Grosskettler and Burton Davis. In later years, an ice plant was operated

by Mr. Tom Brown and was located on Third Street. This business ceased operations in the 1960's.

Before electric powered ice plants, the Ferrebee family obtained a lease to cut and store ice at Silver Creek Dam. This ice was delivered to locations in St. Clair by horse and wagon.

On a motion made by Brennan, seconded by Diehl, to accept the report; approved.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Brennan presented Senate Bill #464 which would allow the Police Pension Fund to be amended to allow buy back of part-time prior years of service. The current Police Pension Fund Ordinance would have to be amended.

The conservatorships list was updated.

Requests for proposals for the demolition of the following properties are being solicited by the county.

212 Cherry Street

28 N. Nichols, 113-115 E. Hancock Street and 6 S. Mill Street

Solicitor Brennan requested an executive session to discuss offers to purchase properties, for personnel issues and a teamster issue.

Council member C. Dempsey clarified with Attorney Brennan that the public portion of the council meeting can be recorded.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

TAX REPORT

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

POLICE REPORT

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

When asked his opinion on the FRO event, Chief Dempsey reiterated that there would need to be discussion to lay out all options. However, Second Street is a state route, and the Borough has no jurisdiction over it. Solicitor Brennan explained that they would be able to cross the state route but not drive on it.

Hancock and Russell Streets are also state routes.

Hiring a part-time officer is on the agenda. It continues to be a problem to keep part-time officers, as they are looking for full-time work.

ZONING REPORT

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Fire Chief Frank Uhrin added that the fire hydrant flushing schedule was completed and will be taking place the first week of August. Additionally, the annual fund drive is coming out this month.

CODE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

C. Dempsey added there are two houses on Third Street by Mettam's garage that need attention. Secretary Price will bring it to the Code Officer's attention.

COMMUNICATIONS

On a motion by B. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian, council authorized the

63rd Annual St. Clair Halloween Parade to be held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (rain date Thursday, October 17) starting at 7 p.m. pending the submittal of a Certificate of Insurance naming the borough as an additional insured: approved.

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by C. Dempsey to authorize the St. Clair Women's Club to use Boone Park, the area around the Municipal Building, and a portion of Third Street for the Annual Christmas Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, December 7, 2024, from 4 – 8 p.m., pending the submittal of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured: approved.

A letter was received from the community Leader and part of the Management Team of Team Schuylkill Special Olympics concerning the St. Clair pool operations.

An invitation was received by the St. Clair School District for the Veterans Memorial Stadium Rededication & St. Clair Saints Basketball Team 1970 State Championship Recognition Ceremony.

OLD BUSINESS

On a motion by B. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan to award the 2024 Street Crack sealing bid to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$19,087.50 on the Borough Engineer's recommendation and approval from the Borough Treasurer, approved.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by B. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan to consider hiring a contractor to perform maintenance on the Thwing Street Bridge, approved.

On a motion by Brennan, seconded by C. Dempsey to authorize Holden Realty to conduct appraisals on the properties located at 26 S. Front Street and 146 N. Nichols Street, approved.

On a motion by C. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan to offer conditional employment to school crossing guards Jessica Zweizig and Karlisa Nash at a rate of \$12.50 pending passing all clearances, approved.

On a motion by B. Dempsey, seconded by Stednitz-Julian to hire part time police officer Harry Brown and purchase associated equipment and uniforms, approved.

On a motion by Brennan, seconded by C. Dempsey to appoint C. Dempsey and Brennan to the "Boone Park Lighting Committee," approved.

The FRO Event was tabled for further study and a possible trial event. Although further discussion ensued concerning having a planned event with participation from FRO, Minersville Mayor and Chief Dempsey. Mayor Tomko suggested taking into consideration the residents of St. Clair.

Solicitor Brennan recommended a committee be set up, not to make decisions, but to discuss and report back to Council to make an informed decision. Those appointed to the FRO Event Committee were Norm Diehl, Cheryl Dempsey and Tom Dempsey.

Council President Thomas Dempsey called an executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel issues and the sale of conservership properties.

Executive Session adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by B. Dempsey, to pay all bills and claims, properly approved by council; approved.

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by B. Dempsey, to adjourn the meeting, at 8:00 p.m., approved.

Roland Price

Borough Secretary

Mayor's Report

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August 5, 2024

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 July 12, 2024. This report also included a request for reimbursement for computer equipment purchased in June. The next quarterly report is due by October 20, 2024, for the reporting period ending September 30, 2024.

2024 PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

As authorized by Council, on July 31, 2024, our office submitted a grant application to the CFA for funding to resurface Ann Street. We do not expect the CFA to announce grant awards until Spring 2025.

St. Clair Little League Project (31226.20)

The Notice to Proceed was issued to the Contractor on June 21, 2024. On July 12, 2024, the Contractor provided material submittals for review and acceptance, which we responded to. The Contractor anticipates beginning work on August 26, 2024, and completing work on September 20, 2024. Our office will continue to assist the Borough with providing progress reports to DCNR as required.

PennDOT Second Street Paving (32089.02, Task 6)

Our office spoke with State Representative Twardzik's office on multiple occasions to discuss the possibility of resurfacing the entire width of Second Street versus PennDOT's plan to only resurface the center portion. Rep. Twardzik's office has contacted PennDOT, but it does not appear that PennDOT will change their plans.

Crack Sealing (32089.02, Task 6)

At last month's meeting, Council authorized our office to solicit bids to continue with the Borough's annual crack sealing program. On July 9, 2024, we emailed a request for bid proposals to four local crack sealing companies. Bids were due at 1pm on August 5, 2024. The bid tabulation will be provided separately for your consideration. Bids are to remain open for 15 calendar days. Work is to be complete by October 31, 2024.

Thwing Street Bridge (32089.02, Task 4)

The Borough received an interim inspection report that identifies any item of concern regarding a downstream retaining wall. We have talked with the bridge inspector, and he does not believe there is any immediate concern but does recommend some measures be taken to mitigate further deterioration.

The Borough intends to place large rock in front of the wingwall, increasing the height of the rock protection, to assist in buttressing the wingwall. The Borough will also work with the adjoining property owner to remove the trees at the top of the wingwall to prevent the root structure from growing larger and to prevent the sway of the trees from creating unnecessary lateral pressure to the backside of the wall.

Long-term plan is to replace the entire bridge, including adjoining wingwalls and retaining walls. The Borough has applied for grant funding numerous times over the past 10 years but has been unsuccessful. The Borough will continue to apply for replacement funding.

The Borough intends to contract the rock placement and tree removal to have the work completed by end of October 2024.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

STS LD (31137.31, Task 1)

All sitework is complete. However, we are awaiting the submission of record plans before closing out this project. We have requested multiple times this year an update on the status of the record plans – including installed electrical infrastructure – but we have not yet received an update.

POTENTIAL FUNDING/GRANT SOURCES (31433.02, Task 5)

RECREATION

2025 DCNR Community Partnerships Program (C2P2), Small Communities (SC) Program

- Current Status: **CLOSED**
- Opening: Jan 21, 2025
- Application Deadline: **April 2, 2025**
- 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 2025
 - Grant agreements begin: Jan 2026
 - Earliest Project Start: Summer/Fall 2026

- Earliest Project Completion: Fall 2026/Spring 2027
- Grant Expiration: Dec 2029
- Potential Projects: John Siney Park pavilion replacement, Third Street Basketball Court lighting, Pickleball court, other playground improvements.

2025 Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Greenways, Trails, Recreation Program (GTRP)

- Current Status: **CLOSED**
- Opening: Feb 1, 2025
- Application Deadline: **May 31, 2025**
- 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 2025
 - Grant agreements begin: Jan 2026
 - Earliest Project Start: Summer/Fall 2026
 - Earliest Project Completion: Fall 2026/Spring 2027
 - Grant Expiration: Dec 2030
- Potential Projects: John Siney Park pavilion replacement, Third Street Basketball Court lighting, Pickleball court, other playground improvements.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND VEHICLES

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 Bridge Investment Program (BIP)

- Current Status: **OPEN** (as of Dec 20, 2023) with rolling application acceptance
- Application Deadline:
 - Planning Grants: FY 2025 **Oct 1, 2024**
 - Bridge Projects: FY 2025 **Nov 1, 2024**
 - **Application is lengthy and requires significant engineering effort, very competitive.**
- 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 2025
- Potential Project(s): Thwing Street Bridge or Carroll Street Bridge replacement planning/design

USDOT: FY 2025 RAISE Discretionary Grants

- Current Status: **Closed** (expected to open Summer 2024)
- Application Deadline: **Jan 13, 2025**
 - **Application is lengthy and requires significant engineering effort; very competitive.**
- 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: Spring 2025
- Potential Project(s): Thwing Street Bridge, Carroll Street Bridge Replacements, streetscapes.

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
Project Status	Truck ordered Feb 14, 2024 (\$306,523.87). Expected delivery Nov 2024.

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
Project Status	Design in 2024; construction in 2025.

2022 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
Project Status	Computers ordered, installed, and invoiced. Reimbursement request submitted.

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
Project Status	Design in 2024; construction in 2025.

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>	<i>\$0 (0%)</i>
Date Submitted	Nov 30 2023
Anticipated Award Notification	Sep 17 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	Sep 17 2024
Application Status	Under Review

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

Project	Youth Basketball Court
Total Project Estimate	\$75,500
<i>Borough Portion</i>	<i>\$11,325 (15%)</i>
Date Submitted	May 31 2024
Anticipated Award Notification	Nov 19 2024
Application Status	Under Review

2024 PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

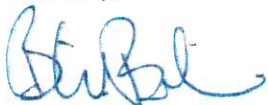
Project	Ann Street Rehabilitation
Total Project Estimate	\$222,500
<i>Borough Portion</i>	<i>\$0 (15%)</i>
Date Submitted	July 31 2024
Anticipated Award Notification	March 2025
Application Status	Under Review

ST. CLAIR POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. **2024 Crack Sealing** – Council should consider the bids received. Bids are to remain open for 15 calendar days.
2. **Thwing St Bridge** – Consider hiring a contractor to place large rock and remove several trees (will require coordination with the property owner).
3. **Potential Grant Opportunities** – Consider authorizing Benesch to investigate additional funding opportunities for Thwing St Bridge.

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,



Brian W. Baldwin, PE
Project Manager

Cc: Atty. Edward M. Brennan, Solicitor



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Borough of St. Clair
2024 St. Clair Crack Sealing
Benesch Project No. 32089.02, Task 6

Company	Address	City	Phone	POC	Email Address	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Base Bid
Asphalt Maintenance Solutions, LLC (AMS)	PO Box 387	Center Valley	(610) 797-2645	Terry Crouthamel, Jr.	tcrouthameljr@amsroads.com	750	Gallons	\$25.45	\$19,087.50
Martin Paving Inc.	531 E 28th Division Highway	Litz	(717) 626-2494	Jordan Martin	mjoffice@martinpaving.com	750	Gallons	\$26.25	\$19,687.50
Ronnie C. Folk Paving, Inc.	716 Water St	Shoemakersville	(610) 562-3550	Christine Luckenbill	folkpaving@comcast.net	750	Gallons		NO BID
Schuykill Paving Inc.	285 Blue Mountain Rd	Schuykill Haven	(570) 754-7800	Kerr Thomas	klthomas@schuykillpaving.com	750	Gallons		NO BID

Street Dept.

Picked up garbage, ashes and large items for the month of July.

Cleaned parks and playgrounds daily.

Cut dead trees, weeds and grass for Independence Day at the Borough Cemetery.

Cut curb lines throughout the borough and all parks, playgrounds and abandoned properties.

Posted signs for the car cruise route and prepared the town for the cruise.

Currently doing maintenance on the creeks in the borough which includes cutting trees, cleaning all debris from under the bridges and creek bed.

Saw cut and dug up numerous locations for hot patch on borough street.

A very large project on Overlook Drive cleaned and cut the entire bank and took over 125 dump truck loads of trees and brush from that location.

Fixed pipes and filtration system on baby pool.

Maintenance

G-1 Garbage Truck installed new air lines.

JCB backhoe installed new injectors, fuel system and sediment bowl on machine.

Serviced both 2023 Chevy Tahoe's

Serviced fuel system on G-2 garbage truck

Serviced all traffic generators.

Installed a new motor and hydraulic tank on the borough lift.

Rebuilt both drive shafts and constant velocity joint on S-11 pickup.

Electric Light Department Report

July 2024

June Energy cost/usage = \$163,306.40 / 1,791,756 KWH

Call out Mon. 7/1 @ 4:56 pm outage 500 block E. Lawton cutout failed (7 homes) restored 1 hour from call.

Call out Mon. 7/1 @ 6:49 pm truck pulled service drops off homes 400 E. Lawton repaired 1.5 hrs. from call.

Call out Wed. 7/17 @ 6:26 pm 451 South Nicholas Street tree down from storm, NO OUTAGES involved.

Call out Thurs. 7/18 @ 4:24 pm Transformer lead burned off – Pine / Apple – repaired 1 hour from call time.

Call out Sat. 7/22 @ 7:23 pm outage 398 W. Carroll – blown fuse – Squirrel – restored within 1 hour of call.

Fri. 7/26 @ 6:14:13 am Borough wide Blip, verified with PPL system Ops. was on their side.

Time spent on getting phone service restored at Police Station, main line.

Responded to several complaints filed by Customers with P.U.C. and BBB.

Hung temp electric services, PA system to Police Station also delivery of 3 job johnnies for Car Cruise.

Rudy, Josh and myself attended safety meeting held here by AMP Ohio.

Installed new battery in Electric Department's pickup truck.

Placed order with Anixter for Electric supplies needed for stock, wire, fuses, H-tap crimps and meter seals.

Worked with Street Department, Clear trees at Pool also cleared High voltage line up Mr. Laguna's driveway.

New account/meter install Dish Wireless on cell tower Delenick's Land.

Trouble call lights flickering at 110 /112 Broad Street, found neutral bushing on transformer loose.

New account/ service hookup 56 Ann Street.

Continued prepping and painting steel poles, needed to get more supplies and paint from Sherwin Williams.

Muncy Door replaced Emergency panic bar and outside handle on rear door of Borough bldg. parking lot side.

Call to our PPL acct. manager for any updates on requested information for 2nd feed for Borough, nothing yet.

Several customers getting standby generators installed.

Helped Street Department top a tree hanging over creek North Front Street.

New service hookup / account 54 Ann Street.

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

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert Petrozino

Superintendent

Saint Clair Borough Electric Light Dept.

8/5/2024

Borough of St Clair
Treasurer's Report - General Fund
 June 2024

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
301.10 · Real Estate Tax, Current	8,299.56
301.30 · Real Estate Tax, Delinquent	1,477.35
310.01 · Per Capita Tax, Current	190.00
310.03 · Per Capita Tax, Delinquent	55.44
310.10 · Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,535.17
310.20 · Earned Income Tax	15,530.59
310.30 · Business Privilege Tax	984.73
310.41 · Occupation Tax, Current	50.40
310.43 · Occupation Tax, Delinquent	148.50
310.50 · Local Service Tax	3,709.73
331.12 · Police Fines	2,522.04
331.13 · Police Fines - State Police	534.87
342.20 · Rental Income - Boro Property	500.00
359 · Intergovernmental Revenue	5,657.58
361.33 · Variance/Zoning Permits	704.00
362.10 · Police Protection Services	7,166.67
364.30 · Solid Waste Collection Fees	35,292.45
367.11 · Swimming Pool Receipts	12,716.60
387.00 · Con. & Don. from Pri. Sources	99,200.00
391.10 · Sale of General Fixed Assets	3,100.00
391.20 · Insurance Proceeds	5,000.00
Total Income	204,375.68
Expense	
Administration Department	21,957.24
Health & Sanitation Department	12,078.52
Miscellaneous Department	27,168.11
Planning & Zoning Department	912.02
Police Protection Department	62,177.20
403.00 · Tax Collection Department	5,269.76
409.00 · Borough Buildings Department	3,828.61
411.00 · Fire Department	9,134.74

Borough of St Clair
Treasurer's Report - General Fund
June 2024

	<u>TOTAL</u>
419.00 · Educational Services	3,059.41
430.00 · Streets & Bridges Department	27,270.72
452.00 · Recreation Department	16,668.22
481.00 · Payroll Tax Expense	5,282.99
487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	<u>61,658.31</u>
Total Expense	<u>256,465.85</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-52,090.17
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	<u>2,265.62</u>
Total Other Income	2,265.62
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: \$203,704.92

Borough of St Clair
Treasurer's Report - Electric Light Fund
June 2024

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
7372.40 · Electric Energy Sales	310,048.24
7372.50 · Sales Tax Discounts	25.00
7372.55 · Processing Fees	300.00
7372.57 · Service Fees	222.86
Total Income	310,596.10
Expense	
7401.00 · Electric Light	
7401120 · Superintendent	5,420.60
7409300 · Rental Expense	195.51
7442141 · Office Manager	4,048.00
7442142 · Administrative Assistant	2,424.16
7442143 · Lineman	4,863.96
7442144 · Assistant Lineman	4,262.16
7442210 · Office Supplies	3,360.03
7442231 · Gasoline & Oil	345.97
7442260 · Minor Equipment	767.14
7442321 · Telephone	261.04
7442361 · AMP - Ohio	137,302.26
7442372 · Technology/Computer Expenses	1,125.00
7442374 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	244.04
Total 7401.00 · Electric Light	164,619.87
Total Expense	164,619.87
Net Ordinary Income	145,976.23
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	2,623.52
Total Other Income	2,623.52
Other Expense	
492.00 · Transfers Department	
492.130 · Transfer to Sinking Fund	11,500.00
Total 492.00 · Transfers Department	11,500.00

ENDING BALANCE: \$782,310.18

Borough of St Clair
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2024

Jun 30, 24

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

100.10 · Elec. Lgt. Sales Tax- Mid Penn	15,394.72
100.12 · PLGIT - Elec Light Deposit Acct	2,704.52
100.121 · PLGIT PRIME - Elec. Light Dep.	23,025.07
100.13 · PLGIT - Elect Lgt Capital Rsrv	30,529.23
100.131 · PLGIT PRIME-Elec.Light Cap R...	279,806.38
100.14 · PLGIT - Electric Light Fund	741,180.49
100.15 · PLGIT - FIRE INS ESCROW ACCT	37,438.16
100.16 · PLGIT - General Fund	175,919.28
100.17 · PLGIT - General Fund Cap Reserv	30,553.31
100.171 · PLGIT PRIME-Gen. Fund Cap. ...	276,083.57
100.18 · PLGIT - HD Land Devel Escrow	17,696.06
100.19 · PLGIT - Highway Aid Fund	31.36
100.191 · PLGIT PRIME - Highway Aid Fu...	93,207.91
100.20 · Elec. Light Chk. (Mid Penn)	45,222.18
100.21 · PLGIT - Home Program	843.10
100.22 · PLGIT - Recreation Grant Fund	53,120.04
100.221 · PLGIT PRIME - Recreation Grant	181.53
100.23 · PLGIT - Sinking Fund	36,500.00
100.231 · PLGIT PRIME - Sinking Fund	287,782.58
100.24 · PLGIT - Street Opening Permit	29,486.86
100.241 · PLGIT PRIME - Street Opening	48,078.70
100.30 · Gen. Fund Chk. (Mid Penn)	27,785.64
100.40 · PLGIT-Bridge Construction Fund	0.02
100.401 · PLGIT PRIME - Bridge Cons. F...	124,090.37
100.50 · PLGIT - Demolition Fund	-8,533.75
100.501 · PLGIT PRIME - Demolition Fund	278,966.42
100.81 · PLGIT/PRIME Ann St Maintenance	32,873.92
100.90 · PLGIT - Building Permit Fund	70,828.05
105.10 · PLGIT - Payroll Fund	444.26
105.20 · PLGIT - Withholding Account	497.86
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	2,752,737.84
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Tax Collector's Remittance to Taxing Districts
WILLIAM UMBENHAUR - 2024 - SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH
For 07/01/2024 thru 07/31/2024
Date Created 08/01/2024
SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH Taxing District

		Municipality	Borough Per Capita	Borough Occupation	Other
A. Collections					
1.	Balance Collectable - Beginning of Month	51707.52	3765.00	1581.30	
2A.	Additions: During the Month (*)				
2B.	Deductions: Credits During the Month - (from line 17)				
3.	Total Collectable	51707.52	3765.00	1581.30	
4.	Less: Face Collections for the Month	3286.80	145.00	39.90	
5.	Less: Deletions/Exemptions from the List (*)			21.00	
6.	Less: Exonerations (*)		85.00	35.70	
7.	Less: Liens/Non-Lienable/Installments (*)				
8.	Balance collectable - End of Month	48420.72	3535.00	1484.70	
B. Reconciliation of Cash Collected					
9.	Face Amount of Collections - (must agree with line 4+7)	3286.80	145.00	39.90	
10.	Plus: Penalties	328.68	14.50	3.99	
11.	Less: Discounts				
12.	Total Cash Collected per Column	3615.48	159.50	43.89	
13.	Total Cash Collected - (12A + 12B + 12C + 12D)				3818.87

(*) 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 # 3818.87

16. Total Remitted This Month 3818.87

17. List, Other Credit Adjustments (*)

Parcel / PerCapita #	Name	Amount	TOTAL ALL TAXES
		Total	0.00

18. Interest Earnings (if applicable) \$ _____

TAXING DISTRICT USE (OPTIONAL)

William Winkler Tax Collector 8-1-2027 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

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE:	403
TOTAL TRAFFIC STOPS:	118
TOTAL TRAFFIC CITATIONS:	91

POLICE NOTES:

- As a result of scheduling conflicts, the police department will be hosting our Community Safety Night on September 11, 2024 from 5pm -7 pm. The event will be held in partnership with the Saint Clair Area School District. The location will be the parking garage at the school. This covered location will allow the event to take place in the event of inclement weather.
- All members of our department recently received recertifications for First Aid/CPR/AED, as required.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Dempsey
Chief of Police

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

Application	Application Date	Description	Status	Location
Complaint	7/1/2024	Storage Shed	Settled	302 S. 2nd
Zoning Question	7/23/2024	Domestic Oil Tank	No Permit Required	28 N. Front
Zoning Permit	7/31/2024	Business Sign C1 District	Pending	439 S. 2nd
Zoning Permit	7/31/2024	Fence to Wall Permit	Issued	17 S. Nichols

Greg Stednitz

Zoning Officer

8-1-2024

Saint Clair Fire Department
Fire Alarm Report
July 2024

July-01 STILL ALARM 04:02 hours 420 South Jackson St. Pottsville (*Old Pottsville Hospital*) for a reported structure fire. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded with the tower ladder. Members were held in the station. **(CSF68)** In service 20 minutes.

July-01 GENERAL ALARM 10:06 hours **(BOX33)** 48 Tunnel Road East Norwegian Township for smoke in a building. All companies, Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members checked the entire building and found all conditions to be normal. **(CSF08)** In service 45 minutes.

July-01 STILL ALARM 18:30 hours 216 North Second St. for a vehicle accident no injury. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Johns responded. Members cleared the roadway of debris and went available. **(MVA62)** In service 15 minutes.

July-01 STILL ALARM 18:44 hours 407 East Lawton St. for wires down in the street. Alert/Columbia, and all chiefs responded. Members secured the area until the Light Department arrived. **(WD62)** In service 25 minutes.

July-03 STILL ALARM 02:19 hours 1061 Burma Rd. Blythe Township for a trash fire. Alert/Columbia, West End, Good Will Port Carbon and all chiefs responded. Members contained the fire until personnel from the landfill arrived. **(TF02)** In service 220 minutes.

July-04 STILL ALARM 15:32 hours 45 South Second St. for a vehicle accident w/injury. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members secured the vehicle and provided patient care. **(MVA62)** 40 minutes.

July-07 STILL ALARM 14:40 hours 250 New St. New Castle Township for a person trapped under a lawn tractor. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, West End, Minersville ambulance, and all chiefs responded. Members arrived and freed the person from under the machine, and EMS began patient care. **(EMVA17)** In service 30 minutes.

July-08 GENERAL ALARM 06:12 hours **(BOX33)** 48 Tunnel Road East Norwegian Township for an automatic fire alarm. All companies dispatched; Deputy Skrobak arrived to find the same problem that occurred on July 1st, 2024. Members checked the building all was safe. Contact will be made to maintenance. **(AFA08)** In service 30 minutes.

July-09 GENERAL ALARM 01:09 hours **(BOX33)** 278 Industrial Park Rd. (*Fresenius Kidney Center*) East Norwegian Township for an automatic fire alarm. All companies, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak along with SCPD responded. Members arrived and searched for the cause of the alarm. Representatives from the facility reset the alarm. **(AFA08)** In service 50 minutes.

July-11 STILL ALARM 17:17 hours 15 West Savory St. Palo Alto for a house fire. Alert/Columbia, and Deputy Skrobak were dispatched for the tower ladder, members went enroute and were recalled. The trash can in the kitchen fire was put out by occupants. (RSF57) In service 15 minutes.

July-12 GENERAL ALARM 09:02 hours (BOX33) 227 South Mill St (St. Clair Elementary School) for an automatic fire alarm. All companies dispatched, Asst. Johns and Skrobak learned that the alarm was set off by workers doing the air conditioning. (AFA62) In service 30 minutes.

July-12 STILL ALARM 10:26 hours 729 Port Carbon / St. Clair Highway East Norwegian Township for a medical assist for lifting. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members assisted EMS with lifting. (MA08) In service 25 minutes.

July-14 STILL ALARM 00:01 hours 622 Port Carbon / St. Clair Highway East Norwegian Township for an odor investigation. Alert/Columbia, Asst. Johns and Skrobak responded. Members found no hazards, all was clear. (ODO08) In service 20 minutes.

July-17 CHIEF CALL 18:17 hours 451 South Nicholas St. for a tree on wires. Asst. Johns responded and requested the tower be dispatched. (CHF62) In service 45 minutes.

July-17 STILL ALARM 18:30 hours 451 South Nicholas St. for a tree down. Alert/Columbia, and Deputy Skrobak responded. Members cut up a large tree. (TD62) In service 45 minutes.

July-17 STILL ALARM 18:47 hours 406 Rt. 209 Highway East Norwegian Township for a vehicle accident with a pole down no injury. Alert/Columbia responded with both engines. Members provided scene control along with traffic. (MVA08) In service 3 hours 30 minutes.

July-21 STILL ALARM 18:57 hours 246 East Darkwater Rd. New Castle Township for a vehicle accident with high mechanism injury. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, West End, Chief Johns and Skrobak responded. Members arrived to find a vehicle down a steep embankment. Chiefs requested Yorkville from the city of Pottsville for their rescue and side by side, members from Yorkville arrived and requested Harrisburg City Rescue 1 and York County rescue 69 for the technical rescue team. Members provided portable lighting and used chain saws to cut a path through the wooded area where the vehicle landed. (ORR/MVA17) In service 4 hours 15 minutes.

July-21 STILL ALARM 22:02 hours 298 East Sherman St. for a landing zone. Rainbow from Schuylkill Haven responded from the rescue station because they were on standby along with West End, members assisted with loading the patient into the helicopter. (LZ62) In service 1 hour.

July-22 CHIEF CALL 12:16 hours South Nicholas and East Lawton St. for wires down no arcing. Asst. Johns responded and found the wire to be a cable wire that a truck pulled down, no fire needed. (CHF62) In service 20 minutes.

July-24 STILL ALARM 10:52 hours 408 Rt. 209 Highway East Norwegian Township for a vehicle accident no injury fluids on the roadway. Alert/Columbia, Deputy Skrobak responded, Members controlled traffic and fluids. (MVA08) In service 1 hour.

July-24 CHIEF CALL 16:46 hours 391 Pottsville / St. Clair Highway for a smoke investigation. Chief Uhrin and Johns responded, and discovered a person burning trash, the person extinguished the fire. (RF20) In service 20 minutes.

July-28 GENERAL ALARM 16:44 hours (BOX 33) 400 Terry Rich Blvd. (Pretzel Factory) for an automatic fire alarm. All companies dispatched, Chief Uhrin was advised that units were to cancel with proper pass code. The Chief held units in station and proceeded to investigate, arrived and spoke to employees who said they were cleaning when the alarm went off. Checked the building all secure. (AFA62) In service 20 minutes.

July-29 CHIEF CALL 19:16 hours 614 Port Carbon / St. Clair Highway East Norwegian Township for a smoke investigation in the Black Dessert. Chief Uhrin responded and found it to be a campfire on top of the Black Dessert. (CHF08) In service 45 minutes.

July-31 STILL ALARM 00:02 hours 100 West Russell St. (Tigers Den) for an odor investigation. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded, members located the odor and turned the power off to the refrigeration unit. (ODO62) In service 1 hour.

Comments:

The following alarm boxes were tested, 33, 35, 42, 26, 45

General Alarm	5
False Alarm	0
Still Alarm	15
Chief Calls / Public Service	4
Total Calls	24

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

August 5, 2024

TOTAL COMPLAINTS – 27

RENTAL INSPECTIONS – 4

Respectfully,

Michelle D. Brestowski

Code Enforcement Officer

St. Clair Women's Club

Mayor Richard Tomko
Council President Thomas Dempsey
Borough Council Members

Dear Mayor and Borough Council Members

The St. Clair Women's Club 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 7, 2024 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

St. Clair Halloween Parade Committee

Mayor Richard Tomko

Council President Thomas Dempsey

Borough Council Members

Dear Mr. Mayor and Members of St. Clair Borough Council,

The 63rd Annual Halloween Parade is being planned to take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 (Rain date: October 17th) starting at 7:00 PM. We are asking permission to hold the event in the borough. In the past, the borough has facilitated the following assistance for the parade: ~~Saint Clair police and fire police for additional man power and crowd and traffic control, borough sound system and microphone, and additional lighting in the area of the stand.~~

The insurance policy for the parade will be purchased through Holden Insurance. A copy will be sent to the borough office.

Door to door canvassing will not be held this year. The parade committee will be holding various fundraising events to help defray parade costs. With the borough's permission, the registration for individuals, floats, groups, and other parade participants will be held on October 8th and 9th from 5-7 at the Alerts Fire Company.

The parade route will include:

- Begin at Industrial Park Road
- Proceed north on Second Street to Hancock
- Turn right on to Front Street- parade disbands

This parade has been one of the largest in the area. We thank you for the continued support in making the event a success. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Susan Miller (570) 622-6056 or Bonnie Baker (570) 429-2272.

Respectfully Yours,

Susan Miller and the Saint Clair Parade Committee

Dear council, I'm writing to you in regards to the change at the pool. Our non-profit charity has been holding fundraisers there for the past 4 years, This was always open to the Public, our event was posted across Social Media and placed a businesses, we charged \$5, which was collected by the pool, at the end of the night the money was counted and \$3 went to Special Olympics and \$2 to the Lifeguards/Pool, and afterwards there was always a ton of Chill Out Ice Cream that was donated left over, In which there was 5 ten gallon buckets, that we would leave for the pool to make profit selling in the coming days. Before the event even started, we were charged \$358, which to my knowledge is for private party and why such an odd amount? This was collected before we made anything. It is disheartening to hear this when I got to the event, I was not the initial contact, but I am the Community Leader for our Organization, and I could not believe that there was such a huge change this year

Who regulates the prices at the pool? Is it correct that only one person, a Council Woman is in charge, at least according to last meeting?? Are there no checks and balances in place to ensure fairness and transparency? I know that there are 2 other Pool Parties planned, are they getting charged a Private Party rate too??? I believe they are both benefits, not private parties either. In my eyes this should be a committee that takes care of the pool, not one person. Any program I've been a part of had at least a Treasurer & Financial Secretary. As a part of the Community I don't understand what has happened to this town, It used used to support and encourage community events and charitable efforts? In the Newsletter there is a pricing structure for daily and season passes but no pricing on private parties or any other kind of events. Spoke with a few Community pools and they couldn't believe we were charged for a private party, they said they would never charge a nonprofit that! We know the Lifeguards are a vital part of having any event, that is not the issue, that's why every year we did the breakdown which was previously mentioned. We understand just like any other fundraiser, especially with a product involved such as pizza, subs, bowling there is a cost, but we set he cost so we gain, not lose in the fundraising, and pay after selling the event

We've always enjoyed having our event at Saint Clair but this left a bad taste in our mouth! Because of that we did not leave the Ice Cream this year, that would have been a profit for the pool!

For instance, New Philadelphia lets us hold a Skooktober Fest in their Community Pavilions without batting an eye, Saint Clair Lions Club lets us hold many events without a charge for the building and even offering to help! Both places are used as fundraising events Even the Saint Clair School District allowed us to hold a Pep Rally at Veterans Memorial Stadium a few years in a row. Again, we are a Nonprofit, we have a 501c, and a Tax ID because of that.

Once again, I'm part of this awesome group, I was not the point of contact, but as Community Leader and part of the Management Team this concerns me, a Fundraising event should raise money not lose money

Saint Clair alone has 13 athletes which reside within the Saint Clair School District area. Without our local sponsors, businesses, donations from private donors, our program would not be able to exist, I am submitting this in hopes for some clarification and will follow up at next Council Meeting.

Hope you can give me some insight into this, thanks for your time.

Community Leader
Team Schuylkill
schuylkillcommunitysopa@gmail.com



SAINT CLAIR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Every Day Counts

Dear Borough Council:

Thank you for marking your calendars for the evening of Friday, August 23rd, 2024 for the Veterans Memorial Stadium Rededication & Saint Clair Saints Basketball Team 1970 State Championship Recognition Ceremony.

Ceremonies will take place during halftime of the Nativity BVM High School football game against Holy Redeemer High School, scheduled to kick off at 7:00 PM. In addition to honoring the 30th anniversary of our esteemed basketball team's state championship, we will also pay tribute to the local veteran's organizations.

Please note:

- You are invited to a reception starting at 5:30 PM at the stadium. Please look for the canopy located just beyond the field.
- As part of the ceremony, we are asking a local veteran's group to attend and conduct/participate in the Presentation of Colors.
- During the ceremony, Saint Clair students will be placing flowers at the Veterans Memorial located at the stadium.

If you have not done so already, please RSVP to the school district promptly by calling 570-429-2716.

Thank you, and we eagerly anticipate commemorating this significant milestone!
GO SAINTS!

Sincerely,

Thomas McLaughlin, Superintendent
Michael Holobetz, Board President