

## **January 7, 2025 Agenda**

### **January Council Meeting**

#### **Call To Order**

#### **Roll Call**

Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for the Council Prayer.

Copies of the minutes of the previous council meeting have been given to Borough Council members and Mayor Tomko, are there any errors or corrections? If not, they stand approved.

#### **Public Comment**

#### **Mayor's Report**

1. Residents are urged to contact the St. Clair Police Department at 570-429-3050 or 570-429-2240 if they see any suspicious activity around vacant properties.
2. Abuse of Senior Citizens may take various forms. Senior abuse can be physical, emotional, or financial. Senior abuse can be reported to the St. Clair Police Department or the Schuylkill County Office of Senior Services at 570-622-3103.

#### **Historical Note**

The origin of our borough was based upon the discovery of Anthracite coal. There have been various veins of coal discovered in the area around our borough. The seven veins discovered were the Orchard, Primrose, Mammoth, Skidmore, Seven Foot, Holmes and Buck Mountain.

#### **Solicitor's Report**

- Update on conservatorships.
- 601 Wade Road
- Palo Alto Agreement update
- Police Pension Fund Ordinance amendment was advertised for adoption.
- Request an Executive Session to discuss conservatorships, personnel issues, and legal matters.

**Engineer's Report**

- Discuss potential grant opportunities.

**Departmental Reports**

**Street Department Report**

**Electric Light Department**

**Treasurer's Report**

**Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to November 30, 2024**

Real Estate -	\$ 2,749.05
Per Capita -	\$104.50
Occupational -	\$ 41.58
<b>TOTAL -</b>	<b>\$ 2,895.13</b>

Respectfully submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

**Police Department**

**Zoning Officer's Report**

**Fire Chief's Report**

**Code Official Report**

**COMMUNICATIONS –**

Letter received from the St. Clair Women's Club:

Dear Friends,

The St. Clair Women's Club would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you for your support throughout this past year. Your generosity, time and dedication have played a pivotal role to make the Halloween Parade and Christmas Festival so successful.

The Halloween Parade was a fun filled celebration bringing our community and surrounding communities together in a way that truly showcased the spirit of creativity and fun! Likewise, the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival was a beautiful reflection of the holiday season. Santa and his helpers, beautiful lights, the Santa Run, Dalinda Dancers, food vendors, Trolley rides and of course the beautiful live Nativity hosted by St. Clare of Assisi Church were enjoyed by all. These events would not have been possible without your commitment to making them memorable and special for all involved.

To our generous sponsors - your financial contributions allowed us to bring these celebrations to life and we are deeply thankful for your belief in the importance of fostering community spirit. Your support truly strengthens the bonds that unite our community. We look forward to continuing our work together.

The St. Clair Women's Club works very hard throughout the year to bring these events to the community. New members are always welcome, if you would like to join our group, please contact Michele Price at 570-527-9191.

We look forward to continuing our work in the coming years. Thank you and May God Bless you and yours this Christmas Season and bring good health and happiness in the New Year.

### **Old Business**

Accept a motion to accept the resignation of Robert A. Price effective December 26, 2024.

### **New Business**

Accept a motion to hire Kevin Sabaric as a part time police officer at the current rate including the purchase of uniforms and equipment, along with a ballistic vest, if needed.

Accept a motion to adopt the amendment to the Police Pension Plan Ordinance to allow for the purchase of up to five years of pension service credit for prior part-time and full-time police service provided in the St. Clair Borough Police Department. The proposed ordinance also contains provisions concerning ineligibility, computation of amount due for purchase of credit and applicability to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System.

Accept a motion to reappoint Robert Naradko to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Accept a motion to reappoint John Dresch to the Planning Commission.

Accept a motion to reappoint William Sutzko to the Police Civil Service Commission.

Accept a motion to reappoint Sharon Stednitz to the School Crossing Guard Agency.

Accept a motion to reappoint Kevin Davenport to the Sewer Authority.

Accept a motion to reappoint Samuel G. Stednitz to the Vacancy Board.

Accept a motion to authorize Council President Thomas Dempsey to sign the Alfred Benesch Agreement extending their services for 2025.

Accept a motion to adopt the following Resolution authorizing the submittal of the grant application.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF ST. CLAIR APPROVING SUBMISSION OF DEMOLITION REQUEST TO THE COUNTY OF SCHUYLKILL.**

The Borough of St. Clair, having met this 7th day of January, 2025,

in public session, has approved a demolition request to the County of Schuylkill in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the demolition of:

**214 S. Third Street.**

The Municipality acknowledges that it will be responsible for payment of 25% of the cost of demolition.

The Municipal Governing Body authorizes Roland Price to submit the application for funding on its behalf.

Discuss Borough Engineer' action items.

Discuss and clarify part-time police patrolmen's salary increase for 2025:

\$27.00 per hour

After 750 hours, it will increase by \$1.00 to be \$28.00.

After 1200 hours, it will increase by another \$1.00 to be \$29.00.

**Executive Session.**

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

**Accept a motion to adjourn.**