

April 1, 2025 Agenda

April 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

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the Borough of St. Clair was incorporated by the General Assembly of Pennsylvania on April 6, 1850; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough of St. Clair in 2025 will celebrate the 175th anniversary of its founding; and,

WHEREAS, over the past 175 years, people or their ancestors immigrating from at least four continents have come to St. Clair to live or work, in great part because of the coal mining industry and related activities, and have contributed to the beautiful mosaic of peoples that we have always considered to be the essence of St. Clair; and,

WHEREAS, the deeply held religious beliefs held by our residents over the past 175 years have been reflected in the erection of 17 churches within the Borough and three others within one mile of the Borough representing various ethnic groups and religious denominations; and,

WHEREAS, during the past 175 years, the men and women of St. Clair have always answered the call of our national government for volunteers for our military, when our nation or our nation's obligations to the welfare of civilization have been in peril; and have made the supreme sacrifice on battlefields around the world in a heroic effort to sustain our American way of life and the great principles under which we are governed; and,

WHEREAS, many students from the public and parochial schools of the Borough of St. Clair have gone on to have successful careers and some have achieved national and even international recognition and acclaim reflecting well upon their education and upbringing in the Borough of St. Clair; and,

WHEREAS, near the end of the 19th century, the governmental leaders in our Borough were farsighted in seeing the great possibilities of electric energy and therefore began to manufacture electricity for use by our residents and this led to the Borough of St. Clair gaining the official franchise to supply electricity to the residents of St. Clair thereby allowing the governmental bodies in St. Clair for the past 129+ years to use profits from the franchise to provide municipal services to the people of our borough that would otherwise be unaffordable; and,

WHEREAS, for the past 175 years St. Clair has been the home of various fraternal, civic, religious, social, athletic and veterans' groups who have contributed to the advancement of the quality of life for our residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, on this the 1st day of April, 2025, I, Mayor Richard E. Tomko, do proclaim that the year 2025 be "Dodransbicentennial Year" in the Borough of St. Clair.

Historical Note

The first Chief Burgess (Mayor) of our borough was Charles Lawton.

Solicitor's Report

- Update on conservatorships.
- Discuss Cooperative Agreement between Alert Fire Company and the Borough of St. Clair in regard to the \$400,000 grant.
- Discuss Amusement Ordinance.
- Request an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Engineer's Report

1. Potential Grant Opportunities
2. Ann Street Resurfacing Project – consider bids received

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report

Electric Light Department

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to March 15, 2025

Real Estate -	\$36,727.29
Per Capita -	\$1,117.20
Occupational -	\$247.20
TOTAL -	\$38,091.69

Respectfully submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS –

(All communication is attached to reports.)

March 5, 2025 – St. Clair Fish & Game is asking for a donation towards the 44th Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

March 6, 2025 – Community of caring Christians is requesting permission to hold a block party September 13, 2025 and to block off roads.

March 16, 2025 – Peace Frog Natural and Trio Spa and Salon Shannon Brennan requests the statement attached to the reports be provided at the April 1, 2025 Council Meeting concerning the paving of Ann Street.

Old Business

Accept a motion to approve the bid for the Ann Street Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$_____ to _____ Contractor.

New Business

Accept a motion to engage in a one-year Vegetation Management Service Agreement with Ehrlich for the Mill Creek banks in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Accept a motion to engage in a one-year Vegetation Management Service Agreement with Ehrlich for the Community Pool in the amount of \$225.00.

Accept a motion to engage in a one-year Vegetation Management Service Agreement with Ehrlich for the Northward Playground in the amount of \$275.00

Accept a motion to engage in a one-year Vegetation Management Service Agreement with Ehrlich for Admiral Boone Park in the amount of \$275.00.

Accept a motion to engage in a one-year Vegetation Management Service Agreement with Ehrlich for John Siney Park in the amount of \$425.00.

Accept a motion to authorize Community of Caring Christians to hold a block party on September 13, 2025 from noon until 4 p.m., blocking off North Mill Street from Hancock Street north for one block to Franklin Street, no parking signs to be posted, police presence and a Certificate of Insurance provided before the event.

Accept a motion to authorize a letter to be sent to Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. David M. Kleppinger at Penn State University, PA Senator David Argall and PA Representative Tim Twardzik opposing the closing of Penn State Schuylkill.

Accept a motion to authorize Sharon Stednitz to attend the Edmunds Edge Conference, to pay the registration fee, airfare, hotel rooms, meals and mileage from Sunday, September 28 through Thursday, October 2, 2025.

Accept a motion to authorize Asplundh Tree Expert, LLC to trim trees along Route 61 to gain clearance for St. Clair Electric's multiphase electric lines and removal of one pine tree at a cost of \$6,200.00.

Accept a motion to set the 2025 Swim Season Rates as follows:

<u>DAILY RATES</u>	<u>SEASON PASSES</u>
3-5 Years Old- \$1.50	Student - \$40.00
Students – \$2.50	Adult – Single - \$50.00
Adult - \$4.00	Couple - \$60.00
Senior (55+) - \$2.00	Senior (55+) - \$37.00
	Family - \$90.00

Accept a motion to set the pool rental rates as follows, which includes the pool rental and three lifeguards:

1 hour rental - \$126.00
2-hour rental - \$247.00
3-hour rental - \$358.00

Accept a motion to authorize potential grant opportunities.

Reminder:

Wednesday, April 2, 2025 - 175th Anniversary Meeting at **6:30 p.m.**

Executive Session.

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

Accept a motion to adjourn.