

ISSUES, REVIEW & FINANCE WORK SESSION

January 29, 2026

A special meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held to review issues and finance on Tuesday, January 29, 2026, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance were Council Members Joann Brennan, Cheryl Dempsey, Norm Diehl, Tony Klazas, Mike Petrozino, Judy Stednitz-Julian, President Thomas Dempsey and Mayor Tomko.

Others in attendance included Borough Manager Roland Price, Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Electric Light Superintendent Bob Petrozino, Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey, Policeman Vincent Bennett, Barbara Artz, Bill Umbenhaur, Maudie Becker, Gary Gorman, Blake Herndan, Tom Kelly, Joann Panchari, Vic Singh, Palak Dilawari, Dave Linkhorst, Colin Blankenhorn, Aaron Kaluchi, Tony Sylvester, Vaughn Vesay and John Burke.

Before Council began the meeting, Mayor Tomko questioned if the roll call was for the Work Session or the alleged meeting that was posted on the Borough web site. Borough Manager Roland Price suggested that the meeting was advertised and upon the advice of the Borough Solicitor, it can be held. Mayor Tomko advised council not to hold the meeting that was posted on the Borough web page. Mayor Tomko explained that the meeting was not properly advertised and is illegal; as he conferred with the Borough Association. Council President reiterated that Solicitor Ed Brennan said it was allowed. Mayor Tomko asked what exactly was said concerning this special meeting. Petrozino and Diehl stated they did not realize there was a Special Council Meeting but only the advertised Work Session. After discussion, Council decided to move the special meeting agenda to Tuesday's regularly scheduled February Council Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Kaluchi a sexton of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church presented council with pictures of snow thrown on the steps and sidewalks of the church, which took him four and a half hours to clean up the property. He asked if there was an ordinance concerning snow removal. Mayor Tomko reassured him that if he had names, we could take legal action. Unfortunately, there is no way of knowing who did this.

A local plowman, Gary Gorman, on behalf of many elderly residents, thanked council and the Street Department for the removal of the snow on Second Street.

Joann Panchari asked where exactly to place the snow, as she could not find a Snow Ordinance for reference. Mayor Tomko stated that it is illegal to throw the snow on the road. But in this case of the overwhelming amount of snow, placing it on a pile between cars is allowable. A copy of the ordinance will be mailed to her. She also thanked Kevin Dempsey and the Street Department for keeping the roads cleaned, not just this season, but all year around. The audience applauded.

Tom Kelly thanked the Street Department, the Electric Light Department, the Police Department and the Fire Departments for a job well done and for everyone working together. In light of Code Red being down, he mentioned an idea of starting a

Facebook page, similar to other surrounding municipalities. He volunteered to help with this endeavor. Borough Manager Price mentioned that it is a thought that was going to be presented to council, and if it does take effect, it will be run by a borough employee. President Dempsey said CodeRed was hacked and they are looking into other alert options.

Bill Umbenhaur thanked Street Department Supervisor Kevin Dempsey for a job well done. As a former Street Department Supervisor himself, he understands the poor equipment they are using. He commended the idea of having outside help assist the street workers in snow removal. They did a remarkable job on Front, Second and Third Streets – great job with money well spent. He commended all departments working together and help each other to make it a success.

Dave Linkhorst, a volunteer fireman, thanked everyone for a great job in snow removal. In the event of an emergency, it makes it easier to fit the equipment through the streets. He also thanked Vic Singh for providing food to the volunteers.

President Dempsey thanked the firemen for digging out all the fire hydrants and also helping residents stuck in the snow.

Victor Singh and his daughter thanked everyone in the Borough for pulling all stops out and cleaning the snow on Second Street.

Maudie Becker thanked the Borough for a wonderful job and to Gary Gorman for also assisting in snow removal.

Council Member Klazas thanked the fire chief for being on call and helping everyone.

Council Member Cheryl Dempsey read letters that were presented to the council members commending the great job clearing the snow on the streets. The letters read included St. Clair-Wade United Methodist Church, TNT Deli, Giorgio's Restaurant and Alert Fire Company #1.

Mayor Tomko added that there is no question the Street Department did an excellent job, the best in Schuylkill County. He will discuss further at Tuesday's council meeting. He went on to say that had there been an emergency, the Emergency Management Team was fully prepared, thankfully it was not necessary. Mayor Tomko asked questions pointed directly at Council President Tom Dempsey concerning the snow removal and the potential vehicle for the fire chief. President Dempsey answered several questions and declined other questions until the Solicitor was present. Discussion ensued concerning the fire chief's vehicle. President Dempsey added that before a vehicle was considered for the fire department, the Electric Company needed a truck and the Street Department needed a back hoe and a dump truck.

Borough Manager Roland Price reviewed his Manager Notes as follows:

Statement of Financial Interest forms are in your packets for the year 2025. Please complete and return to the office as soon as possible.

2026 Bidding Thresholds

Contracts or purchases *under \$13,200* require no formal bidding or price quotes.
Contracts or purchases *between \$13,200 and \$24,500* require three written/telephonic price quotes.
Contracts or purchases *greater than \$24,500* require formal bidding and public notice.

We are interviewing several businesses for a communication system to replace Code Red. The new system must have the ability to receive numerous phone calls when a power outage occurs.

St. Clair Borough received a grant to finish the Ann Street project in the amount of \$240,000.

Declaration of Disaster Emergency was declared by Mayor Tomko for the recent snowstorm.

Solicitor Ed Brennan is drafting an agreement for employee training. Once approved by council, it will be presented to the Teamsters for their approval.

The Zoning Officer has resigned his position effective immediately.

I request an Executive Session for personnel reasons.

Electric Light Superintendent Bob Petrozino updated council on the proposed peak shaving generators. Utility Engineer Norm Baron sent technical requirements that were requested by AMP Ohio. The potential generating capacity being considered would be 1.8 MW, which is a concern to Bob. If for example the Borough would have lost power this weekend, rolling outages would be the solution. A possible time frame could be two years if everything went smoothly. The Borough's load usage is growing; when Bob began this position the load was 3MW demand, we are pushing 5 MW now. They are looking at \$1 million per megawatt, so by using just the generators, you are looking at \$2-3 million dollars. The feasible money would be to put in a new line. Councilman Mike Petrozino added, if the peak shaving generators are approved, the Borough will receive a consistent stipend, even if the generators don't need to run, like the Borough of Schuylkill Haven. Council Member Diehl requested that potential grants be researched to see if there is funding available. Electric Light Superintendent Petrozino and Borough Manager Price will meet with Utility Engineer Norm Baron next week to discuss. B. Petrozino suggested that PPL may conduct studies to see if this is conducive. Superintendent Petrozino also thanked everyone for a job well done during the recent snow storm, as everyone was very well prepared.

Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey asked for permission to continue to remove the snow; asking if they could rent a skid loader to help the process along. They will need to wait to the regularly scheduled council meeting to properly approve spending that much money. Borough Manager Price suggested Dempsey see him in the morning.

Mayor Tomko stated that a resignation letter from the Zoning Officer was distributed in Council's monthly packet.

Councilman Mike Petrozino requested that a 3% pay increase for the Office Manager be added to Tuesday's agenda. Discussion concerning the on-duty fire chief's vehicle continued. Kevin Dempsey updated council on the progress of the police vehicle that needed a new motor. Council Member Brennan raised the idea of lack of insurance for the fire chief's vehicle. The idea of leasing the repaired police vehicle to the fire company and reimbursing for the insurance was discussed. The Fire Committee will get together with the fire company representatives and investigate a possible solution. Bill Umbenhaur, Treasurer of the Alert's Fire Company, stated he is not in favor of the expense of insurance as the budget is already tight. Everyone was in agreement of the fire chief having a vehicle, the question is the insurance.

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

The executive session ended, and the council meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Roland Price, Borough Manager

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING**February 3, 2026**

The February monthly Council Meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 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, Cheryl Dempsey, Norm Diehl, Tony Klazas, Mike Petrozino, Judy Stednitz-Julian, Council President Thomas Dempsey and Mayor Tomko.

Also, present included Solicitor Ed Brennan, Borough Engineer Brian Baldwin, Borough Manager Roland Price, Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Acting Police Chief Brad Blanner, Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey, Electric Light Superintendent Bob Petrozino, Fire Chief Frank Uhrin, Barbara Artz, Office Manager Sharon Stednitz, Tom Kelly, John Zachar, Adrian Portland, Erin Portland, Mike Jackson, Michael Litwak, Sabrina Diehl, Jacob King, Jess Robisch, Gary Gorman, Michelle Kline, Carleen Bensinger, Vaughn Vesay, Danny Vidal, Nicole Doran, Joseph Maucailla, Tony Sylvester, Patrick Manion, Jace Manion, Abby Davis, John Burke, Denise Barnes, Richie Scott, Anthony Robisch, Vincent Alessi, Mike and Maryanne Moore.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council member Joann Brennan read the council prayer.

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

President Dempsey thanked Reading Anthracite for allowing the Borough to dump snow on their property.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Office Manager Sharon Stednitz appreciated that council is reviewing her issue; it has been hanging very heavy over her head for a month.

Anthony Robish thanked the street crew they did a great job with the snow removal and thanked Mayor Tomko; he apologized for the way he was treated at the February Work Session and let the mayor know that he is appreciated for the advice that he gives.

Rich Scott, the coordinator of the St. Clair Car Cruise for the last 10 years, was informed that the cruise was being taken from him. He wanted to know the status of this because the planning begins this time of the year. Council Member Diehl commended Scott on the great job for the past cruises, and reminded everyone of the work that is also done on the Borough's end as well for these successful cruises. Diehl suggested the proceeds made from the cruise should stay in St.

Clair to benefit the Borough. Diehl suggested the funds be rotated yearly to different nonprofits in the Borough of St. Clair.

Denise Barnes thanked the Street Department for the snow clean up. She mentioned she researched ways the Borough can be reimbursed by the government for the expenses of snow removal. Engineer Baldwin explained there was money made available to the state; however, the money was used within the state, there is no allocation for monies to reach the municipalities. The Borough Manager took the information to review.

Michael Jackson asked Mayor Tomko how many years he was mayor. Mayor Tomko responded 32 years. With all that experience, Jackson feels Mayor Tomko was disrespected by President Dempsey at the last meeting. He encouraged everyone to get along for the community. Jackson is also concerned where the money will come from for the snow removal and that it should have been a council decision.

Anthony Robisch commented that the EMC could have helped with funding.

Joseph Maucailla of Hancock Street was asking for an extension on time to fix his small garage over by the Little League Field. He presented council with pictures of the garage. After the garage was vandalized last year, he tried securing the back wall. He recently applied for permits to fix it, as he is a contractor, however, between the weather, food poisoning and getting the shingles, he is asking for understanding in completing the job in a timely manner. Code Enforcement Officer Brestowski is aware of the situation. He may even put a fence around the garage for safety of the children. Council also encouraged him to report vandalism to the police rather than taking matters into his own hands.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Tomko began his monthly report with a report prepared by the Emergency Management Coordinator Vincent Alessi for the preparation of the snow storm. He read as follows:

In the week leading up to our latest snow event, the Saint Clair Emergency Management Agency warming shelter plan was prepared, should our community's citizens be in need of such services.

Representatives from our FD, PD, & Emergency Medical Services were contacted to ensure all emergency services & staff were readily available to assist in a large-scale capacity, if necessary.

Transportation unit and a driver were standing by, to shuttle residents in need to the warming shelter, if necessary.

My designated warming shelter manager and medical officer also prepared for deployment.

I had met with our Electric Department Superintendent, prior to the storm, utilizing drone technology, at no cost to our borough, where I had flown the

entirety of our borough's electric power lines from the Norwegian Township line, north to Terry Rich Blvd. to examine for any potential threats such as falling trees toward lines, cracking or aging poles, etc. One area of interest was identified, and immediately mitigated by Mr. Petrozino, to best prevent any further threat of danger that would cause power loss.

Contact made with Street Department Superintendent confirming generators available to power all major intersection traffic lights.

Schuylkill County Emergency Management Agency had received preparedness report, with all departmental details should their assistance be requested. They were prepared to assist with further nutritional & wellness necessities for our shelter, if needed.

Direct contact also was made to Schuylkill County 911 Center on Thursday morning at 11 a.m., on behalf of Mayor Tomko, to initiate the steps to establish a Declaration of Disaster for this municipality. On Friday morning, the proper paper work was signed and returned to enact the D.O.D.

Thirteen wellness checks for residents were called in to and completed by myself, as our Saint Clair Emergency Management Coordinator. Communications were made with our 911 Center for incidents requiring additional resources.

No further EMA deployment was needed for this weather event, all preventative steps rendered, proved successful for our Borough.

Thank you,
 Vincent A. Alessi
 Emergency Medical Technician
 Coordinator
 Department of Saint Clair Emergency Agency

(Applause in recognition of the Emergency Management Coordinator.)

Mayor Tomko reiterated, the Borough is very lucky to have Vincent Alessi with his intelligence, professionalism, and generosity of spirit in that position.

Mayor Tomko continued with his monthly report, as follows:

1. Thank you for a job well done in the face of severe temperature conditions to the Emergency Management Agency for St. Clair, the St. Clair Street and Electric Light Departments as well as our Police and Fire Departments during the snow emergency on January 25, 2026.

Late last month, I dealt with two separate local governmental activities.

1. The Snow Emergency Route regulations were put into place after consultation with Street Department Superintendent Kevin Dempsey and Acting Chief of Police Brad Blanner. Our conversations occurred on Thursday, January 22nd in anticipation of the coming snow storm. The No Parking regulation was fully implemented by the evening of January 24th. At midnight there

were no vehicles parked on Second Street or Hancock Street so that the state and local plow crews could plow snow from curb to curb.

2. The second activity was the Declaration of Disaster. As to the Declaration of Disaster, after speaking with Chief Blanner and Superintendent Dempsey, along with Emergency Management Coordinator for St. Clair Vincent Alessi, I called Roland Price our Borough Manager and Borough Secretary and asked him to prepare the necessary paperwork for my signature for the Declaration of Disaster which I signed on the morning of Friday, January 23, 2026. That document was sent on to the Schuylkill County Office of Emergency Management. It took effect upon my signature.

As an elected official of the Borough of St. Clair, I believe that very serious consideration should be given to all official documents presented to me for my signature.

I read all such documents before signing them and if a question arises in my mind as to interpretation of certain terms in those documents, I research the law to the best of my ability to understand those interpretations so that I can fulfill the obligations of the public office I hold and the legal obligations that my signature demands.

I understood that the Declaration of Disaster sanctions the Emergency Management Agency for St. Clair to begin preparations for any possible disaster conditions.

I also understood that the last paragraph of the Declaration authorizes officials of the Borough of St. Clair to act as necessary to meet the current needs of this emergency – such as employment of temporary workers, leasing equipment, purchasing supplies and materials and by entering into such contracts and agreements for the performance of public work as may be required to meet the emergency without regard to those time consuming procedures normally prescribed by law.

The question in my mind was the interpretation of the word officials. To whom was I authorizing this large and wide grant of authority.

My understanding of the law in Pennsylvania was that the word officials referred to the governing body of the municipality. In our case that would be the Borough Council.

Provisions in Pennsylvania law provides for the calling of Emergency Meetings of the Borough Council without the usual advertising requirements for public meetings once the Declaration of Disaster was authorized.

Emergency Meetings of our Borough Council could have been called for Friday, the 23rd of January, Saturday the 24th of January, and Monday, the 26th of January.

At Emergency Meetings roll calls and minutes taken are standard procedures, votes should be recorded in pursuing different courses of action in handling the emergency situations. An example would be contracted snow removal.

Therefore, my objections to what occurred last week with the decision for contracted snow removal was certainly not the legal act of removing snow but how that governmental action was carried out.

Each member of Borough Council, acting alone, has no individual authority to conduct borough business as one councilman cannot speak for the entire Borough Council.

Additionally, committees of Borough Council cannot conduct official business acting alone – they can recommend action to the full body of the Borough Council.

President Grover Cleveland said, "Public officers are the servants and agents of the people, to execute the laws the people have made."

2. Our local churches are the spiritual centers of our community and it is important that residents of our Borough patronize their fund-raising activities.

Historical Note

On February 17, 1776, the first volume of Edward Gibbon's essential work, "The History of the Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire" was published in England. This work would have a lasting impact on historical scholarship.

On February 27, 1776, The Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge occurred in North Carolina. Colonial Scottish loyalists attempted to attack what they believed was a small force of colonial rebels. The ensuing conflict resulted in a decisive victory for the Patriot forces.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Brennan made a recommendation concerning the snow emergency, he agreed with mayor and respects his opinion, he did not think there was malice or forethought in decisions that were made in what he saw. But going forward, how can we do something, so as to not appear that something is done wrong. He reviewed some of the Borough Code and how it can be interpreted. He also reviewed some of the Borough Manager's responsibilities. He recommended to come up with a chain of command for emergency situations.

Discussion concerning the recent snow emergency ensued with the solicitor. Many questions were raised as to who should be contracted, should every snowstorm be removed, what streets should be done and how is this being paid?

The solicitor reviewed the list of conservatorships.

438-440 S. Front Street – A check was presented to Borough Manager for \$13,250 for the sale.

311 Broad Street – Settlement on vacant lot. Conservatorship will be dissolved.

30 Thompson Street – Hearing was dismissed due to lack of preparation by the owner. Electric Superintendent noted that there is electric going to the property.

516-518 Hancock & 126 Barn Street – Waiting for homeowners to respond to certified mail.

601 Wade Road – Finally settled with St. Clair School District. Conservatorship will be dissolved.

26 S. Front Street – At the buyer's convenience, it will be settled.

Solicitor Brennan also added that the training reimbursement agreements concerning employees is subject to negotiation with the union.

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

Council Member Diehl asked if the property at E Hancock Street can be considered for conservatorship. The Solicitor said conservatorship is driven by the Code Enforcement Officer.

ENGINEER'S 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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT – No report.

Council Member Diehl questioned if the Street Department was able to rent the bobcat that was requested at the Work Session. Borough Manager Price said he did take care of the situation.

ELECTRIC LIGHT 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Treasurer Sutzko also presented each council member with the 2025 annual financial report.

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT

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

POLICE REPORT

Acting Chief Blanner reviewed the Police Report.

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

ZONING REPORT – No report.**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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

Fire Chief Uhrin thanked the firemen and the community that helped out during the snowstorm. Council Member Klazas thanked the fire departments for being on fire watch.

Council Member Diehl discussed the vehicle for the fire chief's use. He contacted several fire departments in the nearby communities. Many listed the driver on the insurance.

CODE DEPARTMENT 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.

COMMUNICATIONS – No communications.**OLD BUSINESS**

On a motion by Diehl, seconded by C. Dempsey to authorize the advertisement for the sale of the 1999 International G garbage truck, approved.

On a motion by C. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan to approve the salary increase of the Borough Manager to \$74,760.49 annually, retroactive to January 1, 2026.

Borough Manager Price clarified that the decision to increase his salary was made at the December 18, 2025 Executive Session. He was advised, in the spirit of transparency, to bring it to a public meeting for a vote. Councilman Petrozino questioned why it was on Old Business when it was never on any agenda. Petrozino raised questions concerning the budget and the raise, the Solicitor will research this.

A roll call was taken. Roll Call – Brennan – YES, C. Dempsey – YES, Diehl – YES, Klazas – YES, Petrozino – Abstained for the reason that it would not be a legal vote, Stednitz-Julian – YES, T. Dempsey – YES, approved.

On a motion by Diehl, seconded by Klazas to approve a salary increase of the Office Manager by 3%, retroactive to January 1, 2026. A roll call was taken. Roll Call – Brennan – YES, C. Dempsey – YES, Diehl – YES, Klazas – YES, Petrozino – YES, Stednitz-Julian – YES, T. Dempsey – YES, approved.

On a motion by Klazas, seconded by Brennan to engage with Salzman Hughes, P.C. Attorneys at Law concerning the Customer Owned Generation Ordinances, approved.

Council Member Diehl questioned this since these ordinances have been evolving for several years now. Borough Manager Price was advised to have these attorneys review the ordinances since the attorneys from the Borough Association was concerned about the drafts that they reviewed. Salzman Hughes, P.C. Attorneys at Law are experts in the field. Electric Light Superintendent thought these ordinances were already reviewed. There are two ordinances in the works; one pertains to zoning while the other pertains to electrical. The Solicitor reassured everyone, the ordinances will be reviewed so as to not be challenged. Discussion ensued concerning the Technical Requirements and the application already posted on the Borough's webpage. The question was raised as to the cost of engaging with Salzman Hughes.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Brennan, seconded by Stednitz-Julian, to authorize Holden Realty to conduct an appraisal and to market the parcel located at 214 S. Third Street, approved.

On a motion by Diehl, seconded by Klazas, to accept the resignation of Zoning Officer S. Gre0gory Stednitz effective immediately, approved.

The motion to engage the firm of Comprehensive Inspection Agency to provide zoning services was tabled and to be discussed in an executive session.

On a motion by Brennan, seconded by C. Dempsey to exonerate tax collector, William Umbenhaur, from collecting the following taxes:

193 Delinquent Real Estate Accounts in the amount of \$32,279.76.

531 Delinquent Per Capita Accounts in the amount of \$2,920.50.

531 Delinquent Occupational Accounts in the amount of \$1,226.61.

And that these accounts be turned over to the appropriate collection agencies, approved.

The motion to accept the proposal from LEW Site Construction LLC to assist in the snow removal for the Borough was tabled.

Council Member Petrozino questioned what exactly was the proposal and Price added, we did not have an invoice yet. Solicitor Brennan advised an amendment to the motion.

Council Member Petrozino went on record to ask if it was necessary to contract all that including foremen and traffic police. Perhaps we could have supplied that.

On a motion by C. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas to ratify the contract entered into with LEW Site Construction LLC, not to exceed \$39,000.

A roll call was taken. Roll Call – Brennan – YES, C. Dempsey – YES, Diehl – YES, Klazas – YES, Petrozino – YES, Stednitz-Julian – YES, T. Dempsey – YES, approved.

Engineer Baldwin had no recommendations to be voted on, however Council Member Diehl asked if there was any grant money available to support an indoor facility for the children of St. Clair. Baldwin will look into any opportunities and to also continue to research a reimbursement for snow removal.

The EMS Coordinator is also going to provide information to the council after his EMA Committee meeting.

Council member Petrozino requested a forensic audit. The request for a forensic audit will be put on the March Agenda.

Council President Dempsey called an executive session at 7:55 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

The executive session adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

On a motion by Petrozino, seconded by Diehl, to appoint Comprehensive Inspection Agency immediately to fulfill the responsibilities of the Zoning Officer due to the Resignation of Greg Stednitz, until the position is filled. A roll call was taken.

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On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by Diehl to pay all Bills and Claims properly approved by council, approved.

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by C. Dempsey to accept a motion to adjourn at 8:28 p.m., approved.

Roland Price
Borough Manager

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February 3, 2026

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

**RE: Consulting Engineer's Report (CER)
Benesch Project No. 0326-609049.02**

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

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

ENGINEERING CONSULTATIONS & CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Firehouse Addition (0325-609049.02, Task 7)

Our office has been working with the Borough and Fire Company to prepare the project bid package. There are a few items that we are still coordinating. It may be possible to advertise the project this month with bids to be received at the March or April Council Meeting. Once the project is awarded, we anticipate Yourshaw Engineering and/or the Fire Company representatives will be performing most progress inspections with Benesch handling minor administrative efforts associated with grant coordination. The \$400,000 of grant funds must be incurred prior to June 30, 2027, although a one-year extension can be requested if needed.

Northward Basketball Courts (0000-031433.20)

Youth Basketball Court (0325-609049.21)

Due to the different funding sources and DCNR's grant requirements, the Youth Basketball Court and the Northward Playground projects will be bid separately but concurrently since both are similar in scope. We anticipate receiving bids at your March meeting (pending DCNR approval) with construction beginning in the early spring. We will prioritize the Youth Basketball Court.

Street Department Assistance (0325-609049.21)

Our office will meet with the Street Department to review the items identified in Signal Service's letter regarding the traffic signals at the intersections of Ann Street, Russel Street, and Wade Rd/Hancock Street along Route 61.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

None active.



POTENTIAL FUNDING/GRANT SOURCES (0325-609049.02, Task 4)

RECREATION

2026 DCNR Community Partnerships Program (C2P2), Small Communities (SC) Program

- **Current Status:** **OPEN** (as of Jan 12, 2026)
- **Application Deadline:** **April 30, 2026**
- **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 and requires no match.
 - \$20,000 is earmarked for Materials and/or Equipment 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: Late 2026
 - Grant agreements begin: Jan 2027
 - Earliest Project Start: Summer/Fall 2027
 - Earliest Project Completion: Fall 2027/Spring 2028
 - Grant Expiration: Dec 2030
- **Potential Projects:** playground rehab and construction, court lighting, other playground improvements.
- **Resolution Required:** Yes

2026 Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Greenways, Trails, Recreation Program (GTRP)

- **Current Status:** **OPEN** (as of Feb 1, 2026)
- **Application Deadline:** **May 31, 2026**
- **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 and **purchase of property** to create new or expand existing recreational sites.
- **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.
 - Engineering, design, and inspection is **limited to 10%** of grant award, which is often insufficient.
- **Timeline:**
 - Anticipated award notifications: Late 2026
 - Grant agreements begin: Early 2027
 - Earliest Project Start: Summer/Fall 2027
 - Earliest Project Completion: Fall 2027/Spring 2028
 - Grant Expiration: Dec 2031
- **Potential Projects:** Playground rehab and construction, court lighting, recreation property purchase, other playground improvements.
- **Resolution Required:** Yes

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FEMA: Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG)

- Current Status: CLOSED
- Opening: TBD
- Application Deadline: TBD (typically 5 weeks after application opening)
- Uses: Primary goal is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations by helping to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, **emergency vehicles**, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards. **Construction costs are NOT eligible.**
- Funding:
 - Max award: **\$1M**
 - **5% non-federal cash match required**
- Timeline:
 - Anticipated award notifications: 4 months after deadline
 - Grant agreements begin: at award notification
 - Grant Expiration: 24 months after award
- Similar programs: Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) and Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grant programs offer opportunities for other types of funding for community risk reduction and personnel training. However, those programs are not open and have no timeframe for the next round to become available.

Office of the State Fire Commissioner: Fire Company and Emergency Medical Services Grant

- Current Status: CLOSED
- Opening: TBD (potentially early Sept)
- Application Deadline: TBD (potentially mid Oct)
- Uses: Facility improvements, equipment purchase/repair, debt reduction, training and certification, more.
- Funding: Max award **\$20k** for fire

Office of the State Fire Commissioner: Municipal Fire Department Capital Grant

- Current Status: CLOSED
- Opening: April 15 (typically)
- Application Deadline: May 29 (typically)
- Uses: Facility modernization, acquiring/renovating structures, equipment purchase/repair.
- Funding: **\$25k-\$100k**

Office of the State Fire Commissioner: Fire and Emergency Medical Services Loan Program

- Current Status: **OPEN** (year-round)
- Uses: provides loans to acquire, rehabilitate, or improve apparatus, facilities, equipment.
- Funding:
 - **Loan at a fixed 2% interest rate**
 - Facility: \$636,337 or 50% (whichever is less), 20-year term
 - New Apparatus: varies upto ~\$495k, terms vary 10-20 years
 - Used Apparatus or repair: up to ~\$280k or 80% (whichever is less), 15-year term



FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

DCED Local Government Capital Project Loan Program (LGCPL)

- **Current Status: OPEN** (year-round)
- **Uses:** Established to provide low-interest loans to municipalities with populations of 12,000 or less for the purchase of equipment (e.g. digital speed display signs) and the purchase, construction, renovation or rehabilitation of municipal facilities.
- **Funding:**
 - **Loan at a fixed 2% interest rate**, min loan \$1k
 - **Equipment:** \$50k or 50% (whichever is less), term loan shall not exceed useful life of equipment
 - **Facilities:** \$100k or 50% (whichever is less), term not to exceed 15 years. Loan shall be secured by a mortgage

PENDING/AWARDED GRANT APPLICATIONS

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	Bid package preparation.

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 2026, construction in 2027.

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

Project	Firehouse Addition
Total Project Estimate	\$651,360
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$0 (0%)
Date Submitted	Nov 30 2023
Award Notification	Oct 22 2024
Application Status	AWARDED \$400,000
Grant Period Ends	June 30 2027
Project Status	Coordination with FD, bid package preparation.

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

Project	Youth Basketball Court (Third St Playground)
Total Project Estimate	\$75,500
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$11,325 (15%)
Date Submitted	May 31 2024
Award Notification	Jan 28 2025
Application Status	AWARDED \$64,175
Grant Period Ends	June 30 2028
Project Status	Bid package preparation.



2025 PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

Project **Thwing Street Bridge**
Total Project Estimate \$2,259,000
Borough Portion \$0 (0%)
Date Submitted **Jul 31 2025**
Award Notification **Jan 20 2026**
Application Status **NOT AWARDED**

2025 PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

Project **Ann Street Rehabilitation**
Total Project Estimate \$261,950
Borough Portion \$18,305 (7%)
Date Submitted **Jul 31 2025**
Award Notification **Jan 20 2026**
Application Status **AWARDED \$241,611**
Project Status Awaiting grant agreement from DCED.

2025 US DOT Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program

Project **Thwing Street Bridge Design & Permitting**
Total Project Estimate \$250,000
Borough Portion \$0 (0%)
Date Submitted **Aug 8 2025**
Anticipated Award Notification **Fall 2025 – Delayed**
Application Status **Under Review (not likely to be awarded)**

2025 PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Local Share Account (LSA) – Statewide

Project **Electric Bucket Truck**
Total Project Estimate \$278,685.50
Borough Portion \$0 (0%)
Date Submitted **Nov 25 2025**
Anticipated Award Notification **Sep 2026**
Application Status **Under Review**

2025 PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Local Share Account (LSA) – Statewide

Project **Backhoe Machine**
Total Project Estimate \$171,881.92
Borough Portion \$0 (0%)
Date Submitted **Nov 25 2025**
Anticipated Award Notification **Sep 2026**
Application Status **Under Review**

ST. CLAIR POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Potential Grant Opportunities

- a. Recreation grants from both DCNR (due Apr 30) and CFA (due May 31) are now available if Council wishes to apply for funding.
- b. Other funding opportunities are low-interest loans (2%) and are typically accepted year-round.

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

Electric Light Department Report

January 2026

December's Energy cost / usage - \$166,976.31 / 2,017,332 KWH

Prepped for storm Fern, Coordinated Emergency plan with EMC Vincent Alessi and all Dept. heads also Mr. Alessi with myself flew drone over PPL feed line through mountain areas looking for potential hazards. Placed call to PPL account manager, fueled all trucks, snow blower, chain saws, gas cans.

100 amp service equipment hookup / power restored at 30 Thompson Street on 1/27/26 Borough Manager and Code Official approved.

9:16 am - 1/13/26 Localized outage 6 homes E. Lawton blown fuse transformer 43378/s50884 – 2 squirrels.

Researched / received Quotes / specs on Radar speed warning signs for East Hancock Street, gave to Roland.

Replaced several photo cells in street lights that were staying on.

Reviewed Delinquent book printed and posted 80 - 48 hour disconnect notices for non-payment.

New 100 amp service equipment hookup at 305 East Railroad Street.

New 100 amp service hookup at 400 South Mill Street, School's new parking lot.

Spoke to Several Customers in regards to payment arrangements.

Terminated Electric service to 3 Customers for non-payment on Tuesday 1-13-26

Responded to complaint filed with P.U.C. by customer who received notice and was cut, P.U.C. closed case.

Pulled meter and cut service drop street side to vacant home at 208 South Mill Street, (Patric Davie/deceased)

Electric Bills taken to Pottsville Post office Bulk Mail on Tuesday 1/13/26

Customer called wire hanging in front of 433 South Mill, broken verizon line removed and reported.

Replaced street light fixture corner of South Nicholas and East Russell Streets.

Thursday 1/15/26 turned off all Christmas Decorations, started taking Pole Decorations on 2nd Street down.

1/22 – 10:30am meeting with Council President, Borough Manager, Barb and myself Re: answering service.

Cleared snow from in front and all around Borough hall, rear garages and all access areas at switchyard.

Trouble call to 20 West Franklin Street home has no power, voltage check done all good on Borough side.

Responded to 4 PA ONE calls, answered, returned many phone calls and emails throughout month.

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert Petrozino

Superintendent

Electric Light Dept.

02-03-26

**Borough of St Clair
Treasurer's Report - General Fund
December 2025**

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
301.10 · Real Estate Tax, Current	2,360.64
301.30 · Real Estate Tax, Delinquent	663.37
310.01 · Per Capita Tax, Current	49.50
310.03 · Per Capita Tax, Delinquent	65.18
310.10 · Real Estate Transfer Tax	837.41
310.20 · Earned Income Tax	19,412.34
310.30 · Business Privilege Tax	22.00
310.41 · Occupation Tax, Current	20.79
310.43 · Occupation Tax, Delinquent	29.37
310.50 · Local Service Tax	492.98
321.74 · Skill Games	6,500.00
331.12 · Police Fines	900.45
331.13 · Police Fines - State Police	506.53
342.20 · Rental Income - Boro Property	500.00
342.46 · Pole Rental	5,781.00
359 · Intergovernmental Revenue	5,085.57
361.33 · Variance/Zoning Permits	400.00
361.75 · Lien satisfaction Refund	67.50
362.10 · Police Protection Services	10,833.33
364.30 · Solid Waste Collection Fees	44,332.23
391.20 · Insurance Proceeds	9,170.45
392.18 · Transfers from Electric Light	200,000.00
Total Income	308,030.64
Expense	
Administration Department	48,994.74
Emergency Mgmt Department	150.00
Health & Sanitation Department	28,087.18
Miscellaneous Department	724.35
Planning & Zoning Department	10,037.00
Police Protection Department	73,286.39
403.00 · Tax Collection Department	1,384.34
409.00 · Borough Buildings Department	6,721.69

**Borough of St Clair
Treasurer's Report - General Fund
December 2025**

	TOTAL
411.00 · Fire Department	2,021.14
419.00 · Educational Services	8,398.00
430.00 · Streets & Bridges Department	55,219.78
452.00 · Recreation Department	69.55
481.00 · Payroll Tax Expense	6,768.08
487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	
487.20 · Health Insurance Expense	-85,530.02
487.30 · Employees' Benefits	3,080.00
Total 487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	-82,450.02
Total Expense	159,412.22
Net Ordinary Income	148,618.42
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	4,220.63
Total Other Income	4,220.63
Other Expense	
492.00 · Transfers Department	
492.130 · Transfer to Sinking Fund	25,000.00
492.305 · Transfer to Gen Fund Cap Res	3,000.00
Total 492.00 · Transfers Department	28,000.00

ENDING BALANCE: \$131,884.01

Borough of St Clair
Treasurer's Report - Electric Light Fund
December 2025

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
7372.40 · Electric Energy Sales	599,089.04
7372.50 · Sales Tax Discounts	25.00
7372.55 · Processing Fees	700.00
7372.56 · Miscellaneous Receipts	412.00
7372.57 · Service Fees	100.00
	600,326.04
Total Income	600,326.04
Expense	
487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	
487.20 · Health Insurance Expense	172,584.85
	172,584.85
Total 487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	172,584.85
7401.00 · Electric Light	
7401120 · Superintendent	8,047.95
7409300 · Rental Expense	3,193.92
7442141 · Office Manager	5,956.58
7442142 · Administrative Assistant	3,653.30
7442143 · Lineman	7,566.60
7442144 · Assistant Lineman	6,638.31
7442210 · Office Supplies	1,582.24
7442220 · Electrical Materials & Supplies	342.96
7442231 · Gasoline & Oil	297.19
7442260 · Minor Equipment	750.00
7442321 · Telephone	280.62
7442361 · AMP - Ohio	150,567.74
7442370 · Maintenance & Repairs	556.00
7442372 · Technology/Computer Expenses	6,269.41

Borough of St Clair
Treasurer's Report - Electric Light Fund
December 2025

	<u>TOTAL</u>
7442374 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	5,431.74
7442450 · Refunds - Electric	<u>638.05</u>
Total 7401.00 · Electric Light	<u>201,772.61</u>
Total Expense	<u>374,357.46</u>
Net Ordinary Income	225,968.58
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	<u>4,818.06</u>
Total Other Income	4,818.06
Other Expense	
492.00 · Transfers Department	
492.130 · Transfer to Sinking Fund	11,500.00
492.80 · Transfer to General Fund	<u>200,000.00</u>
Total 492.00 · Transfers Department	<u>211,500.00</u>

ENDING BALANCE: \$1,216,027.22

**Borough of St Clair
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2025**

Dec 31, 25

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

100.10 · Elec. Lgt. Sales Tax- Mid Penn	16,471.95
100.13 · PLGIT - Elect Lgt Capital Rsrv	6,043.28
100.131 · PLGIT PRIME-Elec.Light Cap Res	383,584.56
100.14 · PLGIT - Electric Light Fund	1,209,297.47
100.15 · PLGIT - FIRE INS ESCROW ACCT	40,107.55
100.16 · PLGIT - General Fund	123,857.97
100.17 · PLGIT - General Fund Cap Reserv	6,043.20
100.171 · PLGIT PRIME-Gen. Fund Cap. Res.	378,234.84
100.18 · PLGIT - HD Land Devel Escrow	10,054.63
100.19 · PLGIT - Highway Aid Fund	36.99
100.191 · PLGIT PRIME - Highway Aid Fund	1,682.42
100.20 · Elec. Light Chk. (Mid Penn)	13,354.13
100.21 · PLGIT - Home Program	11,055.58
100.22 · PLGIT - Recreation Grant Fund	24,439.81
100.221 · PLGIT PRIME - Recreation Grant	195.28
100.23 · PLGIT - Sinking Fund	36,642.39
100.231 · PLGIT PRIME - Sinking Fund	422,443.17
100.24 · PLGIT - Street Opening Permit	7,922.35
100.241 · PLGIT PRIME - Street Opening	88,854.40
100.30 · Gen. Fund Chk. (Mid Penn)	8,026.04
100.40 · PLGIT-Bridge Construction Fund	10,057.18
100.401 · PLGIT PRIME - Bridge Cons. Fund	154,355.10
100.50 · PLGIT - Demolition Fund	18,099.99
100.501 · PLGIT PRIME - Demolition Fund	358,718.99
100.81 · PLGIT/PRIME Ann St Maintenance	37,452.80
100.90 · PLGIT - Building Permit Fund	123,418.11
105.10 · PLGIT - Payroll Fund	775.12
105.20 · PLGIT - Withholding Account	474.98
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

3,492,700.28

Tax Collector's Remittance to Taxing Districts
WILLIAM UMBENHAUR - 2025 - SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH
For 12/01/2025 thru 01/12/2026
Date Created 01/12/2026
SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH Taxing District

		Municipality	Borough Per Capita	Borough Occupation	Other
A. Collections					
1.	Balance Collectable - Beginning of Month	46930.49	3260.00	1369.20	
2A.	Additions: During the Month (*)				
2B.	Deductions: Credits During the Month - (from line 17)				
3.	Total Collectable	46930.49	3260.00	1369.20	
4.	Less: Face Collections for the Month	17585.28	565.00	170.10	
5.	Less: Deletions/Exemptions from the List (*)			67.20	
6.	Less: Exonerations (*)		40.00	16.80	
7.	Less: Liens/Non-Lienable/Installments (*)				
8.	Balance collectable - End of Month	29345.21	2655.00	1115.10	
B. Reconciliation of Cash Collected					
9.	Face Amount of Collections - (must agree with line 4+7)	17585.28	565.00	170.10	
10.	Plus: Penalties	1758.62	56.50	17.01	
11.	Less: Discounts				
12.	Total Cash Collected per Column	19343.90	621.50	187.11	
13.	Total Cash Collected - (12A + 12B + 12C + 12D)				20152.51

(*) 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 #	20152.51			
16. Total Remitted This Month			20152.51			
17. List, Other Credit Adjustments (*)						
Parcel / PerCapita #	Name	Amount				
Total				0.00		
18. Interest Earnings (if applicable) \$ _____						
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Saint Clair Police Department

24 North Second Street
Saint Clair, PA 17970

Dispatch: 570-429-2240

Fax: 570-429-3052

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT: FEBRUARY 2026

January 2025 Police Activity

Total Calls for Service: 532

Total Traffic Stops: 66

Total Traffic Citations: 51

Total Parking Tickets: 6

Total Vehicle Crashes: 7

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- Two Officers will be attending a free of cost training on the Fourth Amendment (Search and Seizure) on 2/9/26

Acting Chief Brad Blanner

Saint Clair Fire Department
Fire Alarm Report
January 2026

January-02 GENERAL ALARM 16:24 hours (**BOX 33**) 391 Pottsville / St. Clair Highway East Norwegian Township (*Lowes Home Improvement*) for an automatic fire alarm. All companies dispatched, Deputy Skrobak arrived to find that a child pulled the alarm. Units were placed available. (**AFA08**) In service 20 minutes.

January-05 STILL ALARM 16:12 hours 581 West Laurel Blvd. Pottsville for a reported building fire. The tower ladder was dispatched on the alarm and units arrived, and the out-of-town companies were placed available. (**CSF68**) In service 15 minutes.

January-09 STILL ALARM 19:21 hours Second St. and Carroll St. for a vehicle accident w/entrapment. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, Minersville EMS, SCPD, and all chiefs responded. Members popped the driver's door on the vehicle to extricate the driver. (**EMVA62**) In service 45 minutes.

January-11 CHIEF CALL 20:45 hours 239 South Second St. for a utility's investigation. All chiefs responded. A technician got the heat working. (**UTL62**) In service 30 minutes.

January-12 STILL ALARM 23:17 hours 304 South Second St. for a carbon Monoxide activation. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded, members found that the chimney pipe collapsed and blocked. The members removed the fire and ventilated the home. (**CO62**) In service 1 hour.

January-12 STILL ALARM 13:00 hours 238 Arnot St. for a medical assist. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, West End, and Deputy Skrobak responded. Members assisted EMS with lifting. (**MA62**) In service 45 minutes.

January-12 STILL ALARM 17:46 hours 123 Industrial Park East Norwegian Township for an odor investigation. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and UGI checked the area with a slight odor. UGI to handle the incident. (**ODO08**) In service 1 hour.

January-20 STILL ALARM 16:52 hours 59 North Second St. for wires down. Alert/Columbia responded, members found cable wires and secured them. (**WD62**) In service 25 minutes.

January-23 STILL ALARM 11:10 hours Joseph H Long Blvd. and Wade Rd. for a vehicle accident unknown injury. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, and Deputy Skrobak responded. Members controlled traffic. (**MVA62**) In service 35 minutes

January-24 CHIEF CALL 13:28 hours 16 Ann St. for an oil tank leaking. Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded. Fire Chiefs requested the Phoenix Fire Company be dispatched to assist with the leak. (**ODO62**) In service 1 hour.

January-24 STILL ALARM 13:30 hours 16 Ann St. for an oil tank leaking. Phoenix responded and assisted with the leak. (**ODO62**) In service 1 hour.

January-24 STILL ALARM 15:27 hours 120 North Mill St. for a carbon monoxide alarm. Alert/Columbia, and all chiefs responded. Members found high readings of carbon monoxide throughout the home. Members ventilated the home and checked again and found the readings high again. Members checked the chimney and found a partial blockage. The landlord was notified of the situation and was not cooperating. The furnace mechanic reached out to the landlord. The occupant was going to stay with a relative. **(CO62)** In service 95 minutes.

January-27 STILL ALARM 16:48 hours 400 Terry Rich Blvd. for a vehicle accident w/injury. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, West End, responded. Members were on scene for a short time with no fluids or injuries. **(MVA62)** In service 25 minutes.

January-27 STILL ALARM 21:16 hours 998 Skyline Drive for a vehicle accident unknown injury. Alert/Rescue, West End, Deputy Skrobak, along with fire units from the north responded, the vehicle left the scene. **(MVA02)** In service 35 minutes.

January-29 STILL ALARM 17:15 hours SR. 61 Highway and East Darkwater Rd. New Castle Township for a vehicle accident w/injury. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, Chief Uhrin, Skrobak along with fire units from the north responded. Members arrived on scene and placed north units to go available. Members controlled traffic and assisted EMS with patient care. **(MVA17)** In service 45 minutes.

January-31 STILL ALARM 12:10 hours 417 Dock St. Schuylkill Haven for a fire standby. Alert/Columbia for an engine covered while companies operated at a house fire. Members were on standby for 3 hours. **(FSB63)** In service 3hours.

Comments:

The Fire Department held a fire watch for January 24th & 25th 2026 snowstorm and fridge temperatures. Each fire company had members to staff the apparatus in the event of an emergency.

The following alarm boxes were tested, 33,45

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	13
False Alarms	0
Chief Calls/Public Service	2
Total calls	16

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Uhrin Fire Chief

Saint Clair Fire Department

Fire Alarm report for the year 2025

Carl Skrobak Deputy Chief Frank Uhrin Fire Chief Thomas Johns Asst. Chief

Total number of calls 250

AFA -Automatic Fire Alarm-24	SBY -Stand-by for another Dept-10
STR -Structure Fire (Residential)-16	BF -Brush/Wildland Fire-12
CHF -Chief Request-43	STR -Structure Fire (Commercial)-4
CO -Carbon Monoxide-10	TD -Tree Down-13
LZ -Landing Zone-8	TRF -Trash/Rubbish Fire-3
MA -Medical Assist-10	VF -Vehicle Fire-4
MVA -Motor Vehicle Accident-40	SI -Smoke Investigation-2
ODO -Odor Investigation-9	ORR -Off Road Rescue-4
SIS -Smoke in a Structure-6	PD -Pump Detail-4
WD -Wire Down-9	VLF -Vehicle Leaking Fluid-5
OBM -Oil Burner Malfunction-4	UTL -Utilities Investigation-6
AR -Animal Rescue-3	WR - Water Rescue-1

Pennsylvania ranked highest in the country for house fire fatalities in the year 2025. Unfortunately Saint Clair became part of their numbers, with having the first fatal house fire in over 49 years.

Apparatus Runs

Engine 62/11-104 Tower Ladder 62/21-46 Engine 62/12-80 Squad 62/61-25 Ladder 62/23-82
Engine 62/14-26 Brush 62/44-9 Engine 62/15-34 Squad 62/65-36 Brush 62/45-12 UTV 62-2

Calls per month

January-21 February-8 March-18 April-17 May-28 June-19 July-27 August-20
September-17 October-20 November-35 December-20

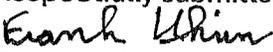
Hours per Month

January-13.75 February-8.75 March-17.41 April-22.33 May-22.0 June-20.25 July-30.0
August-12.75 September-13.91 October-10.66 November-22.0 December-16.33

Run Areas

New Castle Twp.-22 Blythe Twp.-16 East Norwegian Twp.-48 Port Carbon-4 Pottsville-6
West Mahanoy Twp.-1 Sch. Haven-6 Palo Alto-3 Minersville-1 Norwegian Twp.-3 New Phila-2

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 2, 2026

TOTAL COMPLAINTS – 37

Large number of complaints due to snow.

214 South 3rd Street Demolition has successfully been completed.

RENTAL INSPECTIONS – 4

Respectfully,

Michelle D. Brestowski

Code Enforcement Officer
Health Officer