

## **ISSUES, REVIEW & FINANCE WORK SESSION**

**February 26, 2026**

A special meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held to review issues and finance on Tuesday, February 26, 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, Acting Chief of Police Brad Blanner, Barbara Artz, Maudie Becker, Gary Gorman, Tom Kelly, Vaughn Vesay, John Zacher, Betty Kearns, Karen Geiger, Michael Jackson and Scott Auman.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tom Kelly asked if a Facebook page was being considered for the Borough. Borough Manager Roland Price said no decision has been made yet. Kelly notified council they are using a wireless microphone to enhance the sound on the livestream of the meetings. He suggested council consider having their public comment before and at the end of the public meeting, therefore if there are any questions, they can be addressed. Finally, he added, he appreciated the work council does and he feels a forensics audit would be a proactive tool and a positive step towards trust with the community.

Michael Jackson informed council that he spoke with two different local communities that claimed they received funding for snow removal. He asked if the St. Clair Police Department would participate with other communities in assisting ICE.

Vaughn Vesay asked council to revisit the idea of allowing Famous Reading Outdoors (FRO) to use the streets of the Borough of St. Clair. Frackville is now allowing it. Michael Jackson mentioned the police should be involved in this decision. President Dempsey said that the state is in the process of allowing off road vehicles the use of state roads, which would include Second and Hancock Streets.

Betty Kearns inquired about a handicap parking space in front of her house as she uses a wheelchair and she is state approved for a handicap placard. Mayor Tomko explained that St. Clair does not hand out handicap placards, for the main reason that there is no way to police it. He suggested to hang a handicap sign on her porch but we cannot enforce it if a neighbor doesn't respect it.

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Mayor Tomko asked if anyone has a position on the proposed federal immigration detention facility. He suggested four letters be written to opposing the proposed federal immigration detention facility in Tremont.

Roland Price presented the Borough Manager's Notes.

A police vehicle can be given to one of the fire companies. The vehicle must be registered to that fire company's name and listed on the fire companies auto policy.

A lease would need to be drawn up and signed by all five companies. A copy of the lease must be provided to the insurance company. The insurance cost would be reflected on the insurance invoice. Other questions.

Please complete and return the Statement of Financial Interest as soon as possible.

A staff member of State Representative Tim Twardzik' started on Tuesday, February 17.

I request an Executive Session for personnel reasons.

Two conservership properties will be on the agenda for council's permission to sell them, 6 S. Mill Street and 113 E. Hancock Street.

It will be added to the agenda to include the car cruise insurance on the March agenda.

Council member Diehl began discussions concerning the insurance for the fire chief's vehicle. After discussion, council approved providing maintenance and fuel for the vehicle.

Electric Light Superintendent Bob Petrozino informed council that AMP Ohio made a mistake on the 2026 forecast resulting in an increase of approximately \$73,000. When budgeting for 2026, Petrozino had the foresight to overestimate based off the prior year. Petrozino added that we are one of 15 municipalities in Phase Two of the proposed 1.8 MW peak generators for the Borough. He requested as much as we could get with a minimum of 3 MW, which is being discussed by AMP, possibly even 2.4MW. The generators could possibly be in place mid-summer of 2027. Council Member Diehl asked if we could get a grant for an extra 1.8 MW. We already receive credits from Phase One as a non-host. When we receive the generators, we will then be a host and receive credits for that also. Superintendent Petrozino also mentioned that a group had several meetings with different companies concerning a call center/emergency notifier to be instituted for the Borough. A small utility-oriented company, Outify, seems to be the best choice, and most cost effective. They would even integrate an outage map on our website. Outify in tangent with a potential Facebook page would keep the residents informed of emergencies and general messages to the residents. The question was raised if we could legally incorporate phone numbers from the electric billing system to the Outify system. This question should be presented to the solicitor.

Acting Chief Brad Blanner requested an executive session for personnel reasons.

Council Member Diehl asked council to consider beginning their meetings with the executive session to alleviate the public having to leave and come back and to keep a more efficient meeting. After much discussion, Mayor Tomko suggested they take maybe two months to ponder the idea. If necessary, the Borough Manager would need to readvertise the council meeting time changes.

Council Member Petrozino asked council about contemplating a forensics audit, potentially going back 12 years and if it will be on the agenda. Council Member Brennan asked if there was something specific being looked at and what is the cost of

this audit? Treasurer Sutzko explained that our annual audit is a financial audit, whereas a forensic audit reviews policy and procedure. After much discussion, it was decided to have the Borough Manager contact Shenandoah Borough to inquire specifics. The snow removal reimbursement was also discussed.

The executive session began at 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The executive session ended, and the council meeting adjourned.

**Roland Price**  
**Borough Manager**

**MARCH COUNCIL MEETING****March 3, 2026**

The March monthly Council Meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held on Tuesday, March 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, Fire Chief Frank Uhrin, Barbara Artz, Tom Kelly, John Zachar, Adrian Portland, Erin Portland, Mike Jackson, Gary Gorman, Maudie Becker, Robert Naradko, Michelle Kline, Carleen Bensinger, Vaughn Vesay, Danny Vidal, Nicole Doran, Tony Sylvester, Anthony Robisch, Taylor Kelly and Scott Auman.

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.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Erin Portland updated council on the BRADS Landfill. Their operating permit was extended for another three months; this is their third extension, meanwhile having pending violations. One violation she reported was the very concerning emissions data; oftentimes being triple the normal, several days in a row. She presented council with information concerning the landfill, in particular a contract for \$300,000 for plastic turf. Council would like letters opposing this be sent to Roger Bellas. Erin Portland also mentioned data centers were potentially being considered for Kline Township.

Anthony Robish thanked council for allowing the meeting to be streamed. He added that he thought a forensic audit was a great idea, and that ethically it should be looked at to gain public trust. He also presented council with concerns he had with some council members and presented council and the public audience with handouts of these concerns. Solicitor Brennan added that a financial audit is done annually. Finally, he added that respects and applauds everyone on council for their public service especially during Public Comment.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Residents are urged to be aware of telephone or computer scams relating to their federal income tax. The Internal Revenue Service does not use the telephone or the computer to communicate with individual taxpayers.
2. As the brutal Russian invasion of Ukraine enters its 5<sup>th</sup> year, I urge all residents of St. Clair to keep the courageous people of Ukraine in their prayers. This year, as we celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Declaration of Independence from a tyrannical government, let the example of 1776 be an inspiration for the people and government of Ukraine.

### **Historical Note**

On March 17, 1776, British forces evacuated Boston and sailed to Nova Scotia, ending the Siege of Boston.

On March 25, 1776, The Continental Congress authorized a medal for General George Washington, recognizing his leadership in the war. On a motion made by Brennan, seconded by Diehl, to accept the report, approved.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

The Solicitor reviewed the conservatorships.

516-518 E. Hancock Street – The paperwork was filed to appoint the Borough as conservator.

126 Barn Street – The neighbors are happy progress is being made.

113 and 115 E. Hancock Street – Place on hold for now.

He added the Redevelopment Authority is still in development.

6 S. Mill Street – A proposal was made and is on the agenda.

He requested an Executive Session for personnel reasons.

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

## **ENGINEER'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.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

### **STREET 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.

Council Member Diehl asked the Street Superintendent about building walls around the lifts in the borough garage to keep it heated. Street Superintendent explained the walls would enclose the work area and keep it warmer.

### **ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Carol Sutzko reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

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

### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT** - No report.

### **POLICE REPORT**

Acting Police Chief Blanner reviewed the Police Report.

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, 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**

Fire Chief Frank Uhrin recognized all five companies that made themselves available over the past month. They were prepared if in the event something would have happened, but thankfully, did not happen. He also thanked them for their hard work and dedication.

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

### **CODE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Civil Service Commission presented its Biennial Organization Report.

The Planning Commission presented its 2025 report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The transfer of the police vehicle to Alert's Fire Company for use by the Fire Chief was discussed.

Borough Manager explained the details he received from the insurance company concerning the fire chief's vehicle.

On a motion by Brennan seconded by Stednitz-Julian, to authorize the transfer of the police vehicle to the fire chief, subject to the proof of insurance carrier, to accommodate the use by the fire chief and the assistant fire chiefs. A roll call was taken. Brennan – YES, C. Dempsey – YES, Diehl – YES, Klazas – YES, Petrozino – YES, Stednitz-Julian – YES, T. Dempsey – YES, approved.

On a motion by Stenitz-Julian, seconded by Diehl, to approve the sale of property at 6 S. Mill Street to Joanne Panchari in the amount of \$12,579.00, pending court approval, approved.

The motion to approve the sale of property at 113 E. Hancock Street was tabled.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by Klazas to authorize Sharon Stednitz to attend the Benecon's 2026 Health Benefits Seminar, May 6-7, 2026, including the cost of mileage, hotel reservations, meals and a report of the conference. 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 C. Dempsey, seconded by Brennan to authorize the Borough Manager to write letters to PA Representative Twardzik, PA Senator Argall, Governor Shapiro and Congressman Dan Meuser opposing the proposed ICE facility in Tremont, approved.

At 7:17 p.m. Council Member Stednitz-Julian left the meeting.

The motion to engage in a contract with Outify at a cost of \$800 per month and a one-time installation fee of \$3,000 was tabled. There were questions and discussion about what the exact contract states.

On a motion by Diehl, seconded by C. Dempsey, to purchase the speed warning device from Stalker Radar in the amount of \$3,677.50, approved. It was confirmed that insurance money was received for the device.

The potential forensics audit was discussed. Borough Manager reviewed his discussion with Shenandoah Borough concerning what their audit entailed.

Council Member Petrozino asked Engineer Baldwin what his recommendation would be. He read the information provided and was not able to provide this area of expertise.

On a motion by T. Dempsey, seconded by Klazas to authorize letters be written to DEP, PA Representative Twardzik, PA Senator Argall, Governor Shapiro and Congressman Dan Meuser concerning the plastic turf and the BRADS Landfill, approved.

Dr. Erin Portland offered to assist in preparing a list of contacts to who should receive the letters.

On a motion by Klazas, seconded by Diehl, to conditionally award the Youth Basketball Court Project to Sidel Paving & Excavating, upon further review by Engineer Baldwin and the Solicitor. 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.

Council Member Petrozino recommended a lawyer to speak at the next Work Session to determine what is involved and the cost of a forensic audit. Solicitor Brennan sees no need to hire another lawyer. Audits are done yearly and the findings are reviewed with council. Mayor Tomko recommended a Finance Committee review the authorization of spending money, was it done in accordance with contracts, did everyone agree?

Council President Dempsey called an executive session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss litigation and personnel matters.

The executive session adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

On a motion by C. Dempsey, seconded by Diehl to pay all Bills and Claims properly approved by council, approved.

On a motion by C. Dempsey, seconded by Diehl to accept a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., approved.

**Roland Price**  
**Borough Manager**

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March 3, 2026

Mr. T. Dempsey  
Council President  
16 S Third Street  
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**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 Fire Company and Yourshaw Engineering to finalize the project bid package – a draft is under review by the Fire Company and Yourshaw. There are a few items that are still outstanding, including the PennDOT HOP. The \$400,000 of grant funds must be incurred prior to June 30, 2027, although a one-year extension can be requested if needed. As of now, the earliest we would expect to receive bids would be the May 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.

#### **Youth Basketball Court (0325-609049.21)**

At Council's request to try to complete this project prior to the Independence Day holiday, our office prioritized this bid package preparation. The project bid package was prepared and advertised with bids due by 1:00pm earlier today (March 3, 2026). The bid tabulation is attached for your consideration.

The CFA grant award for this project is **\$64,175**. This equates to 85% of the total estimated project costs of \$75,500 (the Borough portion is \$11,325). The total construction costs were estimated to be \$66,600. The CFA grant agreement expires on June 30, 2028.

#### **Northward Basketball Courts (0000-031433.20)**

Due to this funding source being different than that of the Youth Basketball Court (and requires DCNR's pre-approval prior to bidding), this project advertising was separated from the Youth Basketball Court. Nevertheless, we anticipate receiving bids for this project at your April meeting (pending DCNR approval).

#### **Ann Street Rehabilitation (0326-609049.20)**

On January 20, 2026, DCED announced that the CFA awarded the Borough a **\$241,611** grant towards the completion of the Ann Street Rehabilitation efforts. The grant will cover most of the remaining design, highway occupancy permitting, construction, and inspection. Yesterday (March 2), the Borough received the executed grant agreement documents from the CFA, allowing the Borough to begin incurring costs. However, knowing that this is another priority project with the Borough's desire to complete this project this summer, Council may wish to authorize Benesch to begin design work immediately in order to submit the highway occupancy permit (HOP) application to PennDOT as quickly as possible. This work can be



performed on a time and materials basis with values not to exceed those presented in the approved grant application.

Congratulations on this significant award!

### **SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS**

Although there are currently no active subdivisions or land development submissions, in accordance with the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code, our office did prepare and provide to Council the 2025 St. Clair Planning Commission Report summarizing the Planning Commission activities of last year.

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

#### **RECREATION**

##### *2026 PA 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 (33%)    | \$90,000            |
| \$70,000   | \$40,000 (36%)    | \$110,000           |
| \$80,000   | \$50,000 (38%)    | \$130,000           |
| \$90,000   | \$60,000 (40%)    | \$150,000           |
| \$100,000  | \$70,000 (41%)    | \$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 PA DCED 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** of unimproved land (appraisal required) 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

## TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

### 2026 PA DCED Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA): Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF)

- Current Status: **OPEN** (as of Mar 1, 2026)
- Application Deadline: **July 31, 2026**
- Uses: Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation and enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, **streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, roadway drainage, connectivity of transportation assets, and transit-oriented development. Bridge replacements and rehabilitations are eligible.**
- Funding:
  - Grants are available for projects with a total cost of **\$100,000 or more.**
  - Grants **shall not exceed \$3M** for any project.
  - Typically requires 30% local match, although the **local match requirement has been waived** for municipalities again for 2026.
- Anticipated Award Announcement: Early 2027
- Potential Project(s): Thwing Street Bridge or Carroll Street Bridge replacement; streetscapes, sidewalks, pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements.
- Resolution Required: Yes

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

### 2026 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.

*2026 PA 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

*2026 PA 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**

*PA 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 up to ~\$495k, terms vary 10-20 years
  - Used Apparatus or repair: up to ~\$280k or 80% (whichever is less), 15-year term

**FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT**

*PA DCED Local Government Capital Project Loan Program (LGCP)*

- 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	<b>Northward Playground Basketball Courts</b>
Total Project Estimate	\$70,000
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$20,000 (29%)
Date Submitted	<b>Apr 6 2022</b>
Award Notification	<b>Sep 6 2022</b>
Application Status	<b>AWARDED \$50,000</b>
Grant Period Ends	<b>Dec 31 2026</b>
Project Status	Bid package preparation.



*2023 PA DCNR Community Partnerships Program (C2P2), Small Communities (SC) Program*

Project	<b>John Siney Park</b>
Total Project Estimate	\$125,000
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$47,500 (38%)
Date Submitted	<b>Apr 5 2023</b>
Award Notification	<b>Oct 5 2023</b>
Application Status	<b>AWARDED \$77,500</b>
Grant Period Ends	<b>Dec 31 2027</b>
Project Status	Design 2026, construction in 2027.

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

Project	<b>Firehouse Addition</b>
Total Project Estimate	\$651,360
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$0 (0%)
Date Submitted	<b>Nov 30 2023</b>
Award Notification	<b>Oct 22 2024</b>
Application Status	<b>AWARDED \$400,000</b>
Grant Period Ends	<b>June 30 2027</b>
Project Status	Bid package under review by FD; FD coordinating HOP.

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

Project	<b>Youth Basketball Court (Third St Playground)</b>
Total Project Estimate	\$75,500
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$11,325 (15%)
Date Submitted	<b>May 31 2024</b>
Award Notification	<b>Jan 28 2025</b>
Application Status	<b>AWARDED \$64,175</b>
Grant Period Ends	<b>June 30 2028</b>
Project Status	Bids due Mar 3, 2026

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

Project	<b>Ann Street Rehabilitation</b>
Total Project Estimate	\$261,950
<i>Borough Portion</i>	\$18,305 (7%)
Date Submitted	<b>Jul 31 2025</b>
Award Notification	<b>Jan 20 2026</b>
Application Status	<b>AWARDED \$241,611</b>
Project Status	Executed grant agreement returned from DCED on Mar 2, 2026

*2025 US DOT Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program*

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

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

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



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

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

**ST. CLAIR POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Youth Basketball Court:** Consider bids received.
2. **Ann Street Rehabilitation:** Consider authorizing Benesch to begin design work and bid package preparation in accordance with the approved grant application.
3. **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. CFA MTF grant applications are due July 31.
  - c. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BW Baldwin".

Brian W. Baldwin, PE  
Project Manager

Attachments: Youth Basketball Court Bid Tabulation

Cc: Atty. Edward M. Brennan, Solicitor (w/ attachments)

**St. Clair - Youth Basketball Court  
Project No. 0325-609049.22**

**Bid Summary (bids received 03/03/2026)**

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid</b>
Sudol Paving & Excavating Inc.	\$ 44,089.19
SPOTTS BROTHERS INC.	\$ 47,867.00
Couzins Inc	\$ 61,125.00
Riteway	\$ 61,802.50
Construction Masters Services, LLC	\$ 64,998.10

## Street

Checked and inspected parks and playgrounds daily.

Cut and cleaned several trees and debris after several storms and high winds.

Cut down five trees in the creek on South Mill Street.

Installed four tons of cold patch throughout the borough.

Delt with several snowstorms and removed snow throughout the entire borough.

Picked up garbage, recyclables and large items for the month.

Posted Second and Hancock Streets for snow plowing.

## Maintenance

We checked and inspected all police vehicles weekly.

150C – Oil Change

150 D Serpentine belt, oil change, idler pulley and wipers.

Expedition – The following items were changed: fuel pump, control modular, 8 coil packs, spark plugs & mass air flow sensor.

S-11 Replaced air idler sensor, EGR valve, throttle position sensor, rebuilt throttle body and replaced cutting edge and plow lights.

S-6 Replaced alternator, rewired charging harness from cab to the alternator. Installed new power supply wire to the fuse panel. Installed new starter on the spreader, new cutting edge and curb savers. Plow was welded, rust treated and painted.

S4 Pulled valve covers and replaced fuel harness on driver side. Replaced intake tube couplers and band clamps, new starter, both batteries and drive belts for hydraulic pump.

S3 Replaced front wheel bearings and strobe light

Backhoe installed new heater blower motor

Rebuilt carb on snowblower.

S7 Weld and fabricated exhaust system and replaced blown up spreader motor with a spare tractor motor. Rewired and repaired tow harness. Installed new cutting edge and curb savers. Welded new patch on the plow blade and rebuilt plow frame with bushings and center pins. Rust treated and painted. Rebuilt plow pump which consists of solenoids, seals, wiring and controller.

S-5 Replaced bearings and gear box, fabricated drive sprockets and replaced ignition magneto on spreader.

## Electric Light Department Report

February 2026

January Energy cost / usage = \$ 197,281.35 / 2,112,326 KWH

Out Sat. 2/7 at 10:32 am call from resident on Parvins Hill reported lights in Boro flickering for 40 minutes.

Dept. Employee off 17 days in month of February, will be off at least 23 days in March non work related injury.

Sharon completed and submitted the following P.U.C.Reports for 2025 – 1307e Report, 56.231 Annual Report, Assessment Report, EIA -861S Report, Over \$10,000 arears Report, Medical Certificate Report, Cold Weather Report, I reviewed and signed all before being submitted to Public Utility Commission.

Swapped out PPE – 3 pair-17,000 volt gloves, 3 Pair-17,000 v sleeves, 4 pair-600 volt gloves sent for testing.

During frigid temp. days worked in rear garage replacing colored bulbs on Christmas candle pole decorations.

Took old Flags from drop box by Boone Park and from Post Office (4 large bags)to Sch. Memorial Cemetery.

Per request of customers, meter accuracy tests done on Electric meters at 3 locations, all tested accurate.

Went around town with Bucket truck knocking down large accumulations of ice on wires to homes.

Reviewed delinquent book printed and posted 50 – 48 hour / Final notices for payment.

On Tuesday 2/10 terminatted service to 2 Customers for non-payment, restored 1 same day paid in full.

On Friday 2/20 restored service to other Customer who was cut on 2/10 for non- payment.

Spoke with Several Customers who were given shutoff notices in regards to payment arrangements.

Roland, Barb, Joe and myself attended a Zoom meting, Resident Emergency notification / communications.

Call from Com Center Motorists calling in, signal at 61 / Ann not changing, Signal Service in to re-set camera.

GMC bucket truck needed to have all 3 Batteries replaced, truck would not start.

Took Electric Dept. Ford pick up truck to Ken's tires in Pottsville to have leak in rear tire repaired.

Thursday 2/12/26 took Electric Bills to Pottsville Post office Bulk Mail.

Call, traffic signal Second / Carroll Street intersection working intermittently, replaced power connections

Repalced an Electric meter that was broken by falling ice from 2<sup>nd</sup> story rain gutter at 17 West Franklin Street.

Reviewed delinquent book printed 72 – 48 hour / Final notices will be posted on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Responded to 7 PA ONE calls, answered, returned many phone calls and emails throughout month.

Respectfully Submitted;

Robert Petrozino

Superintendent

Electric Light Dept.

03-03-26

**Borough of St Clair  
Treasurer's Report - General Fund  
January 2026**

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	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
301.20 · Real Estate Tax, Prior Year	19,343.90
301.30 · Real Estate Tax, Delinquent	1,228.57
310.01 · Per Capita Tax, Current	690.56
310.10 · Real Estate Transfer Tax	2,510.77
310.20 · Earned Income Tax	13,860.58
310.30 · Business Privilege Tax	15.00
310.42 · Occupation Tax, Prior Year	187.11
310.43 · Occupation Tax, Delinquent	27.91
310.50 · Local Service Tax	4,123.64
331.12 · Police Fines	1,262.64
342.20 · Rental Income - Boro Property	750.00
359 · Intergovernmental Revenue	4,698.97
361.33 · Variance/Zoning Permits	400.00
362.10 · Police Protection Services	26,041.66
364.30 · Solid Waste Collection Fees	50,919.67
387.00 · Con. & Don. from Pri. Sources	2,000.00
391.40 · Sale of Conservatorship Prop.	5,400.00
392.18 · Transfers from Electric Light	300,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>433,460.98</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Administration Department	42,869.51
Health & Sanitation Department	23,559.79
Miscellaneous Department	5,413.00
Planning & Zoning Department	5,861.00
Police Protection Department	65,849.62
403.00 · Tax Collection Department	574.72
409.00 · Borough Buildings Department	11,811.44
411.00 · Fire Department	3,439.40
419.00 · Educational Services	8,215.25
430.00 · Streets & Bridges Department	41,907.08

**Borough of St Clair  
Treasurer's Report - General Fund  
January 2026**

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	<u>TOTAL</u>
481.00 · Payroll Tax Expense	5,046.25
487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	<u>86,966.19</u>
Total Expense	<u>301,513.25</u>
Net Ordinary Income	131,947.73
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	<u>2,837.44</u>
Total Other Income	2,837.44
Other Expense	
492.00 · Transfers Department	
492.130 · Transfer to Sinking Fund	25,000.00
492.305 · Transfer to Gen Fund Cap Res	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total 492.00 · Transfers Department	<u>28,000.00</u>

ENDING BALANCE: \$202,749.65

**Borough of St Clair**  
**Treasurer's Report - Electric Light Fund**  
**January 2026**

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	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
7372.40 · Electric Energy Sales	383,666.89
7372.50 · Sales Tax Discounts	25.00
7372.55 · Processing Fees	1,100.00
7372.57 · Service Fees	300.00
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>385,091.89</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
7401.00 · Electric Light	
7401120 · Superintendent	4,723.87
7409300 · Rental Expense	271.08
7442141 · Office Manager	3,425.03
7442142 · Administrative Assistant	1,462.43
7442143 · Lineman	3,910.55
7442144 · Assistant Lineman	3,356.70
7442210 · Office Supplies	1,591.45
7442220 · Electrical Materials & Supplies	546.84
7442231 · Gasoline & Oil	301.99
7442260 · Minor Equipment	635.00
7442321 · Telephone	280.31
7442361 · AMP - Ohio	152,510.27
7442370 · Maintenance & Repairs	22,198.09
7442372 · Technology/Computer Expenses	14,678.00
7442600 · Capital Construction	9,985.00
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<b>Total 7401.00 · Electric Light</b>	<b>219,876.61</b>
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<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>219,876.61</b>
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<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>165,215.28</b>

**Borough of St Clair  
Treasurer's Report - Electric Light Fund  
January 2026**

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	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Other Income</b>	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	4,530.52
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<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>4,530.52</b>
<b>Other Expense</b>	
492.00 · Transfers Department	
492.130 · Transfer to Sinking Fund	11,500.00
492.80 · Transfer to General Fund	300,000.00
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<b>Total 492.00 · Transfers Department</b>	<b>311,500.00</b>

ENDING BALANCE: \$1,064,620.34

Borough of St Clair  
Balance Sheet  
As of January 31, 2026

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Jan 31, 26

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

100.10 · Elec. Lgt. Sales Tax- Mid Penn	17,040.29
100.13 · PLGIT - Elect Lgt Capital Rsrv	9,066.55
100.131 · PLGIT PRIME-Elec.Light Cap Res	384,825.75
100.14 · PLGIT - Electric Light Fund	1,047,119.90
100.15 · PLGIT - FIRE INS ESCROW ACCT	40,229.14
100.16 · PLGIT - General Fund	196,777.45
100.17 · PLGIT - General Fund Cap Reserv	9,066.47
100.171 · PLGIT PRIME-Gen. Fund Cap. Res.	379,458.72
100.18 · PLGIT - HD Land Devel Escrow	10,085.11
100.19 · PLGIT - Highway Aid Fund	37.10
100.191 · PLGIT PRIME - Highway Aid Fund	1,687.86
100.20 · Elec. Light Chk. (Mid Penn)	17,500.44
100.21 · PLGIT - Home Program	11,117.77
100.22 · PLGIT - Recreation Grant Fund	28.86
100.221 · PLGIT PRIME - Recreation Grant	24,683.98
100.23 · PLGIT - Sinking Fund	36,603.55
100.231 · PLGIT PRIME - Sinking Fund	460,524.83
100.24 · PLGIT - Street Opening Permit	7,946.37
100.241 · PLGIT PRIME - Street Opening	89,141.91
100.30 · Gen. Fund Chk. (Mid Penn)	6,172.20
100.40 · PLGIT-Bridge Construction Fund	11.88
100.401 · PLGIT PRIME - Bridge Cons. Fund	164,931.59
100.50 · PLGIT - Demolition Fund	170.28
100.501 · PLGIT PRIME - Demolition Fund	378,015.44
100.80 · PLGIT - Ann St Maintenance Fund	2,003.70
100.81 · PLGIT/PRIME Ann St Maintenance	37,573.99
100.90 · PLGIT - Building Permit Fund	121,327.25
105.10 · PLGIT - Payroll Fund	832.61
105.20 · PLGIT - Withholding Account	497.43
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**

3,455,478.42

# Saint Clair Police Department

24 North Second Street

Saint Clair, PA 17970

Dispatch: 570-429-2240

Fax: 570-429-3052

## POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT: March 2026

### February 2026 Police Activity

Total Calls for Service: 480

Total Traffic Stops: 48

Total Traffic Citations: 37

Total Parking Tickets: 6

Total Vehicle Crashes: 8

Acting Chief Brad Blanner

Saint Clair Fire Department  
Fire Alarm Report  
February 2026

**February-01 STILL ALARM** 22:33 hours 119 Cherry St. for an odor investigation. Alert/Columbia, West End, Schuylkill EMS, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded, Members checked the residence at 119 with the air monitor and no hazards were found. The house was closed for several minutes and checked again with a second meter from the West End Fire Company and no hazards were found on either meter. Talked to the resident at 121 Cherry St. explained what we were doing and asked to check the residence and the person stated they had no odors, and they have CO detectors. Explained to the resident at 119 Cherry St. that if their CO detector activates to call the fire department. (ODO62) In service 1 hour.

**February-02 STILL ALARM** 00:32 hours 120 North Mill St. for a CO activation. Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin, and Skrobak responded. Members found high levels of carbon monoxide throughout the home. Members ventilated and advised the occupant to contact the stoker mechanic. (CO62) In service 1 hour.

**February-02 CHIEF CALL** 20:19 hours 101 West Patterson St. for a utility's investigation. Deputy Skrobak responded. (CHF62) In service 15 minutes.

**February-06 STILL ALARM** 10:55 hours 51 St. Peter St. Schuylkill Haven for a fire standby. Alert for an engine stood by while companies operated at a fire. (FSB63) In service 2 hours.

**February-07 STILL ALARM** 08:42 hours 660 Port Carbon / St. Clair Hwy. East Norwegian Township for a vehicle accident car into a house. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, SCPD, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded. Members secured the porch and checked utilities. (MVA08) In service 1 hour.

**February-07 CHIEF CALL** 17:14 hours 225 South Morris St. for wires down. Chief Johns responded and hung the wires back up. (WD62) In service 30 minutes.

**February-08 STILL ALARM** 18:17 hours 396 West Carroll St. for a medical assist for lifting. Alert/Columbia, West End, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded. Members assisted EMS with lifting. (MA62) In service 25 minutes.

**February-08 GENERAL ALARM** 19:43 hours (BOX311) 25 North Nicholas St. for an automatic fire alarm. All companies and Chief Uhrin responded, members found burnt food on the second floor with smoke on the second and third floor. Members used fans to ventilate. The alarm and master box were reset, and companies were clear. (AFA62) In service 95 minutes.

**February-10 STILL ALARM** 10:33 hours 1000 Schuylkill Manor Rd. for a nursing home fire. The tower ladder responded along with other second alarm companies. Members assisted with patients being moved to another wing of the facility. (RSF08) In service 45 minutes.

**February-13 STILL ALARM** 23:41 hours 340 5<sup>th</sup> St. Port Carbon for a reported house fire. The tower ladder was due along with other companies to respond. Members were cancelled while responding. (RSF59) In service 15 minutes.

**February-13 STILL ALARM** 17:46 hours 417 Dock St. Schuylkill Haven for a fire standby. The engine and tower ladder responded. Members were covering companies that were at a house fire. (FSB63) In service 4 hours.

**February-15 STILL ALARM** 09:17 hours 417 Dock St. Schuylkill Haven for a fire standby. The engine and tower ladder responded. Members covered companies that were at a house fire. (FSB63) In service 3 hours.

**February-15 CHIEF CALL** 11:41 hours 100 Broad St. New Castle Township for wires down no arcing. Chief Uhrin and Johns responded. Cable wires were brought down by falling ice. Wires were rolled up and tied to the pole. (CHF17) In service 25 minutes.

**February -17 STILL ALARM** 16:48 hours New Wade Rd. and Wade Rd. for a vehicle accident no injury fluid on the roadway. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, West End, and all chiefs responded. Members controlled fluids and traffic and cleared debris from roadway. (MVA17) In service 50 minutes.

**February-27 STILL ALARM** 14:57 hours Joseph H Long Blvd. and Ann St. for a vehicle accident no injury fluid down. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, responded, members-controlled fluids and traffic. (MVA62) In service 40 minutes.

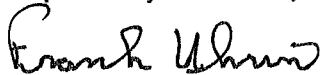
Comments:

The following alarm boxes were tested, 33, 24, 52,

The Fire Department held Fire Watches on the following dates 02/07/2026 - 02/08/2026 and 02/15/2026 members were on standby from Midnight to 8am. Members also were out in the communities clearing fire hydrants and assisting people with shoveling.

General Alarms	1
Still Alarms	11
False Alarms	0
Chief Calls / Public Service	3
Total Calls	15

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

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March 2, 2026

TOTAL COMPLAINTS – 16

RENTAL INSPECTIONS – 5

Respectfully,

Michelle D. Brestowski

Code Enforcement Officer  
Health Officer

Borough of St. Clair  
Civil Service Commission

2/17/26

Ronald Price

Borough Secretary

Dear Roland,

The Civil Service Commission of the Borough of St. Clair held its Biennial Organization Meeting on Monday, February 16.

The following work was completed by the Commission in 2025.

6/5/25 Borough requests Commission to create patrol person eligibility list.

6/19/25 Commission began process which includes:

1. Public notice for applicants
2. Requesting study guides for applicants
3. Physical fitness test
4. Sufficient time to study guides as recommended by Standard Associates, Inc.
5. Written tests-sent to Standard Associates Chicago, Illinois to be graded
6. Oral examinations

10/29/25 Commission recommendations sent to Borough Council

The following is an account of receipts and expenditures as per section 2.12 receipts- 2 applications @ \$75.00.....\$150.

See attached for expenditures.

# Police Civil Service Commission

## Exam Expenses

### Police Officer - Full-time 2025

Publication			\$ 1,700.90
2 Study Guides (\$7.50 each)			\$ 15.00
2 Tests (\$24.50 each) / 1 Administration			\$ 57.00
Postage			\$ 11.90

**TOTAL** \$ 1,784.80



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 400 One Norwegian Plaza  
 Pottsville, PA 17901  
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 P 570-622-4055

February 27, 2026

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

**RE: 2025 Planning Commission Report  
 Benesch Project No. 0326-609049.30, Task 1**

Dear Mr. Dempsey:

On behalf of the St. Clair Planning Commission, the following is the status of Planning Commission activities performed by the Commission during 2025:

**MEETINGS**

The Planning Commission does not have regularly scheduled meetings and only meets when required to consider a submission or address other planning matters. Below is a list of the Planning Commission meetings held and their main agenda items.

Meeting Date	Agenda Item	PC Recommendation	Status
Feb 20, 2025	Reorganization Meeting	-	-
	<b>Rennick Subdivision</b>	Conditional Final Plan Approval	Approved by Council on Aug 1, 2025. Recorded on Aug 15, 2025. <b>CLOSED</b>

**SUBMISSIONS FOR REVIEW**

**Rennick Annexation/SD (0325-609049.30, Task 2)**

On December 9, 2024, the Borough received a Final Plan Submission for the Rennick Subdivision Submission for properties located along Overlook Drive south of Lawton Street. The purpose of the application is to adjust a common boundary line and to annex portions of a third parcel to both parent parcels, resulting in two parcels. No new development or construction is proposed. The submission was considered at the February 20, 2025, St. Clair Planning Commission Meeting held on February 20, 2025. At that meeting, the Planning Commission voted to recommend Council grant **Conditional Final Plan Approval**.

**PLANNING ISSUES OR CONCERNS**

No planning issues or concerns were formally presented to or identified by the Commission, although solar and data center uses have been discussed at various Council meetings.



Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If you have any questions or comments concerning the above, please contact our office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Baldwin".

Brian W. Baldwin, PE  
Project Manager

Cc: Charles Premich, Planning Commission Chair  
Roland Price, Jr., Borough Manager & Planning Commission Secretary  
Edward M. Brennan, Esq., Planning Commission & Council Solicitor