

ISSUES, REVIEW & FINANCE WORK SESSION

April 30, 2026

A special meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held to review issues and finance on Tuesday, April 30, 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, Maudie Becker, Gary Gorman, Tom Kelly, Vaughn Vesay, Sarah Jackson, Mike Jackson, Dan Vidal, Nikki Dora, Chris Czachor, Robert Keip and James Adams.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Kelly praised local citizens for standing up for the citizens against the data center and the landfill. He asked for the resignation of Council Member Stednitz-Julian stating that he would take her place.

Robert Keip complained that when the cable company came through town, they attached to his pole, on his property. He would like this wire removed.

A resident asked if there was an update on the Schuylkill River Trail.

Sara Jackson asked for a full review of the hiring process and procedures within the Borough as she is concerned with the process, not the individuals, particularly with the Pool Manager.

Vaughn Vesay asked if handicap parking within the Borough could be reviewed. The Mayor and Council President stated that this has been revisited many times and is impossible to enforce. The holding of parking spaces was also discussed. This practice is also not permitted in the Borough. Maudie Becker also expressed her opinion on handicap parking.

Michael Jackson expressed his concern of contractors working in the Borough without being registered with Borough Hall. He feels that is very unsafe. Code Enforcement retains information on the contractors provided on the permit.

Gary Gorman brought to the attention that people are blowing through the intersection of Franklin and Nichols Streets, he is concerned especially in this busy season with Little League games and children playing and riding bikes. A memo will be sent out within the Police Department. Secondly, he inquired about the fountain donated by the Lion's Club for the Third Street Playground. President Dempsey said the timeframe given by Padfield was end of May/early June.

Councilman Diehl thanked Vincent Alessi, the Street Department and Michael Kasmari for allowing the Teener League Baseball Team to use their equipment to clean up their baseball field.

Mayor Tomko acknowledged the work being done on Wade Road. He also asked for an executive session.

Treasurer Carol Sutzko stated that council was given the first quarter report and to reach out to her with any questions.

Borough Manager Roland Price reviewed his May Manager Notes as follows:
Assistant Lineman Bruce Kelman is being registered to take CDL classes. As discussed, documentation is being drafted to reimburse the borough for any training received, if he leaves the borough's employment after the training.

Fiber Assets and I have been communicating to draft a pole attachment agreement.

The St. Clair Borough, Schuylkill County Facebook site has gone live.

Conservership Update

Closing was held for 26 S Front St.

Holden's Realty will market the property located at 214 S. Third Street which was the most recently demolished property.

Powerton Generator provided a price quote of \$ 5,921.65 for repairs to the Police Department's Generator.

PMEA's lobbyist, Haven's Borough Manager and I will meet with Sen Argall and Rep Twardzik staff. Funding will be sought for funds for linemen and Superintendents Training.

I do need an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

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

Pool rates for 2026 swimming season need to be reviewed.

Banners for Second Street have been ordered; they will be delivered within the month.

Acting Police Chief Brad Blanner reviewed a new initiative called the Blue Envelope Program through LVHN. The blue envelope will explain to the police officer what the driver's disability may be. Envelopes will soon be available at the Police Station.

Councilman Diehl asked if the skill machines were registered with the borough. He also asked if extra help for the Electric Department other than Schuylkill Haven was determined. He also presented an idea of having a St. Clair School Day just for the children in the district for free. C. Dempsey suggested giving each child a pass for a free day of swimming.

Mayor Tomko also asked to add to the agenda to send a letter to the Governor of Pennsylvania concerning the extension of the landfill. Councilman Diehl asked if the

Borough can request another hearing. Borough Manager Price will check with the Solicitor.

Councilman Petrozino asked if the letter concerning the astroturf and BRADS was written. Discussion ensued concerning the landfill expansion and the permit extension. He also questioned if there was any discussion on the potential forensics audit or of the review of the annual audit by the Finance Committee. Being that Council Member Brennan is the Finance Committee Chairperson; she will need to set up some dates to meet to discuss. He asked what the status of the pool banks were since the Ehrlich spraying was tabled. A quote from a landscaper will need to be obtained for groundcover for the bank. A call center for power outages was discussed. Council Member C. Dempsey suggested Penn Kasher Inc. Different ideas were discussed concerning power outages.

Pool rates were discussed. Council Member Stednitz-Julian recommended that pool party rates should remain unchanged. The daily rates and pool passes will also remain unchanged. The doggie swim will also be the last day of the swim season.

The executive session began at 7:36 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

The executive session ended, and the council meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Roland Price

Borough Manager

MAY COUNCIL MEETING**May 5, 2026**

The May monthly Council Meeting of the St. Clair Borough Council was held on Tuesday, May 5, 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 and Council President Thomas Dempsey. Mayor Tomko was absent.

Also, present included Solicitor Ed Brennan, Borough Manager Roland Price, Treasurer Carol Sutzko, Acting Police Chief Brad Blanner, Fire Chief Frank Uhrin, Tom Kelly, Mike Jackson, Vaughn Vesay, Danny Vidal, Tony Sylvester, Anthony Robisch, Nicole Doran, Charles Thomas, Dr. Arianna Dempsey, William Dempsey Jr., Michele Kline, Carleen Bensinger, Bernadette McCord, Michael McCord, Bonnie Lescher, David Plachko, Kristen Lescher, Lauren Klinger, Debra Haluska, Deborah Piccioni, Sharon Kasmari, Ann Campion, Jessica Pretti, Colleen Warmkessel, Chris McCoach and Brian Rossi.

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.

Solicitor Brennan began the meeting by requesting an executive session for litigation purposes. He needed to brief council on potential litigation that may be discussed during Public Comment.

Executive Session began at 6:32 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:09 p.m. and the monthly council meeting resumed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris McCoach requested that council appeal the permit that was recently granted to DEP. He believes since the leg work was already done from previous appeals, the cost may not be as cumbersome.

David Plachko would like to be a good steward of tax payer money but feels it is important to file an appeal within the 30-day period.

Mike Jackson thanked Kelly Printing for printing the signs concerning the dump, free of charge. He was also perplexed why Blythe Township residents, who allegedly benefit from the dump, sends their children to St. Clair School District which is located in the Borough that is being polluted by the same dump that they

benefit from. He also asked council to send letters to our neighboring boroughs asking them to join in our fight.

Laura Klinger who currently does not live in the Borough of St. Clair but has friends that do, expressed her emotions of the BRADS Landfill expansion. She discussed PFOSS, a highly contaminant manmade substance that can get in waterways; her concern is Wolfe Creek. She also discussed the effects of PFOSS.

Deborah Piccioni would like an analysis done on residents that are having respiratory issues quickly, in order to use it as evidence in the appeal against the dump.

Mike McCord directed his question to Solicitor Ed Brennan. He asked if the sale of property has gone through, and if not, is that a possibility to pursue to put a stop to it? He understands that Reading Anthracite does not have clear title to all the property.

The Solicitor explained that Reading Anthracite does not have 100% ownership and that is why they filed the lawsuit. He will explain further when he gets to his report. McCord also mentioned that they may want to revitalize SC Force, the group that fought the inception of the dump years ago. As a community, he suggested a letter be written to the Governor and contact the businesses owners who rent from Reading Anthracite at Coal Creek Plaza and let them know that the landfill represents an odor problem that may be interrupting their businesses.

The Borough Manager added to Public Comment a letter that was written by Adrian Portland. In his letter he requested that an appeal be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board. In addition, he also asked the Borough to formally call for an investigation into the Dept. of Environmental Protection's Northeast Regional Office of Waste Management based on the history of violations, complaints, and ongoing issues, as to whether they are acting in the best interest of the environment and the Commonwealth of PA. He also reflected on the disheartening conversation he had with Roger Bellas. He echoed that it is time to stand together and act.

The Mayor's Report was read by Treasurer Carol Sutzko.

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. As schools will soon close for summer vacation, drivers are reminded to be extra cautious while driving as youngsters will be outdoors playing and riding bicycles.
2. With the approach of the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, I would especially ask all residents of St. Clair to take a period of time on Memorial Day, the 25th of May, to remember the supreme sacrifices that were made by the countless men and women of the armed forces of the United States over the past 250 years so that their generation

and future generations would hold secure the "unalienable" rights and liberties enshrined in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution.

Historical Note

1. On May 4, 1776, Rhode Island became the first colony to renounce allegiance to George III.
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3. On May 19, 1776, a continental army garrison surrendered at the Battle of the Cedars during the Colonial Invasion of Canada.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There are three parts to the BRADS issue. The issues are: the Action to Quiet Title, the issue of the permit and the application pending to increase the tonnage from 1500 tons per day to 3,000 tons per day. The last item was not acted on. He briefly described the Action to Quiet Title. There is a large track of land that Reading Anthracite owns 75%, the Seitzinger heirs have interest in the remaining part. Reading filed this lawsuit based on an agreement that goes back several years. The Borough needs to decide if they want to petition to intervene with the Action to Quiet Title. The second decision will be if the Borough wants to appeal the permit.

A quick update on conservatorships; they are moving along nicely. They made service with 126 Barn Street.

The reason for the executive session was to brief council on the history of the litigation for the landfill. The Solicitor has been involved since the beginning, 2004. He explained to council their options.

Diehl asked if they can start an environmental advisory committee. Suggesting to appoint Dr. Erin Portland and Mr. Dave Plachko. Solicitor Brennan mentioned he has in the past used them as resources.

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by Diehl to authorize Solicitor Ed Brennan to petition the court of Common Pleas to file a petition to intervene in the Action to Quiet Title raising concerns to the sale. 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 Klazas to authorize Solicitor Ed Brennan and any appropriate officials such as an engineer to prepare a file of an appeal to the Environmental Hearing Board of the issuance of that permit. 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 Diehl, seconded by Klazas to formally opposing increasing the additional tonnage at the BRADS landfill by submitting information to DEP. 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 Stednitz-Julian, seconded by C. Dempsey, the report was unanimously approved, and it was made part of the minutes by reference.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT – No report.

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT REPORT – No report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

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

Chris McCoach from Alfred Benesch announced that if there were any questions concerning the Engineer's Report, he would help out. There were no action items.

POLICE REPORT

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

ZONING REPORT

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

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

CODE 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

April 13, 2026 – Pastor John Culbert, on behalf of Community of Caring Christians, asked for permission to hold a block party on September 12, 2026.

On a motion by Petrozino, seconded by C. Dempsey to authorize Community of Caring Christians, to hold a block party on September 12, 2026 from noon until 4 p.m. and permission to block off North Mill Street from Hancock Street north for one block to Franklin Street, approved.

OLD BUSINESS

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by Klazas to authorize Borough Solicitor to contact the county demolition department to discuss acquiring the property at 28 N. Nichols Street, approved.

On a motion by Diehl, seconded by Brennan to authorize the repairs for the police generator in the amount of \$5,921.65 by Powerton Generators, Inc., approved.

Council Member Petrozino asked a question regarding the amount received for selling the property. The solicitor explained the process.

On a motion by Stednitz-Julian, seconded by Diehl to authorize Holden Realty to market 214 S. Third Street, approved.

NEW BUSINESS

On a motion by Diehl, seconded by Petrozino to authorize Bruce Kellman to attend CDL classes with intent of an agreement being signed, should he cease employment with the borough, approved.

On a motion by Klazas, seconded by Diehl to authorize Solicitor Brennan to accept proposals to negotiate with Attorney Frank Tamulonis on a police personnel issue, approved.

Council Member Klazas thanked the committee of the 250th Anniversary and everyone who participated in the food sale, it was a tremendous success.

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

Council came out of executive session at 7:53 p.m.

On a motion by Klazas, seconded by Diehl, to raise the rate of all pool employees by one dollar, approved.

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

On a motion by Diehl, seconded by Brennan to accept a motion to adjourn at 7:53 p.m., approved.

Roland Price
Borough Manager

My name is Adrian Portland, and I live at 507 Elmwood Court in the borough. I don't think I will be able to make it to the meeting tonight because of my son's track meet but feel this is important to share.

I am here tonight because the renewal of the BRADS landfill permit is unacceptable given the real conditions our community has endured. This is not theoretical; this is not isolated. This is something we have lived with, persistent odors, constant truck traffic, and ongoing concerns about our health and safety. It is something that directly affects our daily lives, our water, air, and the future of our community.

Most of us have smelled it. Many of us have been impacted by it. And many of us have raised concerns repeatedly only to see this permit renewed anyway.

First, I formally request that Borough Council have Solicitor Brennan, on behalf of Council, the Mayor, and the citizens of this borough, file an appeal with the Environmental Hearing Board. That appeal should demand that this permit be fully re-evaluated and ultimately denied. Our community deserves a thorough and honest review based on what we are experiencing, not what Roger Bellas and DEP are imagining in their Wilkes Barre offices.

Second, I am calling on every resident of this borough to act individually. Each of us has the right to file an appeal with the Environmental Hearing Board, and I urge everyone who has been impacted, anyone who has smelled the landfill, dealt with traffic, or felt the effects of its operation, to step forward and file. This is our opportunity to make sure our voices are formally heard. We have a limited window to act. There are only 30 days to file these appeals. That means we cannot wait. We need to move quickly, together, and with purpose.

In addition, I am requesting that the Borough formally call for an investigation into the Department of Environmental Protection's Northeast Regional Office of Waste Management. Based on the history of violations, complaints, and ongoing issues, it is fair to question whether this office is truly acting in the best interest of the environment and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

After speaking with Roger Bellas on Friday following the permit renewal, and listening to his explanation of the decision, I am even more concerned about the judgment being exercised. The responses I received did not reflect the seriousness of the issues our community has faced or the weight of the documented violations. It reinforced my belief that the Department is not prioritizing the Saint Clair Borough residents. Their responsibility should be to protect the people, especially our children, not to defend decisions that allow ongoing environmental harm to continue.

This is the time to stand together and act. We need to be on the same page, unified in our message, and committed to doing what is right for this borough.

Thank you for your time.

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May 4, 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 Fire Company and Yourshaw Engineering to finalize the project bid package. We will advertise to receive bids at your May 28, 2026, Work Session Meeting with the intent to potentially award the project at your June 2, 2026, 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)

We are working with the contractor to consider some additional work to maximize the grant awards. The contractor does expect to be complete by July 2, 2026.

Northward Basketball Courts (0000-031433.20)

We anticipate receiving bids for this project at your June 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. On March 2, the Borough received the executed grant agreement documents from the CFA, allowing the Borough to begin incurring costs. And at last month's meeting, Council authorized Benesch to begin work in accordance with the grant scope and award amounts. Unfortunately, due to recent review durations by PennDOT permitting office, we do not anticipate receiving the highway occupancy permit (HOP) in time to construct the project before the beginning of the 2026-27 school year.

SUBDIVISIONS & LAND DEVELOPMENTS

Although there are currently no formal active subdivisions or land development submissions, we were contacted by a design professional to discuss a potential annexation and land development submission for the Michael James Litwak properties at North Third and Fourth Streets. We do anticipate a formal submission within the next few weeks.

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

RECREATION

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

FLOOD/HAZARD MITIGATION

FFY 2024 & 2025 FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

- **Current Status: OPEN** (as of Mar 25, 2026)
- **Application Deadline: July 23, 2026 (Letter of Interest (LOI) due to PEMA by Apr 24, 2026)**
- **Uses:** Project must be cost-effective; reduce/eliminate risk and damage from future natural hazards; align with County and State FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plans; and meet all Federal/State Environmental and Historic Preservation Requirements. **Only infrastructure and construction projects that have, at a minimum, a conceptual design are eligible.**



- **Funding:**
 - 75% Federal Grant/25% **Non-Federal cost share**
 - Grants **shall not exceed \$2M** for any project.
- **Anticipated Award Announcement:** Late 2026
- **Potential Project(s):** A LOI was submitted to PEMA for the Thwing Street Bridge replacement with other flood mitigation measures along Mill Creek. PEMA has indicated that they anticipate complete reviews of LOIs by end of this week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

2026 PA Office of the State Fire Commissioner: Municipal Fire Department Capital Grant

- **Current Status:** **OPEN**
- **Opening:** **April 15, 2026**
- **Application Deadline:** **May 29, 2026** (4:00pm)
- **Uses:** Facility modernization, acquiring/renovating structures, equipment purchase/repair.
- **Eligible Entities:** **Municipal Fire Departments**
- **Funding:** **\$25k-\$100k** (2025 had 7 recipients ranging from \$12k-\$97k)

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 (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
Borough Portion \$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
Borough Portion \$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 HOP still under review. Receive bids May 28 2026.

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

Project **Youth Basketball Court (Third St Playground)**
Total Project Estimate \$75,500
Borough Portion \$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 Project Awarded to Sodul Paving. Awaiting contract documents.

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 Design and survey phase.

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 15 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 15 2026**
Application Status **Under Review**



ST. CLAIR POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS

1. Potential Grant Opportunities:

- a. Municipal Fire Department Capital Grant applications due to Office of State Fire Commissioner by May 29.
 - b. Recreation grant applications to CFA are due May 31.
 - c. Transportation (MTF) grant applications to CFA are due July 31.
 - d. FEMA/PEMA BRIC grant application due to PEMA by July 26.
 - e. Other funding opportunities are low-interest loans (2%) and are typically accepted year-round.
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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 "B. Baldwin".

Brian W. Baldwin, PE
Project Manager

Cc: Atty. Edward M. Brennan, Solicitor

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

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
301.10 · Real Estate Tax, Current	38,060.82
301.30 · Real Estate Tax, Delinquent	4,244.00
310.01 · Per Capita Tax, Current	901.60
310.03 · Per Capita Tax, Delinquent	74.13
310.10 · Real Estate Transfer Tax	671.27
310.20 · Earned Income Tax	15,415.86
310.30 · Business Privilege Tax	830.21
310.41 · Occupation Tax, Current	181.28
310.43 · Occupation Tax, Delinquent	26.91
310.50 · Local Service Tax	37.78
321.81 · Cable Television Franchise Fee	12,097.78
331.12 · Police Fines	2,180.31
355.02 · Motor Vehicle Fuel/Liquid Fuels	3,249.27
359 · Intergovernmental Revenue	4,634.11
361.33 · Variance/Zoning Permits	656.00
362.10 · Police Protection Services	18,708.33
364.30 · Solid Waste Collection Fees	40,018.66
392.18 · Transfers from Electric Light	100,000.00
Total Income	241,988.32
Expense	
Administration Department	25,575.24
Health & Sanitation Department	18,992.56
Miscellaneous Department	400.00
Planning & Zoning Department	6,733.50
Police Protection Department	61,928.81
403.00 · Tax Collection Department	2,512.75
409.00 · Borough Buildings Department	12,017.21
411.00 · Fire Department	7,297.87
419.00 · Educational Services	9,376.50
430.00 · Streets & Bridges Department	38,066.98

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

	<u>TOTAL</u>
452.00 · Recreation Department	5,476.00
481.00 · Payroll Tax Expense	5,372.75
487.00 · Employer Benefits & W/H	97,005.04
491.00 · Prior Year Expenditure	<u>-1,260.85</u>
Total Expense	<u>289,494.36</u>
Net Ordinary Income	-47,506.04
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	<u>4,288.21</u>
Total Other Income	4,288.21
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: \$110,193.81

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

	TOTAL
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
7372.40 · Electric Energy Sales	607,426.53
7372.50 · Sales Tax Discounts	25.00
7372.55 · Processing Fees	400.00
Total Income	607,851.53
Expense	
7401.00 · Electric Light	
7401120 · Superintendent	5,750.80
7409300 · Rental Expense	219.84
7442141 · Office Manager	4,294.40
7442142 · Administrative Assistant	2,454.40
7442143 · Lineman	4,654.40
7442144 · Assistant Lineman	4,201.33
7442210 · Office Supplies	1,810.59
7442220 · Electrical Materials & Supplies	31.44
7442231 · Gasoline & Oil	488.61
7442321 · Telephone	105.00
7442361 · AMP - Ohio	197,281.35
7442370 · Maintenance & Repairs	3,117.38
7442372 · Technology/Computer Expenses	1,500.00
7442374 · Vehicle Maintenance & Repairs	7,699.34
Total 7401.00 · Electric Light	233,608.88
Total Expense	233,608.88
Net Ordinary Income	374,242.65
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
341.000 · Interest, Dividend Income	4,455.92
Total Other Income	4,455.92
Other Expense	
492.00 · Transfers Department	
492.130 · Transfer to Sinking Fund	11,500.00
492.80 · Transfer to General Fund	100,000.00
Total 492.00 · Transfers Department	111,500.00

ENDING BALANCE: \$1,208,845.65

**Borough of St Clair
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2026**

Mar 31, 26

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

100.10 · Elec. Lgt. Sales Tax- Mid Penn	17,809.06
100.13 · PLGIT - Elect Lgt Capital Rsrv	15,135.19
100.131 · PLGIT PRIME-Elec.Light Cap Res	387,170.77
100.14 · PLGIT - Electric Light Fund	1,189,034.53
100.15 · PLGIT - FIRE INS ESCROW ACCT	40,458.18
100.16 · PLGIT - General Fund	106,806.94
100.17 · PLGIT - General Fund Cap Reserv	10,713.80
100.171 · PLGIT PRIME-Gen. Fund Cap. R...	381,771.05
100.18 · PLGIT - HD Land Devel Escrow	10,142.53
100.19 · PLGIT - Highway Aid Fund	111.27
100.191 · PLGIT PRIME - Highway Aid Fund	73,815.32
100.20 · Elec. Light Chk. (Mid Penn)	19,811.12
100.21 · PLGIT - Home Program	1,243.19
100.22 · PLGIT - Recreation Grant Fund	29.03
100.221 · PLGIT PRIME - Recreation Grant	24,834.40
100.23 · PLGIT - Sinking Fund	127.10
100.231 · PLGIT PRIME - Sinking Fund	573,233.67
100.24 · PLGIT - Street Opening Permit	8,961.46
100.241 · PLGIT PRIME - Street Opening	89,685.12
100.30 · Gen. Fund Chk. (Mid Penn)	3,045.39
100.40 · PLGIT-Bridge Construction Fund	14.57
100.401 · PLGIT PRIME - Bridge Cons. Fu...	175,969.73
100.50 · PLGIT - Demolition Fund	16.41
100.501 · PLGIT PRIME - Demolition Fund	392,530.04
100.81 · PLGIT/PRIME Ann St Maintenance	39,818.84
100.90 · PLGIT - Building Permit Fund	122,248.62
105.10 · PLGIT - Payroll Fund	2,981.95
105.20 · PLGIT - Withholding Account	541.01
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 3,689,060.29

Tax Collector's Remittance to Taxing Districts
WILLIAM UMBENHAUR - 2026 - SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH
For 04/01/2026 thru 04/15/2026
Date Created 04/18/2026
SAINT CLAIR BOROUGH Taxing District

		Municipality	Borough Per Capita	Borough Occupation	Other
A. Collections					
1.	Balance Collectable - Beginning of Month	249950.12	5620.00	2360.40	
2A.	Additions: During the Month (*)		20.00	8.40	
2B.	Deductions: Credits During the Month - (from line 17)				
3.	Total Collectable	249950.12	5640.00	2368.80	
4.	Less: Face Collections for the Month	60475.87	825.00	170.10	
5.	Less: Deletions/Exemptions from the List (*)			176.40	
6.	Less: Exonerations (*)		20.00	8.40	
7.	Less: Liens/Non-Lienable/Installments (*)				
8.	Balance collectable - End of Month	189474.25	4795.00	2013.90	
B. Reconciliation of Cash Collected					
9.	Face Amount of Collections - (must agree with line 4+7)	60475.87	825.00	170.10	
10.	Plus: Penalties				
11.	Less: Discounts	1209.49	16.50	3.24	
12.	Total Cash Collected per Column	59266.38	808.50	166.86	
13.	Total Cash Collected - (12A + 12B + 12C + 12D)				60241.74

(*) 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 # 60241.74

16. Total Remitted This Month 60241.74

17. List, Other Credit Adjustments (*)

Parcel / PerCapita #	Name	Amount
		Total
		0.00

18. Interest Earnings (if applicable) \$ _____

TAXING DISTRICT USE (OPTIONAL)

William Embenhauer
Tax Collector

4-18-2026
Date

Carryover from Previous Month \$ _____
 Amount Collected This Month \$ _____
 Less Amount Paid this Month \$ _____
 Ending Balance \$ _____

I verify this is a complete and accurate reporting of the balance collectable, taxes collected and remitted for the month.

Received by (taxing district): _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

I acknowledge the receipt of this report.



SAINT CLAIR POLICE DEPARTMENT

24 NORTH SECOND STREET

SAINT CLAIR, PA 17970

DISPATCH: 570-429-2240 FAX: 570-429-3050

Police Activity Report: May 2025

April Police Activity

Total Calls for Service-	475
Total Traffic Stops-	96
Total Traffic Citations-	61
Total Parking Tickets-	5
Total Vehicle Crashes-	11

Our department will be participating in the "Blue Envelope Program" which is a voluntary initiative designed to improve safety during police traffic stops for drivers with autism, dementia, anxiety, or other communication challenges. Drivers place their license, registration, and insurance in a blue envelope and present it to an officer, signaling a need for adjusted communication.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad J Blanner
Acting Chief of Police

COMPREHENSIVE INSPECTION AGENCY

71 Grove Street
Cressona, PA 17929
570-621-8425

St Clair Zoning Status Report – May 4th, 2026

The following zoning matters are submitted for Council's information and review:

● Denied – Zoning Permits: N/A

● Issued – Zoning Permits:

1. Elmwood Ct — deck and fence
2. 218 N Nichols St — fence
3. 500 Terry Rich Blvd — fireworks tent
4. 104-106 N 2nd St — benches
5. 508 E Hancock St – Driveway
6. 41 N 2nd St - Thrift Shop

● Standard Applications – Under Review:

1. 141-143 N Mill St Pool and Fence

● Re-Zoning Request – Under Review: Application to rezone a portion of the R-2 District to C-2 at 40 N 4th St and 2016 Variance reviewed. Zoning officer review of request forwarded to St Clair Borough Manager, Council, staff and Solicitor. **NOTE: Waiting on Borough Manager/Council/Solicitor instructions.**

Saint Clair Fire Department
Fire Alarm Report
April 2026

April-02 GENERAL ALARM 21:21 hours (BOX33) 400 Terry Rich Blvd. Vitos for an automatic fire alarm. All companies dispatched, SCCC advised that proper pass code given. Chief held units in station and proceeded to verify. Chief Uhrin and Skrobak placed all units available. (AFA62) In service 15 minutes.

April-04 CHIEF CALL 20:18 hours 126 North Morris St. for a wire down. Chief Uhrin responded and tied it up for Service Electric. (CHF62) In service 15 minutes.

April-06 GENERAL ALARM 11:45 hours (BOX33) 400 Terry Rich Blvd. for an automatic fire alarm. All companies responded. Asst. Johns and Skrobak found Smoke in the rear of the structure, after further investigation it was learned that an HVAC unit was the cause. (AFA62) In service 1 hour.

April-10 STILL ALARM 09:16 hours 200 Humane Avenue Pottsville for a fire standby. Alert for the towerladder responded, members were on standby for two hours while city units worked on a house fire. (FSB68) In service 2 hours.

April-11 STILL ALARM 14:19 hours Peach Mountain Rd. and Darkwater Rd. for an accident. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, West End, and deputy Skrobak responded. Members provided traffic control. (MVA17) In service 80 minutes.

April-11 GENERAL ALARM 20:34 hours (BOX33) 601 Elmwood Ct. for an automatic fire alarm. All companies chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded, Chief arrived to learn it was the CO detector activation. Members checked all floors and rooms with no readings of CO and placed all companies available. (CO62) In service 40 minutes.

April-12 STILL ALARM 18:17 hours Terry Rich Blvd. and Joseph H Long Blvd. for a brush fire. Phoenix, West End, all chiefs responded, members extinguished a small brush fire across from Wal-Mart. (BF62) In service 2 hours.

April-12 STILL ALARM 21:47 hours 414 South Front St. for a CO alarm activation, Alert/Columbia, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded. Members found CO on first and second floors, the source was an old stove in the back room by the kitchen. Members removed the fire and ventilated, then rechecked with the meter and all floors were clear. The occupants were advised to have it serviced by a technician before using it again. (CO62) In service 1 hour.

April-13 STILL ALARM 20:44 hours 200 North Nicholas St. for a medical assist. Alert/Columbia, Rescue, Chief Uhrin and Skrobak responded, members assisted with lifting. (MA62) In service 15 minutes.

April-15 CHIEF CALL 20:53 hours 23 North front St. for an unknown type of alarm. Chief Uhrin , Skrobak, and SCPD responded, checking the area with nothing found. (CHF62) In service 30 minutes.

April-17 STILL ALARM 09:59 hours Mill Creek Avenue and Port Carbon / St. Clair Highway for fluid on the roadway. Alert/Columbia, deputy Skrobak responded, several cases of beer fell off a pickup truck and spilled. Members cleared the roadway. (VLF08) In service 45 minutes.

April-24 STILL ALARM 23:04 hours 1403 SR61 Highway New Castle Township for a crash detection, Deputy Skrobak arrived and placed units available nothing found. (MVA17) In service 15 minutes.

April-26 STILL ALARM 00:41 hours 400 Market St. Port Carbon for smoke in a house. Alert/Columbia, all chiefs responded with the towerladder, members forced a door and assisted with finding the source. (SIS59) In service 1 hour.

April-29 CHIEF CALL 14:52 hours 203 South Second St. for a burning complaint. Deputy Skrobak responded along with SCPD. The burning was behind 221 South Second St. The person was told there was no burning of any kind in the yard due to the trees in the yard. (CHF62) In service 25 minutes.


April-30 STILL ALARM 19:09 hours 239 North Front St. for a carbon monoxide activation. Alert/Columbia, and Deputy Skrobak responded, members found carbon monoxide coming from a power vent that was not working properly. A report will be given to code. (CO62) In service 1 hour.

Comments:

The following alarm boxes were tested, 33,12,

General Alarms	3
Still Alarms	9
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

May 4, 2026

TOTAL COMPLAINTS – 31

RENTAL INSPECTIONS – 5

Respectfully,

Michelle D. Brestowski

Code Enforcement Officer
Health Officer

TO THE MEMBERS OF SAINT CLAIR COUNCIL:

My name is John Culbert, Pastor of the Saint Clair First Primitive Methodist Church. I am representing the Community Of Caring Christians in town, which is made up of six Churches. I am here to ask the council for permission to hold a block party on September 12th. We would also like permission to block off North Mill Street from Hancock Street north for one block to Franklin Street. ~~If permission is granted there would be no gambling of any sort for profit. We would also~~ provide the certificate of insurance as we did last year. The block party would only be held for one day from noon until about 4:00 P.M. We would also make sure that everything is cleaned up within the one block area. We would also need to have No Parking signs put up for that block. The one final request would be if the police could just drive by every once in a while although we do not anticipate any problems. There definitely would not be alcohol of any sort at the block party! The block party last year in Sept. was a success and there weren't any problems. The six Churches that are involved are The First Primitive Methodist Church, The Presbyterian Church, the Baptist Church, the United Church of Christ, and the Episcopal Church. If it is possible to do this, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. May God bless all of you, and know that the council is in our prayers. You may contact Rev. John Culbert at 570-429-0781 if you have any questions, or he can be contacted at 401 South Nicholas Street, here in Saint Clair.

Rev. Robert Schaeffer; Presbyterian Church

Rev. John Culbert; First Primitive Methodist Church

Pastors Joe & Mickey McDemus Baptist Church

Pastor Jennie Strauc United Church of Christ

Bonnie Baker; Episcopal Church

