

July 7, 2026 Agenda

July Council Meeting

Call To Order

Roll Call

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

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

Public Comment

Update on Walmart Generator Project - Utility Engineer Norm Baron

Mayor's Report

1. Residents are reminded to be aware of scams, both on the telephone and the computer. Last year over \$4,000,000,000 was lost by individuals to scammers in the U.S.A.
2. During the summer months, seniors especially, as well as everyone else should keep themselves well hydrated and as cool as possible to avoid dehydration due to the heat and humidity.

Historical Note

July 2, 1776, The Second Continental Congress passed the resolution of Richard Henry Lee asserting that the United Colonies are "Free and Independent States" and no longer subject to British Authority.

July 4, 1776 – The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Second Continental Congress. This date is celebrated as Independence Day.

Fifty years later, July 4, 1826, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died. A month later, Senator Daniel Webster delivered a eulogy for both men stated "No age will come, in which the American Revolution will appear less than it is, one of the greatest events in human history."

Solicitor's Report

- Update on conservatorships.
- Update on Chief William Dempsey's retirement.
- Discuss appealing the decision of 30 Thompson Street.
- Discuss Redevelopment Authority.
- Request an executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues.

Engineer's Report

1. **Firehouse Addition** – Council should consider acting on the bids received.
2. **Potential Grant Opportunities:**
 - a. PA DCED CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund (MTF) grant applications are due July 31 (no cost-share required). Council must pass a Resolution authorizing the grant application.
 - b. Other funding opportunities are low-interest loans (2%) and are typically accepted year-round.

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report - None

Electric Light Department

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to June 15, 2026

Real Estate -	\$	5,557.43
Per Capita -	\$	80.00
Occupational -	\$	23.10
TOTAL -	\$	5,660.53

Respectfully submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS – No Communications.

Old Business

Accept a motion to authorize Roland Price to attend the PMEA Conference from Wednesday, September 9 to Friday, September 11, and to pay hotel accommodations, food and mileage.

Accept a motion to waive our share of the building permit fees in the construction of the Firehouse Addition.

Accept a motion to authorize Solicitor Ed Brennan to appeal the decision of Judge Hobbs in regards to 30 Thompson Street.

Discuss the Firehouse Addition Grant.

New Business

Accept a motion to authorize a letter to be sent to the Police Civil Service Commission to begin the process of administering the Civil Service Test for the Chief of Police position.

Accept a motion to authorize letters to be written to Senator Argall and Representative Twardzik asking to support the bipartisan Senate Bill #1237 to allow municipalities to use radar for speed detection.

Accept a motion to notify the Police Civil Service Commission to begin the process of creating an eligibility list for a full-time policeman.

Accept a motion to authorize the Borough Treasurer to contact the Borough's Financial Group to discuss funding for the potential second power line.

Accept a motion to engage with the firm Curtin & Heefner LLP to oppose in the expansion of BRADS Landfill.

Accept a motion to authorize the donation of \$500 to Saint Clair Area Emergency Medical Services.

Accept a motion to adopt the resolution for the purpose of creating a Redevelopment Authority for the Borough of St. Clair.

Discuss Engineer Baldwin's recommendations.

Executive Session.

Accept a motion to approve the retirement agreement between Chief William Dempsey and the Borough of St. Clair.

Accept a motion to approve the Comp Time agreement between Sharon Stednitz and the Borough of St. Clair and to approve the payment of \$20,000.

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

Accept a motion to adjourn.

REMINDERS:

- Next Work Session – Thursday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m.
- July 8 – Cressona Band – Boone Park at 7 p.m.
- July 10 – Block Party – Third Street Complex
- July 11 – Car Cruise & fireworks
- July 12 – Time Capsule Opening at Veteran's Memorial Football Field – 4 p.m.
- July 12 – The Bluegrass Band "Coal-Fired Ramblers" will be performing at Admiral Boone Park – 7 p.m.
- July 21 – Pottsville Third Brigade Band at 7 p.m. in Boone Park