

August 6, 2026 Agenda

August Council Meeting

Call To Order

Roll Call

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

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

Public Comment

Mayor's Report

1. On behalf of the people of our Borough, I extend many thanks to our 250th Anniversary Committee and to all other residents who planned and executed the week-long activities in celebrating our Independence. Thanks are also extended to all of the individuals, businesses and organizations who donated time and money to the committee and to the 4th of July fireworks sponsored by the St. Clair Community & Historical Society.
2. Schools and school related activities will commence this month and drivers are reminded to drive with extra care and to follow all vehicle code laws pertaining to areas around school buildings and school bus stops as it is imperative to protect school children on their ways to and from school.

Historical Note

1. The actual signing of the Declaration of Independence by most of the 56 delegates occurred on August 2, 1776.
2. The Battle of Long Island was fought August 27 – 29, 1776 in present day Brooklyn, N.Y. British General William Howe decisively defeated the Colonial Army under General George Washington.
3. On August 30, 1776, the Continental Army escaped destruction and fell back to Manhattan, N.Y.

Solicitor's Report

- Update on conservatorships.
- Discuss documentation for the Alert Fire Company Firehouse Addition Grant.
- Discuss BRADS Landfill.
- Request an executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues.

Engineer's Report

1. Firehouse Addition

- a. Council should act on the bids received on June 30, 2026 (must act on them no later than August 14, 2026). (*Motion in Old Business*)
- b. Council should consider the draft No Parking ordinance for the HOP application. (*Motion in Old Business*)

2. Northward Basketball Courts

- a. Council should consider conditionally awarding the project to the lowest responsible bidder pending DCNR approval.
- b. Council should consider authorizing the purchase of the DCNR funding sign from Main Stream Industries Inc for the COSTARS price of \$48.

3. Ann Street Rehabilitation

- a. Council should consider authorizing the HOP Application and authorizing Benesch to act as the Borough's Agent for the application.

4. 212 Cherry Street Demolition

- a. Council should consider any received price proposals that are within bidding thresholds.

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report

Electric Light Department – No report.

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to July 31, 2026

Real Estate -	\$	2,073.69
Per Capita -	\$	71.50
Occupational -	\$	20.79
TOTAL -	\$	2,165.98

Respectfully submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS –

August 4, 2026 - St Clair Women's Club is requesting permission to hold the 65th Annual Halloween Parade. (*Motion in new business*)

Old Business

Accept a motion to hire Jody Kaczynski as a substitute crossing guard at a rate of \$14.00 per hour pending passing her physical and all clearances.

Accept a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare necessary documentation for the Alert Fire Company Firehouse Addition Grant in regard to the HOP application.

Accept a motion to engage with Amric Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$593,470 for the Alert Firehouse Addition Grant.

Accept a motion to authorize the HOP Application and authorize Benesch to act as the Borough's Agent for the application.

Accept a motion to accept the lowest bidder received that are within bidding thresholds for 212 Cherry Street.

New Business

Accept a motion to appoint Brad Blanner as Chief of Police for the Borough of St. Clair.
(*Swearing in ceremony – Mayor Tomko*)

Accept a motion to communicate with the St. Clair Police Civil Service Commission asking them to administer a civil service test to Police Chief Blanner and communicate the results to Borough Council so that the Council will be able to vote to bestow civil service status on Chief Blanner.

Accept a motion to authorize the Borough Solicitor to draw up a contract similar to the prior Chief of Police's contract.

Accept a motion to authorize the St. Clair Women's Club to hold the 65th Annual Halloween Parade on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, starting at 7 p.m. with a rain date of October 22, 2026.

Accept a motion to authorize a donation of \$500 to the Women's Club for the Halloween Parade.

Accept a motion to conditionally award the Northward Basketball Court project to the lowest responsible bidder pending DCNR approval for the Northward Basketball Court grant.

Executive Session.

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

Accept a motion to adjourn.

REMINDERS:

- Next Work Session – Thursday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m.
- Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m.