

September 1, 2026 Agenda

September 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

Proclamation for St. Mary's Orthodox Church

Whereas, In August of 2026, St. Mary's Orthodox Church of St. Clair celebrated the 125th anniversary of its founding; and

Whereas, The parishioners of St. Mary's Orthodox Church have served the United States of America with honor and bravery on battlefields throughout the world in our national struggles against evil and tyranny for 125 years; and

Whereas, The parishioners of St. Mary's Orthodox Church have contributed to the religious, social, economic, and political development of the Borough of St. Clair for 125 years; and

Whereas, The membership of St. Mary's Orthodox Church has perpetuated and shared with our community the noble history and heritage of their Eastern European ancestors thereby enriching our community for 125 years; and

Whereas, The Borough Council, Borough officials, and the people of the Borough of St. Clair wish to congratulate St. Mary's Orthodox Church on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of its founding and pay tribute to the great number of parishioners who have contributed to the life of the Borough of St. Clair for 125 years;

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Richard E. Tomko, do proclaim on this day, the 22nd day of August; 2026, that the month of September 2026 be "St. Mary's Orthodox Church Month" in the Borough of St. Clair.

Historical Note

1. September 1, 1776 – British Forces entered Manhattan Island.
2. September 7, 1776 – General Washington held a council of war to discuss whether or not to evacuate New York City.
3. September 11, 1776 – The Second Continental Congress formally approved the name United States of America as the new title for the former United Colonies.

Solicitor's Report

- Update on conservatorships.
- Discuss BRADS Landfill.
- Discuss and adopt the Ordinance Establishing a No Parking Zone for the Improvement of the Alert Fire Co. No. 1 Property.
- Request an executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel issues.

Engineer's Report

1. Northward Basketball Courts

- a. Council should consider acting on bids received on August 6, 2026.
- b. If proceeding with the project, Council should consider authorizing the purchase of the DCNR funding sign from Main Stream Industries Inc for the COSTARS price of \$48.00.

2. Potential Grant Opportunities

- a. The DCED CFA LSA grant round opens on Sept 1 and closes Nov 30.

3. Terry Rich Blvd Traffic Signal – SRT Revisions

- a. If not previously done so, Council should consider approving modifications at the Terry Rich Blvd Traffic Signal to accommodate the new Schuylkill River Trail and authorize Borough signatures be placed on the signal plan and signal approval form.

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report

Electric Light Department – No report.

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – No report.

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS –

August 5, 2026 – Schuylkill Haven Borough is requesting assistance from the St. Clair Fire Police on September 26, 2026. (*Motion in new business*)

August 28, 2026 – The Police Civil Service Commission announced that they administered the non-competitive oral examination for the position of Chief of Police to Brad Blanner. They unanimously recommend the hiring of Blad Blanner. (*Letter at the end of reports.*)

Old Business

Accept a motion to reject the bid for the Northward Playground Grant and to rebid in Spring 2027.

Accept a motion to authorize the purchase of the DCNR funding sign from Main Stream Industries Inc. for the COSTARS price of \$48.00.

Accept a motion to authorize the modifications at the Terry Rich Blvd Traffic Signal to accommodate the new Schuylkill River Trail and authorize Borough signatures be placed on the signal plan and signal approval form.

Accept a motion to authorize the proper Borough Officials to sign the Resolution for the submittal of the DCED HOME Grant application.

Accept a motion to adopt the Ordinance Establishing a No Parking Zone for the Improvement of the Alert Fire Co. No. 1 Property.

New Business

Accept a motion to adopt the Cyber Security Training Policy recommended by our IT Personnel to be in compliance with our Cyber Insurance.

Accept a motion to add 208 S. Mill Street to the conservatorship list.

Accept a motion to authorize Alfred Benesch to prepare a bid package for the replacement of the Police Department's roof in consultation with Street Superintendent Kevin Dempsey.

Accept a motion to authorize the St. Clair Borough Fire Police to assist the Schuylkill Haven Borough on Saturday, September 26 between the hours of 9:00 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Executive Session.

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

Accept a motion to adjourn.

REMINDERS:

- **BRADS Meeting** - Tuesday, September 15, 2026 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Clair Area Elementary /Middle School gym.
- **Next Work Session** – Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Next Council Meeting** – Tuesday, October 6 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Halloween Parade Registration** -October 12 & 13 - Alert Fire Co. 5 p.m.- 7 p.m.
- **Halloween Parade** - Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. (Rain date October 22)