

October 6, 2026 Agenda

October 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 –

Received via email

In support of the discussion held at the Issues, Review and work session held last week regarding the Electric Light Rates.

Our community is feeling the pressure of the current economy. Families are being forced to make difficult decisions about where their money goes every month. If a middle-class family with two good incomes can struggle with the cost of our electric bills, I can only imagine the pressure those bills place on families who have significantly less financial flexibility.

If there are legitimate opportunities to reduce one of those major expenses for residents, I believe it is worth exploring.

Please do not simply push this proposal aside. Give it an honest look. Ask the difficult questions, examine the numbers, consider the long-term effects, and allow the community to understand what is and is not possible.

We chose Saint Clair. We have invested more than 20 years of our lives here, and we want to continue calling this community home. We want our children to be able to afford to stay here someday if they choose to. I hope our borough leadership will work toward finding ways to make that possible not only for our family, but for the many other families who want to stay here as well.

Thank you for your time and for your service to our community. I sincerely hope you will give this proposal the consideration it deserves.

Respectfully,

*Deb and Devin Rushanan
Saint Clair Residents*

Mayor's Report

1. Proclamation for St. Clair Lion's Club

Whereas, In October of 2026, the St. Clair Lions Club will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding; and

Whereas, In 1917 Chicago businessman Melvin Jones invited business clubs from around the U.S.A. to organize the association of Lions Clubs; and

Whereas, In 1920, the Lions Clubs went international with the establishment of the Cities Lions Club of Windsor, Canada; and

Whereas, The global causes of Lions Clubs are childhood cancer, diabetes, disaster relief, the environment, humanitarian causes, hunger, vision, and youth; and

Whereas, for the past 75 years the members of the St. Clair Lions Club have contributed to the welfare of our Borough and its people; and

Whereas, The Reed family of St. Clair has played a significant role in the life of the St. Clair Lions Club; and

Whereas, The Borough Council, Borough officials, and the people of St. Clair wish to congratulate the St. Clair Lions Club and its membership on the occasion of its 75th anniversary;

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Richard E. Tomko, do proclaim on this day, the 1st day of October, 2026, that the month of October 2026 be "St. Clair Lions Club Month" in the Borough of St. Clair.

2. Motorists should take extra caution on Trick or Treat Night as Halloweeners will be out in force crossing our streets. Parents are asked to examine items collected by their children to be sure that no tampering has occurred.

3. Residents should be aware that a new covid-19 vaccine is available and should consult with their doctors as to the advisability of being vaccinated. It should also be noted that the new flu vaccine is available in standard and senior citizen doses.

Historical Note

October 26, 1776 – Benjamin Franklin left America on a diplomatic mission to secure French support for our revolution.

October 29, 1776 – After being defeated at the Battle of White Plains, General Washington and the Continental Army were forced to retreat to New Jersey.

Solicitor's Report

- Update on conservatorships.
- Discuss the Solicitor's opinion letter that the repairs on the police station must be done on emergency basis.
- Discuss BRADS Landfill.
- Request an executive session to discuss potential litigation and personnel issues.

Engineer's Report

1. Firehouse Addition – Council should consider approving Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$20,944.80.

2. Thwing St Bridge 2026 CFA MTF Grant Application – DCED requests Council confirm that should the \$2.15M grant application be awarded, the Borough will be responsible for \$25,556 of that amount for additional engineering.
3. Grant Opportunity – Council should consider applying for a PA DCED CFA Local Share Account (LSA) grant application (deadline Nov 30).
4. Review Diehl's Zoning Map Amendment application.

Departmental Reports

Street Department Report

Electric Light Department – No report.

Treasurer's Report

Tax Collector's Report – Taxes collected up to September 30, 2026

Real Estate -	\$1,411.25
Per Capita -	\$16.50
Occupational -	\$ 2.31
TOTAL -	\$1,430.06

Respectfully submitted by William Umbenhaur, Tax Collector

Police Department

Zoning Officer's Report

Fire Chief's Report

Code Official Report

COMMUNICATIONS –

September 16, 2026 – Palo Alto Borough requested St. Clair Fire Police for Car Cruise.
(*Motion in New Business*)

September 29, 2026 – Recue Hook & Ladder are proposing a community block party.
(*Motion in New Business*)

Old Business

Accept a motion to approve Application for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$20,944.80 for the Alert Firehouse Addition.

Accept a motion to appoint an alternate Fire Committee Representative from Borough Council. (Current appointees are Tom Dempsey, Judy Stednitz-Julian and Norm Diehl)

New Business

Accept a motion to authorize Rescue Hook & Ladder Company #3 to hold a community block party from Friday, August 20 to Sunday, August 22, 2027.

Accept a motion to retroactively authorize the St. Clair Fire Police to assist Palo Alto Borough at the car cruise on October 3, 2026 from 1 p.m.– 5 p.m.

Accept a motion to authorize Council to empower the Civil Service Commission to administer a competitive examination for the position of Sergeant of the St Clair Police force.

Accept a motion to set Trick or Treat night to be held on Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Accept a motion to confirm that should the \$2.15M grant application be awarded, the Borough will be responsible for \$25,556 of that amount for additional engineering for the Thwing Street Bridge 2026 CFA MTF Grant Application.

Following the Engineer's recommendation council should consider applying for a PA DCED CFA Local Share Account (LSA) grant application (deadline Nov 30) for ?.

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, October 29 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Next Council Meeting** – Tuesday, November 5 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)
- **Budget Hearing** - Monday, November 9 at 6:00 p.m,
- **Budget Hearing** - Tuesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m,
- **Budget Special Meeting** - Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m,
- **Fire Convention** – Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.