

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on June 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Larry Celaschi, Randy DiPiazza, Nancy Ellis, Jerry Jericho Frank Paterra, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith

Also, present were: Mayor Gregg Doerfler, Solicitor Sean Logue and Borough Secretary Roberta Doerfler.

Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Tiffany Rands – Complaint on Borough Manager
- James Bockstoce – Somerset Township in support of the ABC
- Dave DiPiazza – Complaint on Borough Manager and Solicitor and also in support of the ABC
- Carl Witmyer – In support of the ABC
- Kathy Gehman – In support of the ABC
- Jeannine Motycki – Complaint against the Borough Manager saying that he harassed her, Tracy Kash and Nikki Sheppick

AGENDA:

1. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the May/June 2023 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$123,406.80 as reported

Roll Call Vote showed Larry Celaschi, Randy DiPiazza, Nancy Ellis, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith voting “yes” and Frank Paterra voting “no” Motion Carried

2. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Larry Celaschi to authorize the Administration to proceed with a Washington County Conservation District DGLVR Grant Application to permanently vacate 13<sup>th</sup> Street

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve an unpaid accessible parking spot located at 316 Washington Avenue for Mr. John Mason

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Joseph Smith to authorize codification of ordinances with General Code in an amount not to exceed \$5,600

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Nancy Ellis and seconded by Joseph Smith to recognize July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 as Charleoi Community Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to authorize \$3,000 towards the total cost for fireworks and the Charleoi Community Day and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, as budgeted and adopted by Council, Charge 01/451.24

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Larry Celaschi to adopt Resolution 2023-08: Disposition of Certain Records

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Jerry Jericho to suspend the Borough Manager for 10 days without pay, backdated to Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with a return date of June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to confirm authorization of the action taken by Borough Solicitor on the confidential employee matter discussed in executive session

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to authorize the litigation action item discussed in executive session

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

Charleoi Borough Council met in executive session at 5:30 p.m. on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to discuss personnel and potential litigation.

The **Recessed Meeting** of Charleoi Borough Council was held on June 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Larry Celaschi, Randy DiPiazza, Nancy Ellis, Jerry Jericho Frank Patera, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith

Also, present were: Mayor Gregg Doerfler, Solicitor Sean Logue and Borough Secretary Roberta

Doerfler.

We had a moment of silence for the Porter Family for the loss of their son Glenn Porter.

Solicitor Sean Logue announced to the public that we are here tonight to discuss the water authority offer to purchase the sewer lines in Charleoi for a price of \$3,750,000.00 with no increase in rates.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Gentleman from Monessen – wants a referendum to stop council from selling the Authority
- Terry Planton – very fair offer, I urge you to take it
- Dave DiPiazza – Doesn't think a referendum is the answer, MS4 is the Borough's responsibility and he thanked the "patriots"

Public comment closed

1. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to accept the proposed agreement with the Authority of the Borough of Charleroi for the sale and transfer of the sanitary sewage collection system, sewage lines and all sewer property of the Borough, used or useful in connection with the furnishing of sewer service to the Borough, for the consideration of Three Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand (43,750,000.00) Dollars

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Nancy Ellis to amend the agenda to add a corrective issue from tonight's executive session and also to add the need of a right to know officer

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. Larry Celaschi nominated Jerry Jericho as the RTK Officer, Jerry Jericho declined. Paul Pivovarnik then nominated Nancy Ellis as the RTK Officer. With there being no other nominations, a roll call vote by name took place

Nomination Carried Nancy Ellis is the new RTK Officer

4. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Jerry Jericho to amend to agenda to add the termination of Obermayer Rebmman Maxwell & Hippel LLP

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Joseph Smith to thank Obermayer Rebmman Maxwell & Hippel LLP firm for getting us to this point in the sale and purchase of the sewage system in Charleroi to the ABC, but we would like to discharge them of their duties

Roll Call Vote showed Larry Celaschi, Nancy Ellis, Randy DiPiazza, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith voting "yes" and Frank Paterra voting "no"

6. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Josph Smith to act on the confidential personnel item from the executive session

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

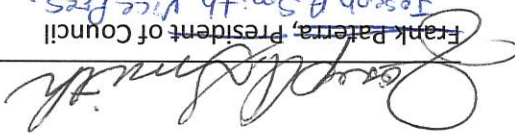
ANNOUNCEMENTS

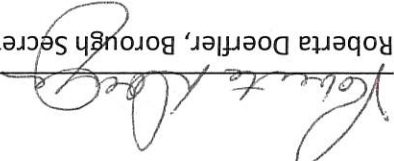
- Nancy Ellis presented a check from the Charleroi American Legion to the Borough of Charleroi for the community day celebration fireworks
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting is July 5, 2023 at 6PM.
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Business meeting is July 12, 2023 at 6PM.

Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

  
 Frank Paterra, President of Council  
 Joseph A. Smith, Vice Pres.

  
 Roberta Doerfler, Borough Secretary