

The **Agenda Meeting** of Charleoi Borough Council was held on March 1, 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 Borough Manager Matt Staniszewski, Solicitor Sean Logue and Borough Secretary Roberta Doerfler.

First order of business was to adjourn the meeting of February 8th, 2023. A motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Joseph Smith to adjourn the February 8th, 2023 meeting Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous Motion Carried

Robert Stark of Rostreaver EMS came to council to inform them that the prior EMS service has been soliciting for business with Charleoi residents making it confusing for the residents. Council approved Rostreaver/West Newton EMS as the primary service provider for Charleoi.

A monthly report was given by Remington & Vernick Engineers.

Dennis Paluso, solicitor of ABC, spoke about the Authority's deal for Charleoi, stating that we are being unprofessional.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mark Alterici of Meadow Ave., stated to council that all he did while on council was accept the bids for the paving project, he didn't sign the contract. He is tired of being blamed for the deficit budget going into 2022. He also told council not to hire attorneys for the Water Authority deal, to just let the engineers work it out.

Chris Obitko of 107 Lookout Ave. stated that the landlord fees are excessive and he proposes to have them changed to a lower rate. He would like to set up a meeting with Borough Manager to discuss. Nikki Sheppick questioned where the money came from to hire attorneys for the ABC deal. She also questioned the solicitor's bill and the purchase of the display monitor that was purchased for Council Chambers.

Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to take the appointment of Thomas Wyatt, Esq, of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, as Special Legal Counsel for all Authority of the Borough of Charleoi matters, off of the table

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous Motion Carried

Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to instruct the Solicitor to enter into a final agreement to hire Thomas Wyatt, Esq, of Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, as Special Legal Counsel to handle all matters concerning the Authority of the Borough of Charleoi.

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

Council then went over the correspondents/discussion items and added what was needed to the agenda for next week's meeting.

Meeting was then adjourned.

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleoi Borough Council was held on March 8, 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 Patera, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith

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

Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Larry Celaschi to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8, 2023. Roll Call vote was unanimous Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Chris Obitko came once again for a follow-up concerning the (excessive) landlord fees. He would still like to see an adjustment made.
- Some council members would still like to have committees, but Frank Paterra stated that this is why we have a Borough Manager. This is part of his job. Frank put Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith on Personnel and he put the Mayor on the Street Department because he has years of experience there and would be helpful. Nancy Ellis stated that she would like to be on Community Affairs (working with businesses) and international relations.

Bobby Whiten then announced that the fire department will be holding a rabies clinic on May 6th, 2023 from 11 – 3. He then announced all the fundraisers that the department was working on. It was then announced that the Borough parking lot next to the fire department would be designated to only lifesaving personnel associated with the department.

AGENDA:

1. Motion by Joseph Smith and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the Feb/Mar 2023 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$231,968.45 as reported

Roll Call Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Larry Celaschi to authorize Matt Staniszewski, Borough Manager, to submit a change in scope for LSA Project Local Number LS-19-22, Program year 2019, from CCTV surveying to the Railroad/Infrastructure Project under previously awarded LSA funding, as recommended by the Borough Engineer

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to authorize Matt Staniszewski, Borough Manager, to hire temporary, Part-Time individuals through the proposed Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry Office of Vocational Rehabilitation program to cut grass and perform other basic, public maintenance activities for the summer season 2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Larry Celaschi to approve the amendment to the agreement with Keystone Collections for current and delinquent per capita taxes, and current and delinquent business privilege taxes

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

5. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the paid accessible parking application for Ms. Linda Keplar, located at 251 9th St.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Nancy Ellis to approve the non-paid application for accessible parking located at 127 Mckean Ave.,

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous
Motion Carried
7. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to authorize Matt Staniszewski, Borough Manager, to advertise for the position of Full-time working Foreman for the Public Works Department

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

8. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Joseph Smith to authorize Matt Staniszewski, Borough Manager, to advertise for the position of Full-time Code Enforcement Officer

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

9. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Larry Celaschi to authorize matt Staniszewski, Borough Manager, to execute negotiations with the property owner of 703 Fallowfield Ave.,

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous
Motion Carried

10. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Larry Celaschi to authorize Matt Staniszewski, Borough Manager, to execute negotiations with Peyton Merlo for the parcel located at 608 Fifth St.,

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous
Motion Carried

11. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to approve the subdivision plan for the Davies Ford project pending the favorable recommendation, approval, and any and all conditions, modifications, or changes imposed by the Planning Commission, and to date said form accordingly

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous
Motion Carried

12. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to adopt Resolution 2023-05: Mid-Mon Valley Transit Local Match

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous
Motion Carried

13. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to adopt Resolution 2023-06: 2023 Fee Updates

FIRST READING (no vote required)

ORDINANCE NO. 1045

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF CHARLEROI, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20, CREATING ARTICLE III, PUBLIC MEETING POLICIES, OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF ORDINANCES, COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO. 1046

AN ORDINANCE OF CHARLEROI BOROUGH, WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTEER SERVICE CREDIT PROGRAM; ENACTING TAX CREDITS FOR VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE

CHARLEROI VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY AND ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND APPEALS

The meeting has been recessed to Monday March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to have an Executive Session with Thomas Wyatt and the borough engineer to discuss Authority of the Borough matters.

The **Executive Session** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on March 13, 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, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith

Frank Paterra was absent

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

Jerry Jericho requested that this meeting be open to the public and not an executive session. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Nancy Ellis to make this meeting open to the public. Roll Call Vote showed Larry Celaschi, Randy DiPiazza, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith voting "no" and Nancy Ellis and Jerry Jericho voting "yes" Motion was denied

Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to adjourn the meeting.

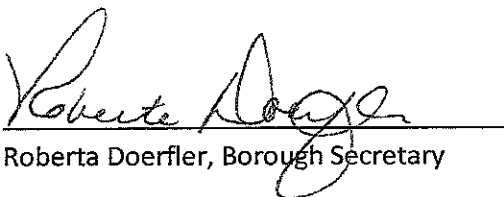
All in Favor

Motion Carried

- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting is April 5, 2023 at 6PM.
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Business meeting is April 12, 2023 at 6PM.



Frank Paterra, President of Council



Roberta Doerfler, Borough Secretary

