

The **Agenda Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on October 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Randy DiPiazza was absent

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

The meeting started with Neil Rongaus, financial planner, giving a presentation to council about investing the monies that were received from the sale of the sewer lines to the Authority of the Borough of Charleroi.

Mark Turnley, CPA came in and presented the 2022 Municipal Audit and answered any questions that council had.

After a discussion on the presented dog ordinance, it was determined that we need to make some changes to the ordinance. A motion was then made by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Nancy Ellis to delay the dog ordinance until these changes have been made. Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

The rest of the meeting was to set the agenda for the regular meeting next week.

Meeting was then adjourned.

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on October 11, 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, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith (by phone)

Frank Paterra was absent

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

Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Nancy Ellis to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Kristen Calcek questioned if the Borough had completed the background checks on the prospective new hires. She is not disputing that the Borough needs employees, but she wants consideration in making decisions being she is on the ballot for next year's council

Finance: Larry Celaschi reported that he, Joseph Smith and Roberta Doerfler met to go over the 2024 budget, he also stated that these same people will meet one more time before turning over the preliminary budget to council for their changes.

Public Works: Gregg Doerfler stated that the skid loader is back from being serviced

Parks and Recreation: Paul Pivovarnik reported that Halloween is coming up and listed the activities that are being scheduled. Business Trick or Treating, Parade and Haunted House will be on October 26th, 2023 and Residential Trick or Treating will be on October 31st, 2023. Both of these events will start at 5:30 and go through 7:00 p.m. Also, this year we are having "Fright Movie Nights", these will be on October 21st & 28th, 2023 The movies will start at 7:15 p.m.

Fire EMS and Animal Control: No report

Personnel: No Report

Code: Randy DiPiazza reported that the new code company started on October 1, 2023 and so far, things are running smoothly. Randy then thanked the fire department for their efforts in making a dangerous situation safe again.

Police: Larry Celaschi reported that the police board approved their 2024 budget and that he has the numbers to put in the 2024 budget for the Borough

Community Planning: Nancy Ellis reported that there will be Thanksgiving dinners provided to those in need by community churches and groups. Nancy also reported that Student Government Day should be held in the Spring of 2024. Nancy also mentioned that this is an American Legion program and that they will be taking over the planning. Nancy Ellis stated that she spoke with Nathan Voytek of the Redevelopment Authority, and he said that the Davies project should be a different LSA project than the redirecting of the CCTV Funds. Larry Celaschi said that Nancy should see if maybe street scape or a sidewalk project would be best use of the appealed CCTV Funds in the amount of \$75,000.

At this time head of Personnel requested an executive session.

AGENDA:

1. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Nancy Ellis to amend item number 12 on the agenda to read approve the lowest quote for playground fencing for Woodland Ave. and Crest Ave. parks from All Around Fence Co in the amount of \$16,800

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Larry Celaschi to approve the September 2023 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$178,622.66 as reported

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to table agenda items #2 hiring of 2 laborers, #3 hiring of working foreman and #7 hiring school crossing guard until all background checks have been completed

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the collective bargaining agreement for Public Works for the years 2024 - 2027

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to rescind the LSA letter of support to Fix Ur Cat

Roll Call Vote showed Larry Celaschi, Paul Pivovarnik, and Joseph Smith voting "yes" and Randy DiPiazza, Nancy Ellis, and Jerry Jericho voting "no", with there being a tie, Mayor Gregg Doerfler voted "yes"

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the 2024 Medicare renewal for the retirees

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Nancy Ellis to approve the 2024 CDBG program application for \$75,000 going to Home Rehabilitation and the balance of \$112,800 to be used towards sidewalk replacements

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Nancy Ellis to approve the demolition certifications and releases for 403 Lookout Ave., 520 Third St., 828 Oakland Ave., and 421 McKean Ave.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to table the tree trimming so as to be able to receive the third quote that is required

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Nancy Ellis to approve the loading zone parking space for Gene & Boots Candies

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to approve the lowest quote for playground fencing for Woodland Ave. and Crest Ave. parks from All Around Fence Co in the amount of \$16,800

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

12. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Nancy Ellis to authorize a letter of support for the 2024 LSA Grant for recreation and playground upgrades

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

At this time the meeting was recessed to October 25th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., so that background checks can be completed on all applicants and to receive the third quote needed for the tree trimming project

The **Recessed Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on October 25, 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, Paul Pivovarnik, Joseph Smith (by phone) and Frank Paterra

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

13. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Joseph Smith to hire one public works laborer, wages to follow collective bargaining agreement, with a start date of October 30, 2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

14. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to table the hiring of one public works, working foreman, wages to follow the collective bargaining agreement. Still waiting on the results of the background check

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

15. Hire school guard at a rate of \$14.00/hr. Application withdrawn

16. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to table hiring a company to trim trees, due to the fact that we are still waiting for all the quotes to come in

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous Motion Carried

17. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to table the hiring of Neil Rongaus as Financial Advisor for the Borough

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

At this time in the recessed meeting, council added two items that were not originally on the agenda.

18. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Jerry Jericho to fire Sean Logue and Associates as the solicitor for the Borough

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

19. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Jerry Jericho to hire Dennis Paluso as interim solicitor till the end of the year

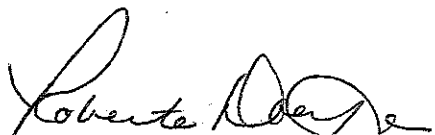
Roll Call Vote showed Randy DiPiazza, Nancy Ellis, Jerry Jericho, and Frank Paterra voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith voting "no" Motion Carried


ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting is November 1, 2023 at 6PM.
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Business meeting is November 8, 2023 at 6PM.

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

All in Favor Motion Carried


Roberta Doerfler, Borough Secretary


Frank Paterra, President
Joseph Smith, Vice president