

The **Agenda Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on February 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, Larry Celaschi, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Thomas Santoro, Joseph Smith and Robert Whiten Jr.

Also, present were: Mayor Gregg Doerfler, Solicitor Dennis Paluso and Borough Admin/Secretary Roberta Doerfler.

We received a resignation letter from Martin Gassner, member of the Planning Commission, with the date and time of being effective as 5:41 p.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2024. A motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Larry Celaschi to accept this resignation was made. Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous
Motion Carried

We now are in search of a replacement. Notice will be placed on our Facebook page for any interested parties. A motion was made by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Tom Santoro to add this item to our items of discussion to be added to the agenda.

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on February 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

A moment of silence was given for the passing of Walter Stelma.

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, Larry Celaschi, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Thomas Santoro, Joseph Smith and Robert Whiten Jr.

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

Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2024

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Chip Purcell of Enviro 21 came to speak to council members about his company. He stated that he had been following the newspaper and news channels about the sanitation issues that we have been dealing with.

Finance: Paul Pivovarnik requested that the finance committee receive a quarterly report so that they may follow the budget more closely

Public Works: no report

Parks and Recreation: Jerry Jericho stated that we are waiting to hear about the LSA Grant application. They will be awarding it soon. Kristin Hopkins-Calcek stated that she would like have a meeting to discuss the recreation events and hopes to start a committee with outside members to help.

Code, Fire EMS and Animal Control: Matt Prentice reported on the fire calls for the month. He also updated everyone on the fundraisers that they are holding. We did not receive an animal control report for the month. Bob Whiten gave the EMS report for the month of January.

Personnel: Joseph Smith stated that they had interviews for possible Engineering Companies

Police: Jerry Jericho explained to council members that the Police will be donating a car back to the borough for the use of code enforcement. Also, the police are giving tests and agility for possible new hires this weekend.

Community Planning: Larry Celaschi reported that Mon Valley Signs will be placing the new digital billboards soon, at the end of town. The borough will be able to advertise events and notices as needed. The rest of the time Mon Valley Signs will be renting out space for advertisements.

AGENDA:

1. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the January list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$211,132.21 as reported

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

2. Joseph Smith nominated Remington Vernik as the Borough's Engineering Company. Thomas Santoro nominated K2 as the Borough's Engineering Company. After asking three more times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed.

Roll Call Vote by name showed Robert Whiten Jr, Thomas Santoro, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voted for K-2 and Joseph Smith. Paul Pivovarnik and Larry Celaschi voted for Remington Vernik

Nomination Carried for K-2

3. Paul Pivovarnik nominated Jody Cheplic for the Vacancy Board. Jerry Jericho nominated Patrick Garman for the Vacancy Board. After asking three more times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed.

Roll Call Vote by name showed Robert Whiten Jr., Joseph Smith, Paul Pivovarnik and Larry Celaschi voting for Jody Cheplic and Thomas Santoro, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voting for Patrick Garman

Nomination Carried for Jody Cheplic

At this time Council went into an executive session to discuss personnel issue.

4. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Robert Whiten Jr. approve the hiring of James Stache for the position of Code Enforcement Officer with a salary of \$51,000, with one week vacation, 3 sick days, 2 personal days and 12 holidays. We will maintain the use of Dennis Smith, UCC as commercial inspector and terminate the services of BIU

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the non-paid accessible parking application for 401 Washington Ave.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Thomas Santoro to approve the paid accessible parking application for 819 McKean Ave

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Thomas Santoro to approve the paid accessible parking application for 1213 ½ Lower Crest Ave

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Thomas Santoro to approve the cooperation agreement with the Redevelopment Authority to take corrective action on the property of 123 Prospect Ave.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Jerry Jericho to table the bids to repair the Borough Building Roof.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to table the incentive to pay a stipend to the volunteer firemen that make calls. Solicitor needed more time to go over the previous ordinance-tax incentive for the fire department

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Larry Celaschi to approve the MVA Subdivision Plan No 2/Norfolk Southern sale of real estate

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

Council Members went into another executive session regarding personnel matters and possible litigation

When Council came back out of executive session the meeting was recessed to the call of the Chair. February 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., so that council may vote on a personnel matter

The **Recessed Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on February 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, Larry Celaschi, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Thomas Santoro, Joseph Smith and Robert Whiten Jr.

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

12. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Tom Santoro to release Frank Angelilli from employment with street department before the probation period ends. Termination is effective 7:00 a.m. February 22nd, 2024

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting is March 6, 2024 at 6PM.
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Business meeting is March 13, 2024 at 6PM.

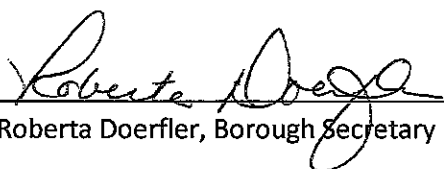
Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Tom Santoro to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor

Motion Carried



Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, President



Roberta Doerfler, Borough Secretary