

The **Agenda Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on December 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

Also, present were: Mayor Gregg Doerfler, Solicitor Steven Toprani, Borough Manager Joseph Manning and Borough Admin/Secretary Roberta Doerfler.

Kristin Hopkins-Calcek was absent

Ben Woods of Earthwise Environmental spoke to council members about their sanitation contract with the Borough. He was asking the Borough to reconsider bidding out the contract, he believes that they have provided good service to our community and is disappointed that it went out to bid

Members discussed the items that were put on next week's agenda and then requested a brief executive session to discuss potential litigation.

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on December 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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, Borough Admin/Sec Roberta Doerfler, Solicitor Steven Toprani and Borough Manager Joseph Manning

Motion by Tom Santoro and seconded by Jerry Jericho to amend the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2024, stating that the vote to repair the municipal building roof, should have stated replace the municipal building roof.

Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the amended minutes from November 13, 2024

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comment

Finance: Councilman Pivovarnik stated that all Borough invoices are being paid and had no further report at this time

Public Works: Thomas Santoro mentioned that a decision hasn't been made whether to get the sweeper repaired. We need to know what has to be done with the sweeper and we need to get it out of the weather.

Parks and Recreation: Kristin Hopkins-Calcek reported that the light up night was successful with a lot of kids. Santa will also be seeing kids on Friday the 13th & 20th in the Market House. She also thanked CFSBank and the members of the GCCDC for their contribution to the night

Code, Fire, EMS and Animal Control: Bobby Whiten read the reports from the various departments

Personnel: No report at this time

Police: Gregg Doerfler reported on the abandoned vehicle sticker project. It is going very well; the police have ticketed and had towed a number of abandoned vehicles throughout town. He assured Jerry Jericho that there is no need for an alternative towing company to clear these vehicles

Community Planning: No report

AGENDA:

1. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Thomas Santoro to approve the November/December 2024 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$148,743.86

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Thomas Santoro to approve the 2025 Municipal budget

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve Ordinance #1051-Tax Levy for 2025 set at 9.85 mils

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

4. Jerry Jericho nominated Jeannine Motycki to the Zoning Board for a 3-year term with the position to expire 12-31-27. Larry Celaschi nominated James Newstrom. After asking for a third time if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed and a roll call vote by name was taken

Roll Call Vote showed that Robert Whiten, Thomas Santoro, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voted for Jeannine Motycki and Joseph Smith, Paul Pivovarnik and Larry Celaschi voted for James Newstrom

Nomination for Jeannine Motycki Carried

5. Thomas Santoro nominated Adele Hopkins to the Planning Commission for a 4-year term with the position to expire 12-31-28. Larry Celaschi nominated Patrick Higgins and Paul Pivovarnik nominated Nancy Ellis. Nancy Ellis respectfully declined. After asking for a third time if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed and a roll call vote by name was taken

Roll Call Vote showed that Robert Whiten, Thomas Santoro, Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voted for Adele Hopkins and Joseph Smith and Larry Celaschi voted for Patrick Higgins

Nomination for Adele Hopkins Carried

6. Jerry Jericho nominated Patrick Garman to the Water Authority Board for a 5-year term with the position to expire 12-31-29. Larry Celaschi nominated Gregg Doerfler and Joseph Smith nominated Joseph Como. It was determined that Joseph Como was not eligible due to the fact that it had to be a Charleroi resident. After asking for a third time if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed and a roll call vote by name was taken

Roll Call Vote showed that Robert Whiten, Thomas Santoro, Jerry Jericho and Kristin Hopkins-Calcek voted for Patrick Garman and Joseph Smith, Paul Pivovarnik and Larry Celaschi voted for Gregg Doerfler. Larry Celaschi objected to Thomas Santoro voting, because he is on the Water Authority Board and collects a stipend. The Solicitor didn't think that this was an issue.

Nomination for Patrick Garman Carried

7. Larry Celaschi nominated Edward Bryner to the Transit Authority Board for a 5-year term with the position to expire 12-31-29. After asking for a third time if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed and a roll call vote by name was taken

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Nomination for Edward Bryner Carried

8. Jerry Jericho nominated Nancy Ellis to the Vacancy Board for a 1-year term with the position to expire 12-31-25. After asking for a third time if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed and a roll call vote by name was taken

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Nomination for Nancy Ellis Carried

9. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Larry Celaschi to authorize financial support to Rostraver/West Newton EMS in the amount of \$19,860. Jerry Jericho objected to this request. After much discussion, Jerry Jericho said that he would rather vote for a lesser amount like \$9,000. Bob Whiten stated that he didn't want to see this company going under because we didn't give support.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous, with Jerry Jericho going on record that he thinks this amount is too high and that he will not be voting for this again next year

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Robert Whiten and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the paid accessible parking application for 733 Washington Avenue

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

Paul Pivovarnik requested an executive session to discuss contractual matters associated to item #11 - time in 7:05 p.m. time out 7:29p.m.

11. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to table camera installation by Security Systems in the amount of \$21,998. Council would like a clearer breakdown of what cameras are needed and how many.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

12. Motion by Robert Whiten and seconded by Larry Celaschi to authorize to advertise for a re-bid of the sanitation contract. The bid specs will be worked out by the Solicitor and the Borough Manager

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

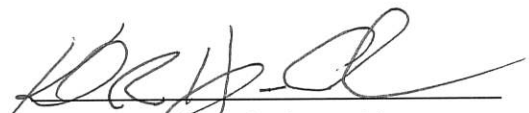
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting will not take place due to it falling on a Holiday, January 1, 2025
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Business meeting is January 8, 2025 at 6PM.

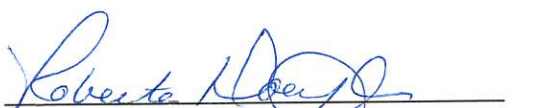
Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Jerry Jericho to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor

Motion Carried



Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, President



Roberta Doerfler, Borough Admin/Secretary

