

The **Agenda/Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on January 8, 2025 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 (by phone), Tom Santoro and Robert Whiten Jr.

Joseph Smith was absent

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

A motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Larry Celaschi to have an executive session about personnel All In Favor time in 6:02 – time out 6:17

Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Thomas Santoro to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2024

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

Aaron Henderson of Remington Vernick Engineers gave a report on the paving project, an update on the pavilions for the parks and an update on the railroad alley project at Davies Ford

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

Lisa Dudeck of 98 Prospect Ave. came to discuss Pine Alley and the dangers of this road in the winter. This weekend, with the winter storm that came, her son's vehicle was damaged from people sliding down Pine Alley, another accident happened with a car landing on their sidewalk and then just yesterday, her husband was almost hit while he was shoveling snow. She requested that council block this alley in the winter, so that people will not use it and cause more harm or damage. Council agreed to place a barrier at the top and bottom of this alley.

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

**Public Works:** Tom Santoro read the street department report for the month of December. A question was raised why we were out of salt in the bin; Tom Santoro explained that the salt was ordered on Monday and the delivery time was 5 to 7 days out. With that said, Ed 'Mokey' Brown was able to borrow salt from Speers, as well as Fallowfield Township, for the duration. As soon as our delivery comes in, we will return salt to both municipalities. Tom also reported that the other plow will be fixed this week.

**Parks and Recreation:** No report

**Code, Fire EMS and Animal Control:** James Stache read the code enforcement report and answered questions. Matt Prentice read the fire report and the EMS report was read as well.

**Personnel:** No report at this time

**Police:** Two officers were presented with certificates of valor; two new officers were hired and there were 4 officers promoted to sergeant

**Community Planning:** Larry Celaschi questioned how many summer workers were planned for, for this summer? He wants to be able to look into funding for them again. Council answered that they would like to have 6 to 8 workers

**AGENDA:**

1. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to approve the Dec/Jan list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$169,673.19

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

- 2. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to accept the resignation of Kristopher Wergin from the public works department

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

- 3. Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Robert Whiten to authorize to hire Kristopher Wergin as part time firefighter/driver in the Charleroi Fire Department

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

- 4. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Larry Celaschi to authorize to advertise for a full-time and a part-time laborer in the public works department, with applications due by the end of business on January 31, 2025

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

- 5. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the 2025 CDBG Funds in the following amounts: \$75,000 for Home Rehabilitation and \$112,770 for the Market House Expansion Project

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

- 6. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Thomas Santoro to approve the non-paid accessible parking application for 315 Crest Ave.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

- 7. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Larry Celaschi to approve the paid accessible parking applications for 408 Oakland Ave., 1009 Lincoln Ave. and 505 Meadow Ave.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kristin Hopkins Calcek announced that there was a Love Anyway Feast event this past weekend at Dee's Event Center. They plan on having this feast on a quarterly basis.

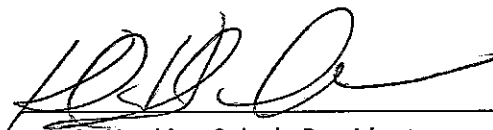
The American Legion Post 22 will start having Bingo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month starting at 1:00 p.m.

- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting is February 5, 2025 at 6PM.
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Business meeting is February 12, 2025 at 6PM.

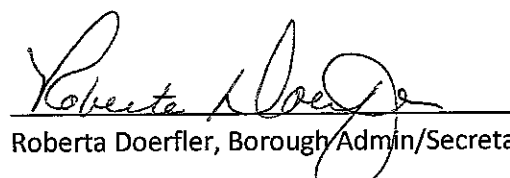
Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Thomas Santoro to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor

Motion Carried



Kristin Hopkins-Calcek, President



Roberta Doerfler, Borough Admin/Secretary