

The **Agenda Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on September 6, 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, Solicitor Sean Logue and Borough Secretary Roberta Doerfler.

RVE Engineer's report stated that they completed the MS4 reporting by deadline.

Dennis E. Smith, United Code Consultants gave a presentation to council members on why they should hire their firm as Code Enforcement. The firm agreed to being hired on an interim basis.

Joe Stimak complained to council about the lack of code enforcement and of people not taking care of their properties. Kevin Zajack suggested that the borough invest in more cameras in the residential areas of town, he is very concerned with the wellbeing of the residents. Jason Russo of Vintage Valley Games presented to council the different shows that they will be having in town and asked if the Borough would be interested in supporting them with some sponsorships.

There were no voting items during the agenda meeting.

Meeting was then adjourned.

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on September 13, 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 Paterra, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith

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

Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Adele Hopkins questioned if the Borough had any ordinances about cats on their books. Council answered that, no, there wasn't an ordinance on cats.
- Kristen Calcek questioned if the Borough had an ordinance on chickens. Council answered, yes, that there is an ordinance on chickens. Kristen also requested that the minutes be posted on the website

Finance: Nancy Ellis reported that the budget meeting will be held on September 18th, 2023, Monday in the Community Room. Public is invited

Public Works: Gregg Doerfler stated that he and Brooks Fox from the St Dept went around town and made a list of all the trees that need to be trimmed so that we can advertise for someone to trim the trees

Parks and Recreation: Jerry Jericho reported that he went to a meeting today at the parks for an inspection. He stated that he would like to see trash receptacles and park benches put in at the parks as well. He also stated that there will not be funding for the fencing going around the park, and since we already agreed to putting the fencing in, he wants to move forward with that.

Fire EMS and Animal Control: Bobby Whiten reported on the calls for the month. He also updated everyone on the fundraisers that they are holding. Bobby then let everyone know that it is Fire Prevention Awareness month

Personnel: Larry Celaschi reported that they have been working on the CBA Public Works contract. They have sent in their requests to the Union and are awaiting their response. The council should be able to vote on this contract by next month's meeting.

Code: Randy DiPiazza reported that the complaint at 216 Rear Shady has been taken care of. Randy stated that he has been working closely with Nancy Ellis in removing cats from the 300 block of Crest Ave.

Police: Larry Celaschi asked the public to, instead of creating drama on Facebook, by posting false statements, to come to a police board meeting, which are held the third Wednesdays of every month, to address their concerns and complaints.

Community Planning: Nancy Ellis requested that council consider appealing the decision of the Redevelopment Authority to reallocate the CCTV Grant monies to the Davies project.

AGENDA:

1. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the August, 2023 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$142,604.82 as reported

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the minimum municipal obligation (MMO) Charleroi Borough Pension Plan for the year 2024

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to authorize to hire Dennis E. Smith, United Code Consultants on an interim basis at a rate of \$65.00 an hour

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

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to authorize to advertise for tree pruning services, with bids being due by the end of business day September 29, 2023. Services must be insured and bonded.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Nancy Ellis and seconded by Jerry Jericho to Approve Woodland Ave Playground to be named Robert Whiten Sr. Playground. Larry Celaschi requested to amend this motion to be named Robert Whiten Sr. Park, so a new motion was made by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Larry Celaschi to authorize to advertise for school crossing guards with an increase in salary to \$14.00 an hour

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Nancy Ellis and seconded by Jerry Jericho to amend the agenda by adding a letter of appeal to the Redevelopment Authority to redirect monies from the CCTV Grant

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Nancy Ellis to approve to move forward with an appeal to the Redevelopment Authority to request redirection of the CCTV LSA Grant monies to the Davies Ford Project

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Nancy Ellis to amend the agenda by adding a letter of support to the Fix Ur Cat Project

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Randy DiPiazza approve a letter of support to the Fix Ur Cat Project through the LSA Grant

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Nancy Ellis and seconded by Jerry Jericho to amend the agenda by adding to request funds from the Redevelopment Authority to add trash receptacles and park benches to the park projects

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

12. Motion by Nancy Ellis and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to approve to request adding park benches and trash receptacles to the park funding through the Redevelopment Authority of Washington County

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

13. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Nancy Ellis to amend the agenda by adding using the firm HR Screening services to do background checks on all new employees

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

14. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Nancy Ellis to authorize to hire HR Screening Services to do background checks and drug screening on all new hires to the Borough

FIRST READING (no vote required)

ORDINANCES: FIRST READINGS: Dog Ordinance

Part 1. DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE

§ 101 Definitions

As used in this Part, the following terms have the meaning indicated, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context.

- Dog Control: the apprehending, holding, and disposing of stray or unwanted dogs or activities that reduce the number of dog related problems.
- Owner: Any person having a right of property in any dog or having custody of any dog, or any person who harbors or permits a dog to remain on or about any premises occupied by him.

- Running at Large: Being upon any highway, street, alley, park, or any other public land or upon property of another person other than the owner's and not being accompanied by or under the control of the owner or any other person having custody of said dog.

§ 102 Unlawful to Allow Dogs to Run at Large

It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog or dogs to allow or permit such dog or dogs to run at large in the Borough of Charleroi.

§ 103 Seizure of Dogs

Any Borough police officer may seize any dog found running at large in the Borough. Any animal control officer may seize any unlicensed dog running at large in the Borough, but any such animal control officer may seize licensed dogs running at large in the Borough only under the supervision and control of a Borough police officer. Any dog thus seized is to be impounded in a licensed kennel or in a kennel maintained by the Borough.

§ 104 Licensed Dogs

Owners of licensed dogs must be notified by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested that the dog is impounded and will be disposed of in five days if not claimed. Five days after the return receipt has been received, and the dog has not been claimed, the dog may be sold or destroyed in accordance with the Dog law.

§ 105 Unlicensed Dogs

Unlicensed dogs that are seized are to be held in such kennel for 48 hours and if not claimed may be destroyed in accordance with the Dog law.

§ 106 Dogs that Threaten

Every Borough police officer may kill any dog which is found running at large and is deemed, after due consideration by the police officer, to constitute a threat to the public health and welfare.

§ 107 Penalties

1. The owner or claimant of the dog detained by the Borough, or its animal control officer shall pay a penalty of \$15 to the Borough plus all reasonable expenses incurred by reason of the dog's detention before the dog is returned to the owner or claimant. The Board of Supervisors may fix and amend by resolution a fixed and reasonable fee for detaining the animal in the Borough kennel (hereinafter referred to as "kennel fees").
2. The Borough's animal control officer is authorized to collect said penalties and kennel fees on behalf of the Borough and shall promptly remit such collected monies to the Borough.
3. Any person found in violation of any provision of Article II through Article VIII, inclusive of the Dog Law and/or Part, upon conviction thereof an action brought before a district justice in the manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, shall be sentenced to pay a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus costs and, in default of payment of said fine and costs to a term of imprisonment not to exceed 90 days. Each day that a violation of this Part continues or each Section of this Part which shall be found to have been violated shall constitute a separate offense.

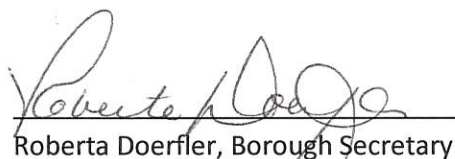
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Joseph Smith to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor

Motion Carried


Joseph Smith, Vice-President


Roberta Doerfler, Borough Secretary