The **Agenda Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on November 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

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

RVE Engineer's gave their monthly report

To begin the Agenda Meeting, Mayor Gregg Doerfler presented Robert Whiten Sr. with a plaque which is a copy of the sign that will be put at the Woodland Ave Park naming it the "Robert Whiten Sr. Park"

Ray Mosco, from CFSBank in Charleroi, came in to give a presentation to council members about why they should consider keeping the ABC monies at their bank

Dennis Paluso suggested to the council members that they re-vote on two items from last month's meeting. Since the two items were added last minute and public participation wasn't available.

- Motion then was made by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Jerry Jericho tore-affirm the votes of October 25th to discontinue the services of solicitor Sean Logue and to also re-affirm the vote of October 25th to hire Dennis Paluso as interim solicitor through the end of the year of 2023
 - 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
- 2. Motion by Nancy Ellis and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to appoint Dennis Paluso as the Right to Know Officer

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. Motion By Jerry Jericho and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to appoint Roberta Doerfler as the assistant Right to Know Officer

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

4. Randy DiPiazza nominated Brooks Fox for the working foreman position on the public works department, with wages to follow the collective bargaining agreement and Larry Celaschi nominated Sam Oravatz for the position.

Roll Call Vote by named showed Randy DiPiazza, Nancy Ellis, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik and Frank Paterra voting for Brooks Fox and Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith voting for Sam Oravatz Nomination Carried for Brooks Fox

5. Paul Pivovarnik nominated the White Mountain Logging Co as the lowest most responsible quote for the tree trimming project at a cost of \$16,650

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to amend the agenda to add voting on the sign ordinance next week

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

At this time Dennis Paluso requested a brief executive session to discuss potential litigation matters. There will be no voting after the session

Meeting was then adjourned.

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on November 8, 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 Dennis Paluso and Borough Secretary Roberta Doerfler.

An Executive Session was called about Public Safety.

Council Members returned from executive session at 6:20 p.m.

Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 11, 2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

- Jamie Colecchi asked council if they would consider consolidating (5) five parcels into (1) one lot for the Mon Valley Alliance project at Second Street. It was determined that we need to have a meeting with the Planning Commission to get their approval and recommendation to council. They will meet on Monday November 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
- Kristen Hopkins Calcek questioned council about a more descriptive executive session reason.
 She complained that the budget that was handed out did not have department totals. She also questioned why council was advertising for interested individuals for the Water Authority Board, when it's not getting voted on until January 2024
- Adele Hopkins questioned how council was going to implement charging \$5.00 a head for television and computer recycling (item #2 on the agenda) With these questions being raised, it was determined that that item needs to be tabled

Finance: Larry Celaschi asked Me to read the bills to be paid list. There was no report after that. **Public Works:** Gregg Doerfler stated that he and Brooks Fox from the St Dept decided that just putting up the wreaths for Christmas this year was the best idea, since the most of the snowflakes didn't work anyway. Gregg also discussed having the spreader put on the newer truck with the hydraulic system. **Parks and Recreation:** Jerry Jericho reported that has Brooks working up at the parks to get them ready for the fencing company and for the parking spaces. We also received benches and trash receptacles from a grant through the Redevelopment Authority and they need to be installed asap **Fire EMS and Animal Control:** Jerry Jericho read the monthly reports for each

Personnel: Larry Celaschi reported that the personnel committee received another application today for the laborer position. He said that we will keep it on file for the new council to decide if they want to hire.

Code: Randy DiPiazza read the codes monthly report and he mentioned that the new code company that we hired is working well with himself and Holly.

Police: No report

Community Planning: Nancy Ellis requested that council consider changing their normal light up night from after Thanksgiving to November 18th, to coincide with the fire departments "Fill a Fire Truck" event with Insta Brands.

<u>AGENDA:</u>

1. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the October 2023 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$178,418.64 as reported

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to table to charge \$5.00 per individual for television and computer recycling until further information is gathered

All In Favor

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to authorize to advertise the 2024 budget with no increase in taxes

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Jerry Jericho to authorize to advertise for letters of interest for the ABC board seat that expires December 31, 2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Nancy Ellis to approve the paid accessible parking application for 801 Crest Ave

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the paid accessible parking application for 829 Prospect Ave

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to approve the leased parking application for two spots in the parking lot between Armando's and Crossroads

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Larry Celaschi to approve the paid accessible parking application for 725 Lincoln Ave

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

9. Motion by Randy DiPiazza and seconded by Jerry Jericho to accept the \$500 bid on the Ford Explorer (code car)

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

10. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the sign ordinance #1048

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

11. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to authorize Christmas festivities with the Fire Department on November 18, 2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

12. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to amend the agenda to add to advertise the meeting of the Planning Commission on Monday November 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

13. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Randy DiPiazza to advertise for the Planning Commission meeting on Monday November 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

The meeting has been recessed to Monday November 13, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. after the Planning Commission meeting.

Roll Call Showed Larry Celaschi, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Joseph Smith and Frank Paterra being in attendance

Nancy Ellis and Randy DiPiazza were absent

The meeting has been reconvened at 6:00 p.m. Monday November 13, 2023 to discuss what the Planning Commission has suggested concerning the request from Mon Valley Alliance consolidation plan #1 that will consolidate 5 tax parcels into a single (1) tax parcel

14. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Larry Celaschi to amend the agenda to add recommendation by the Planning Commission to approve the consolidation of five (5) parcels into one, for the McKean & Second Street Development project, the waiver for the 338-604 parking dimensions from 20' to 18' and the approval of the site plan, contingent upon the applicant satisfying the engineers comments dated 11-10-2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

15. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Larry Celaschi to approve the consolidation of five (5) parcels into one, for the McKean & Second Street Development project, the waiver for the 338-604 parking dimensions from 20' to 18' and the approval of the site plan, contingent upon the applicant satisfying the engineers comments dated 11-10-2023

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting is December 6, 2023 at 6PM.
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Business meeting is December 13, 2023 at 6PM.

Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Jerry Jericho to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Roberta Doerfler, Borough Segretary