The Agenda Meeting of Charleroi Borough Council was held on October 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Kristin Hopkins, 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.

Before the start of the agenda meeting, we had a moment of silence for Edward Hank. Charleroi Borough's former oblice Chief and Fire Member.

Ernest Merritt of Charleroi questioned what was being done with the giant hole in the road down by Davies Ford, between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> on McKean Avenue. Joe Manning, Borough Manager, answered as best he could. We are in communication with everyone involved and are trying to get things moving on fixing the roadway and getting traffic running again.

Mark Alterici, member of the Little Great Race Committee, wanted to thank members of the street, fire and police departments, for their teamwork on helping with the race this year. The event was a success with 6 different charities receiving \$1,000

Aaron Henderson of RVE gave their monthly status report on projects going on in Charleroi. He also presented to council the preliminary 2026 road project cost estimate

At this time council members went into an executive session at the request of Steve Toprani, solicitor

The meeting is recessed to Monday October 6, 2025 to get clarification on the ABC resolution request

The Recessed Meeting of Charleroi Borough Council was held on October 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

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

A discussion about the ABC resolution to add additional members to the Authority Board from other municipalities began. Joseph Dalfonso, solicitor for the ABC Board, was there to answer the many questions from Charleroi council members. After much discussion, it was agreed to amend their original resolution to allow six (6) members from Charleroi on the ABC Board as well as one (1) member each from Fallowfield Township, Dunlevy, North Charleroi and Speers Boroughs. The new amended resolution will be ready for Wednesday's Regular meeting of Council to vote.

The Regular Meeting of Charleroi Borough Council was held on October 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, 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

lotion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Thomas Santoro to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from September \_\_\_0, 2025

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

**Motion Carried** 

## PUBLIC DISCUSSION ON AGENDA ITEMS:

Ernest Merritt returned to receive an update on the hole on McKean Ave between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets. Joe Manning stated that he spoke with PennDOT, and they have ordered the materials to fill the hole

Lorraine Smith of Charleroi questioned the ABC Resolution. It seems like you are giving away control of your asset by agreeing with this resolution. It may as well be called Mon Valley Water Co., instead of the ABC

**Finance:** Councilman Pivovarnik stated that all Borough invoices are being paid and also reported that there will be a financial committee meeting next Thursday at 2:00 p.m. to go over the 2026 budget

Public Works: Thomas Santoro read the street department report for the month of September

**Parks and Recreation**: Jerry Jericho reported that the pavilions are completed at the parks and so is the paving. They need to finish landscaping. Joe Smith stated that the cameras and lighting should be fixed before the cougar statue is put in at Crest Ave Park

**Code, Fire EMS and Animal Control:** Robert Whiten read the monthly reports for September and also mentioned some fundraisers that the fire department are running.

Personnel: Joseph Smith reported that the personnel committee held an arbitration meeting yesterday

**Police:** Kristin Hopkins read the police report and stated that interviews and testing were completed to hire 2 full time officers

**Community Planning:** Larry Celaschi reported that Casey Clark has been working on the mural design for the time capsule and should have the design ready for the end of October

**Mayor:** Gregg Doerfler questioned why the televisions are still in the box on the floor of the council chamber and not on the walls. Jerry Jericho said that they haven't had time to put them up yet.

## AGENDA:

1. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Jerry Jericho to approve the Sept/Oct 2025 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$94,751.89

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

**Motion Carried** 

2. Motion by Jerry Jericho to rename a section of Borough Street (8<sup>th</sup> St. between McKean Ave and Railroad Way) to Hal Davies Way.

Motion dies for a lack of a second

3. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to authorize to pave 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Oakland Avenue to the dead end at a cost not to exceed \$9,601.50

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

**Motion Carried** 

4. Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to authorize the amended ABC Resolution# 5 of 2025 to amend the membership of the Board of the Authority to be apportioned so that the Borough of Charleroi shall have (6) members and the Borough of Dunlevy, Township of Fallowfield, Borough of North Charleroi and the Borough of Speers shall each have one (1) non-equity member, serving a five-year term to be appointed by each municipality's governing body and any decision to terminate the authority pursuant to the Municipality Authorities Act 53 PA.C.S. §5601, et seq., shall be made by the majority vote of the governing bodies of the Borough of Charleroi, Borough of Dunlevy, Township of Fallowfield, Borough of North Charleroi, and the Borough of Speers

Roll Call Vote showed Paul Pivovarnik, Jerry Jericho, Robert Whiten Jr., Thomas Santoro and Kristin Hopkins voting "yes" and Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith voting "no" Motion Carried

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

All in Favor

Motion Carried

Kristin Hopkins, President

Roberta Doerfler, Borough Admin/Secretary