

The **Reorganization/Agenda Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on January 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Eric Porter, Magistrate, performed the swearing in ceremony for Nancy Ellis, council member and Meg Byron Malady, tax collector.

Joseph Manning called the meeting to order with a roll call and the pledge of allegiance

Roll Call showed the following Members of Council present: Larry Celaschi, Nancy Ellis, Kristin Hopkins, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Thomas Santoro and Joseph Smith

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

- Mr. Manning then asked for a nomination for Council President. Larry Celaschi nominated **Paul Pivovarnik**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous Nomination Carried
- Mr. Manning then asked for a nomination for Council Vice President. Kristin Hopkins nominated **Jerry Jericho**. Larry Celaschi nominated Thomas Santoro, with he declined, then Larry Celaschi nominated Joseph Smith, he also declined. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote showed Nancy Ellis, Kristin Hopkins, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik and Thomas Santoro voting for Jerry Jericho and Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith voting "no" Nomination Carried

At this time the meeting was turned over to President of Council, Paul Pivovarnik

- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for **Mayor**. Nancy Ellis nominated **Edward Bryner**. Larry Celaschi nominated **Ernest Merrit**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote showed Nancy Ellis, Kristin Hopkins, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik and Thomas Santoro voting for Edward Bryner and Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith voting for Ernest Merrit Nomination Carried for **Edward Bryner** Eric Porter, Magistrate, then swore in Edward Bryner
- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for **Primary Depositor**. Nancy Ellis nominated **CFS Bank**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous Nomination Carried for **CFS Bank**
- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for **Solicitor**. Larry Celaschi nominated **Steven Toprani**. Jerry Jericho nominated **John Petrisek**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote showed Nancy Ellis, Kristin Hopkins, Jerry Jericho, and Thomas Santoro voting for John Petrisek and Larry Celaschi, Paul Pivovarnik and Joseph Smith voting for Steven Toprani Nomination Carried for **John Petrisek**
- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for **Municipal Auditor**. Larry Celaschi nominated **Mark Turnley and Assoc**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous Nomination Carried for **Mark Turnley and Assoc**
- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for **Engineer**. Jerry Jericho nominated **Remington, Vernick Engineers**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote showed Larry Celaschi, Kristin Hopkins, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Thomas Santoro and Joseph Smith voting for Remington Vernick Engineers and Nancy Ellis voting "no" Nomination Carried for **Remington, Vernick Engineers**
- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for **Emergency Management Director**. Thomas Santoro nominated **Matt Prentice**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous Nomination Carried for **Matt Prentice**
- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for **Open Records Officer**. Nancy Ellis nominated **Joseph Manning**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations,

nominations were closed.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Nomination

Carried for **Joseph Manning**

- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for a seat on the **Water Authority Board**. Thomas Santoro nominated **Joseph Dzurko**. Larry Celaschi asked for this item to be tabled until some questions were answered about employees be allowed to sit on a board. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed.

Roll Call Vote showed Nancy Ellis, Kristin Hopkins, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Thomas Santoro and Joseph Smith voting for Joseph Dzurko and Larry Celaschi voting "no"

Nomination Carried for **Joseph Dzurko**

- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for a second seat on the **Water Authority Board**. Jerry Jericho nominated **Nancy Ellis**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote showed Nancy Ellis, Kristin Hopkins, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik and Thomas Santoro voting for Nancy Ellis and Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith voting "no" Nomination Carried for **Nancy Ellis**
- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for a seat on the **Planning Commission Board**. Paul Pivovarnik nominated **Debbie Devigne**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote showed Larry Celaschi, Paul Pivovarnik, Thomas Santoro and Joseph Smith voting for Debbie Devigne and Nancy Ellis, Kristin Hopkins and Jerry Jericho voting "no" Nomination Carried for **Debbie Devigne**
- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for a seat on the **Regional Police Board**. Nancy Ellis nominated **Jerry Jericho**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote showed Nancy Ellis, Kristin Hopkins, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik and Thomas Santoro voting for Jerry Jericho and Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith voting "no" Nomination Carried for **Jerry Jericho**
- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for a seat on the **Regional Police Board**. Larry Celaschi nominated **Paul Pivovarnik**. Thomas Santoro nominated Nancy Ellis. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote showed Nancy Ellis, Kristin Hopkins, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik and Thomas Santoro voting for Nancy Ellis and Larry Celaschi and Joseph Smith voting for Paul Pivovarnik Nomination Carried for **Nancy Ellis**
- Mr. Pivovarnik then asked for a nomination for an alternate seat on the **Regional Police Board**. Jerry Jericho nominated **Thomas Santoro**. After asking three times if there were any other nominations, nominations were closed. Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous Nomination Carried for **Thomas Santoro**

At this time council discussed items to be placed on next week's agenda.

Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Kristin Hopkins to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion Carried

All In Favor

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on January 14, 2026 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, Nancy Ellis, Kristin Hopkins, Jerry Jericho, Paul Pivovarnik, Thomas Santoro and Joseph Smith

Also, present were: Mayor Edward Bryner, Borough Admin/Sec Roberta Doerfler, Solicitor John Petrisek and Borough Manager Joseph Manning

Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Joseph Smith to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2025

## All In Favor

**Motion Carried**

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

David McLuckie of 939 Lincoln Ave., came to discuss with council whose responsibility it is to repair the poles that are on the sidewalk in front of his parents' home. After the last snow, a car came down tenth street and hit these poles and the property. Mr. McLuckie is asking for help to repair. He would also like to see the borough shut down 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> streets during snowy weather, to discourage drivers from using these roads. The Solicitor told Mr. McLuckie that he, the engineers and the street department would look into this matter and then contact him.

Councilman Paul Pivovarnik listed the new committee members;

**Finance** - Thomas Santoro-Kristin Hopkins

**Public Works - Joseph Smith – Thomas Santoro**

**Parks/Community Outreach – Nancy Ellis**

**Community Planning** – Kristin Hopkins – Jerry Jericho

**Public Safety** – Jerry Jericho – Joseph Smith

**Personnel** — Larry Celaschi — Nancy Ellis

**Police-** Edward Bryner, Jerry Jericho and Nancy Ellis - Alt. Thomas Santoro

**Mayor- Edward Bryner**

**Finance:** Councilman Pivovarnik stated that all Dec 25/Jan 26 invoices are being paid and had no further report at this time

**Public Works:** Thomas Santoro read the street department's monthly report for the month of December 2025

**Parks and Recreation:** Nancy Ellis thanked Charleroi Mission and Saint Andrew of the Apostle churches for the Thanksgiving meals that they served. Nancy also expressed that she would like to set up a committee with help from the Charleroi community to discuss and have a great community day for this year.

**Code, Fire EMS and Animal Control:** James Stache read the code enforcement report, he also mentioned that there will be a public meeting here on January 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. about relinquishing 9<sup>th</sup> street between McKean Ave and Railroad Way to Gerry Raymond Ford. Bob Whiten read the fire report and also mentioned a few of the fundraisers that the department is having. Jerry Jericho then read the EMS and Animal Control reports

**Personnel:** Larry Celaschi questioned why, since in August we voted to have a security window installed in the borough office, why it hasn't been put in yet? Larry then questioned if these televisions are in working order and if they can be used for zoom meetings.

**Police:** No report at this time

**Community Planning:** Kristin Hopkins stated that they are working on acquiring a \$25,000 grant with a 25% match from the borough, through the Washington County Tourism

**Mayor:** No report at this time

AGENDA:

1. Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Kristin Hopkins to approve the Dec 25/Jan 26 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$210,596.45

### Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

**Motion Carried**

2. Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Jerry Jericho to advertise the agenda meeting dates of the first Wednesday of the month and time of 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to advertise the regular meeting dates of the second Wednesday of the month and time of 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

4. Motion by Thomas Santoro and seconded by Kristin Hopkins to formally adopt Roberts Rules of Order governing the conduct of council meetings

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

5. Motion by Nancy Ellis and seconded by Larry Celaschi to authorize signers on all accounts to be President, Head of Finance, Manager and Secretary

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

6. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Thomas Santoro to appoint Kristopher Wergin to full-time for fire driver

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

7. Motion by Larry Celaschi and seconded by Joseph Smith to authorize to recapture borough funds as discussed in executive session

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

8. The Borough requested that council strike item # 8 from the agenda; "Authorize to rescind an accessible parking spot" All agreed

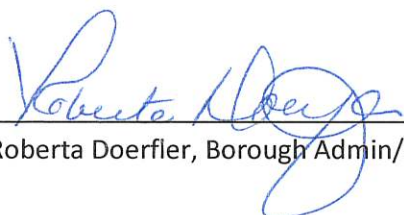
#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting is February 4, 2026 at 4PM.
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Business meeting is February 11, 2026 at 6PM.

Motion by Jerry Jericho and seconded by Nancy Ellis to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor

Motion Carried

  
 Roberta Doerfler, Borough Admin/Secretary

  
 Paul Pivovarnik, President