

The **Agenda Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council on ~~July 1~~, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. was cancelled due to the extreme heat.

The **Regular Meeting** of Charleroi Borough Council was held on July 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Charleroi Fire Department Social Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

A moment a silence was held for the passing of retired police officer Carl Witmyer.

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

Also, present were: Mayor Edward Bryner, Solicitor John Petrisek, Borough Manager Joseph Manning and Borough Secretary Tammy Greco.

Motion by Kristin Hopkins and seconded by Paul Pivovarnik to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2026.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

Bill Hecklick, Historical Society, spoke regarding his success on other social media platforms to which the Borough does not use. He is willing to help us. Jerry Jericho recommended he call the office and set a meeting.

Finance: Kristin Hopkins spoke that at the end of July/beginning of August they will start the 2027 Budget. Paul stated they needed to get set for the purchase of the street sweeper and they agreed to have a conference call on Monday morning, July 13 with Joe, Paul, Kristin and Tom.

Public Works: Thomas Santoro read the Street Report.

Parks and Recreation/Community Outreach: Jerry Jericho thanked the Street Department for their commitment and hard work at the parks and they all look great. Nancy thanked the Fire Department for the use of their hall for this meeting and for everything they do. She thanked the Street Department for the work they did on Magic City Days, she thanked all the sponsors and stated the vendors were very happy and will be returning next year.

Nancy Ellis and Mayor Ed Bryner presented The United Methodist Church the Proclamation for their 135th Anniversary.

Nancy stated St. Andrew the Apostle Summer Fest is this Friday and Saturday in Monongahela. Nancy mentioned the Dollar Tree store is coming along, as well as the improvements at the Gulf Station and she thanked Kristin and Tom for their work on the Gazebo. Nancy is looking for more positivity for the Borough.

Larry questioned why the National Anthem was not performed before the Magic City festivities. Jerry and Nancy both apologized and said it was overlooked.

Community Planning: Kristin Hopkins reported they broke ground on 3rd and McKean for the Gazebo purchased using the funds received from the Washington County Tourism Grant. They will develop the whole parcel with parking.

Kristin spoke about the Multimodal Streetscape project, Resolution #4, which was approved in the June meeting and stated they will be sourcing local businesses for the work.

Jerry mention having an Opening Ceremony and dedication for the parks and the gazebo project when completed.

Code, Fire EMS and Animal Control: Fire Captain Bobby Whiten read the Fire Dept report. Stated they are having a Gun Shoot and cannot find sponsors and they sell monthly tickets to raise money. He believes they should receive more or the same funds as the Police Department. He spoke about how hard the men work (floods, fires, ticks, bedbugs, carrying people out of homes) during all weather and conditions and risking their own health. Spoke about the Act 13 money for the fire whistle and fighting to receive it. Stated "Public Safety has to be First".

Jerry Jericho read the EMS Report

Jaime Stache read the Code Enforcement report. Reported we are almost out of grass cutting money. Jaime mentioned that the average borough/township issue 50 citations a year and we are averaging that per month.

Our Solicitor, John Petrisek spoke regarding two issues: First, the shooting at 601 Fallowfield Avenue. The landlord evicted that tenant and seems to be doing everything right. Second, the property owner with overwhelming citations declared bankruptcy and he will discuss the case with the District Attorney to see if there are criminal charges they can file. John also discussed the conservatorship avenue which tends to be time consuming and expensive.

Personnel: There was nothing to report on Personnel.

Larry Celaschi mentioned that anyone who paid their West Penn Power bill need to check their statements for \$10.00 late fee. West Penn stated they received their payment late and may be due to the postal delivery. He cautioned everyone to check their bills.

Police: Mayor Ed Bryner read the police report.

Nancy mentioned they are testing for new officers this weekend, July 11.

Larry questioned why there was never any closure on 719 Fallowfield Avenue where a man fell out a window and 601 Fallowfield with the shooting. Jerry explained that the police will not comment on an open investigation and it was suggested he attend a police meeting to ask the questions.

Mayor Ed Bryner stated there is a Police Board meeting Wednesday, July 15, 2026 and it will be held at the Speers Borough building and the next Md Mon Valley Transit Authority Meeting is Thursday, July 23 2026 at 5:00 pm. Larry Celaschi asked the Mayor if he would approach the MMVTA to request the use of their boardroom for the August and September Charleroi Borough Council meetings.

AGENDA:

1. Motion by Kristin Hopkins and seconded by Thomas Santoro to approve the June 2026 list of expenses and payments in the amount of \$211,897.03.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

2. Motion by Paul Pivovarnik and seconded by Nancy Ellis to write a formal recommendation letter for Club Serenity's Grant Request.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

3. Motion by Nancy Ellis and seconded by Kristin Hopkins to write a formal recommendation letter for the Charleroi Fire Department applying for a State LSA Grant for new rescue equipment.

Roll Call Vote Was Unanimous

Motion Carried

4. Market House Application – A discussion regarding pricing, group size, insurance liability, deposits etc. Council will get together with the Borough Office to revise and discuss the application.

5. Corning/Corelle Memorial – Larry mentioned that nothing has been done. Joe Dzurko explained that the ground is still sinking and they need it to firm up before they can do anything.

6. Administrative Office temperature – A new air conditioner was purchased and will be installed on Thursday morning, 14,000 BTU.

There have been three HVAC companies come and look for solutions. Thomas Santoro is waiting for a reply from one, Joe Manning has a meeting with someone on Friday. Paul requested all quotes be received by Friday.

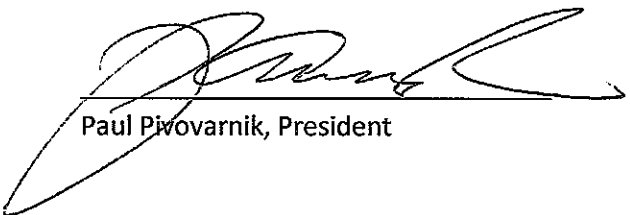
ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Charleroi Borough Council Agenda meeting is August 5, 2026 at 4PM.
- The next Charleroi Borough Council Regular meeting is August 12, 2026 at 6PM.

Motion by Kristin Hopkins and seconded by Thomas Santoro to adjourn the meeting.

All in Favor

Motion Carried



Paul Pivovarnik, President



Tammy Greco, Borough Secretary