

**Connellsville  
City Council Minutes  
August 21, 2013**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Matthews, Council members Karpiak, Weaver, Geyer and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was City Clerk Tesauro and Solicitor Witt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Led by Rev. Suzanne Zampella

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Johanna Harden, Discussed the ordinance for vacant buildings.  
Solicitor Witt explained he is in the process of breaking down the ordinance to ensure it is legal and no other lawsuits have taken place in any other City.

Bill Swan, Discussed the issue of whether to allow chickens in the City.

Bill Coleman, Stated he is against chickens in the City.

Melissa Tzan, Recreation Board, Announced upcoming recreational events.  
Councilman Ritch asked that everyone support the upcoming Pep Rally. He noted the coaches and teams have put a lot of effort into the sports.

Aaron Zolbrod, Discussed the CDBG monies.

Robert Watson spoke next asking that CDBG money not be given to New Haven.

Judy Keller discussed her concern with fire equipment.

Roxanne Mongelluzzo discussed her concern against having chickens in the City around business.

Geno Gallo discussed the Sustainability Connellsville.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mark Hoffman, Request to close certain streets for the "Zombie Run"

**Resolution No. 8-1-2013:** "To close North Prospect Street between Apple Street and Crawford Avenue on October 26, 2013 for the Zombie Run."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 8-2-2013:** “To approve the minutes from the July 17, 2013 City Council Meeting.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 8-3-2013:** “To waive the 4-day Resolution Rule to allow for items submitted after the 4-day rule to be read at the meeting tonight, such Resolutions will be marked with an asterisk.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

## **MAYOR MATTHEWS:**

Police Department Report

**Resolution No. 8-4-2013:** “To accept a \$500 bid for the 2003 Ford Taurus. Notice of advertisement for bids was posted in City Hall from July 11, 2013 to July 16, 2013, in accordance with Third Class City Code.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 8-5-2013:** “To modify/revise their CDBG Programs as follows and to direct the Connellsville Redevelopment Authority to file the appropriate paperwork with DCED:

1. To revise the City’s FFY 2009 CDBG to re-allocate \$23,000 of the originally approved Clearance activity to the following approved existing activities:  
\$ 10,000 – Community Center Improvements  
\$ 13,000 – Fire Equipment – New Haven Hose
2. To modify the City’s FFY 2010 CDBG to eliminate the Clearance line item activity and to re-allocate the \$ 40,000 to existing line item Fire Equipment – New Haven Hose.
3. To modify the City’s FFY 2011 CDBG to eliminate the Clearance line item activity and to re-allocate the \$ 25,000 to existing line item Fire Equipment – New Haven Hose.
4. To revise the City’s FFY 2012 CDBG to re-allocate \$ 73,000 of the originally approved Clearance activity to the following approved existing activities:  
\$ 35,000 - Clearance – residential properties  
\$ 31,000 - Recreation Improvements – East Park  
\$ 7,000 - Fire Equipment – New Haven Hose
5. To revise the City’s FFY 2012 Carnegie Library activity to change the scope of work to be completed from Roof Replacement to Replace Boiler Heating System.

These modifications/revisions are being conducted to re-allocate funding that was originally set aside for the Aaron's Building Demolition Project."

Ritch made clear this is the \$85,000 for New Haven Hose.

Weaver made clear the recreation is East Park slash Mountz Creek.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, and Weaver. Mayor Matthews abstained. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 8-6-2013:** "WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance to Communities for activities which will benefit low and moderate income families, aid in the elimination or prevention of slums or urban blight or other urgent community needs; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has invited the City to submit an application in the amount of \$ 300,000 for financial assistance under its Fiscal Year 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City has met all the citizens participation requirements relative to the Community Development Block Grant Program submission; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a Three Year Plan and Statement of Objectives as required by DCED; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared an application for Financial Assistance under the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Program, said application having been duly reviewed and considered by the Council of the City of Connellsville.

1. That the Community Development Block Grant Program Application dated September 2013 is hereby in all respects approved. The City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of said program and application with the minutes of this meeting.
2. That it is cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of community development activities with Federal/State financial assistance under Title I, including those under Title VI relating to the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, creed, or national origin and other implementation of the program.
3. That the Mayor, on behalf of Council, is authorized to file an Application for Financial Assistance to carry out the Community Development Block Grant Program and act as the authorized representative for the City.
4. That the Mayor, on behalf of the City Council is hereby authorized to provide such assurance and/or certification as may be required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and any supplemental or revised data which

DCED may request in connection with its review of the application and including any revisions necessary to bring the application into conformity with DCED's final grant for the City."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

### **REMINDERS:**

Volunteers are needed for the Thrift Store at the Connellsville Community Center  
Friday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, in conjunction with our Falcon Football Pep Rally, Movie "Little Giants" is sponsored by Bud Murphy's  
Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM, Carnegie Library's Bedtime Story for children  
Wednesday, August 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM – 9 PM, Rockstarz, Cruize In  
Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM and Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM and 7:30 PM, Porter Theater, A Musical Tribute to Peanuts and the Gang, \$10 per person  
Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM, Walk for PDK, Yough Park, Free event  
Lions Club Summer Concerts continue every Sunday night until September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 pm - 9 pm, bring a chair  
Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, St. Rita's Nationality Day, take-out available at the Social Hall from 11:00 AM – 5:30 PM, 724-628-5119  
September 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, Community Center Flea Market, 8 AM – noon, 724-626-0300 for info  
Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Downtown Connellsville, Autumn Mum Festival – Weaver stated rain date is Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, City Church, Children's event  
Farmers Market, PNC Parking Lot, Saturdays until September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM until 12 noon  
Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 3-2-1 Bike Ride at Yough Park, [info@321ride.org](mailto:info@321ride.org)  
Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at noon, Registration at 10:30 AM, \$25 early registration and \$35 the day of event, Zombie Run, 5K Run with "Zombies" along the path, visit the Zombie Run Facebook or Downtown Connellsville's website  
Matthews reminded the citizens to drive safely come Monday school begins.

### **GEYER:**

**Resolution No. 8-7-2013:** "To pay all bills/expenditures for goods/services in excess of \$500.00 as submitted: Widmer Engineering, Inc., Engineering services for the Stormwater Management Program, \$1,025.00."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

### **KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

Karpiak thanked his department for their work.

Karpiak stated he had a request from a resident that lives on East Crawford Avenue where there are constant wrecks. He noted the City is following up on that and the State is looking into putting guard rails there.

**WEAVER:**

Health Department Report  
Fire Department Report  
New Haven Hose Report

**Resolution No. 8-8-2013:** "To accept the resignation of Tim Bechtold from the Board of Health effective immediately."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 8-9-2013:** "To appoint Susan Joy Lewis to the Board of Health effective immediately, term to expire the first Monday in April of 2018."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**RITCH:**

**Resolution No. 8-10-2013:** "Be it resolved...to amend Section 5 of that certain independent Contractor Agreement with Gary Barker by increasing the independent contractor's compensation to \$1,290.00 per month from the current amount of \$1,030.00 per month."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**CITY TREASURER REPORT:**

**CITY CONTROLLER REPORT:** NO REPORT SUBMITTED

**Resolution No. 8-11-2013:** "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.