

**Connellsville City Council  
Minutes  
January 17, 2017**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 6:30 PM at City Hall, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Lincoln, Council members Keedy, Karpiak, Tzan and McIntire. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

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

Reminder of the procedures for public participation during City Council meetings.

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Tom Currey, Reviewed Board of Health activity for 2016

Chuck Hubble on Pennies for Polio

Steven Ritenour, Organizers for Rock the Yough Music Festival

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Weaver stated the school taxes are complete and the office is now working on real estate. She further stated she is impressed with the staff and knows they will be fine moving forward.

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Phyllis Kovall, Garden Club, Geranium Festival, Saturday, May 27, 2017.

**Resolution No. 1-1-2017:** "To close Crawford Avenue at Pittsburgh Street to Arch Street on Saturday, May 27, 2017 from 7 AM until 5 PM during the Geranium Festival; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Bruce I Jaynes, Request to be reappointed to the Connellsville Housing Authority

**Resolution No. 1-2-2017:** "To reappoint Bruce I Jaynes to the Connellsville Housing Authority; term to expire the first Monday in January 2022."

Mayor Lincoln thanked Bruce Jaynes for stepping forward and wanting to continue on the Authority. He stated there are many openings on boards and needs residents to step forward. Mayor Lincoln said the boards meet one time a month, a little time goes a long way and requested residents get involved and help.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 1-3-2017:** "To approve the minutes from the December 20, 2016 City Council Meeting."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 1-4-2017:** "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 Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

#### **MAYOR LINCOLN:**

Police Department Report

Mayor Lincoln announced the passing of Susan Mills, wife of former Captain Charles Mills and John Rulli, who was responsible for the cleanup of Zach Connell's gravesite.

#### **REMINDERS:**

Mayor Lincoln stated the City hopes to have the recycling cards to residents in February.

January recycling: Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup>

February recycling: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday the 22<sup>nd</sup>

St. Rita's Pancakes, buckwheat and sausage breakfast "All the cakes you can eat", Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7 AM to 12 Noon at St. Rita's Bucci Hall. 724-628-5119, Adults \$5.50, children (12 years and younger) \$2.00

#### **KEEDY:**

**Resolution No. 1-5-2017:** "To hire McClure and Wolfe for the annual audit for the City of Connellsville for the fiscal year(s) 2016, 2017 and 2018."

Councilman Keedy stated they came in at \$8,800 for 2016, \$9,200 for 2017 and \$9,600 for 2018. He stated how thorough they are and answer all question at length. Councilman Keedy also stated he is a City resident now.

Councilman Karpiak agreed and stated he is good at his job.

Councilman Keedy asked for businesses to pay their Business License of \$30. He noted it is a small price to pay to help the City.

Councilman Keedy also asked residents to pay their Per Capita Taxes. He stated if you have not received one before, you may get one this year.

Mayor Lincoln added \$10 is a small fee for all of the services you get in the City. He also noted that is now a requirement with Building Permits, that when you fill one out, you must have a Business License in the City in order to do the work that is written on the Building Permit Application. Mayor Lincoln stated he is trying to make it straight across the board and fair is fair for everyone and that everyone is contributing.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

#### **KARPIAK:**

##### Public Works Report

Councilman Karpiak reminded residents during winter storms to park on the odd side of the street on odd days and the even side of the street on even days to allow the snow plow truck to fit down the streets.

**Resolution 1-6-2017:** "To submit a new Salt Contract Participation Agreement to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's cooperative purchasing program known as COSTARS enabling the City of Connellsville to participate in the Department of General Services statewide contract for sodium chloride for the August 2017 – July 2018 season."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Councilman Karpiak extended his condolences to the Mills family on the passing of Susan Mills.

#### **TZAN:**

Councilwoman Tzan announced the Recreation Board is seeking volunteers to join the Recreation Board, noting you do not have to live in the City.

**Resolution No. 1-7-2017:** "To conditionally approve the Event Agreement with the Connellsville Festival Association for the Rock the Yough Festival, scheduled for August 12, 2017; upon further approval and modifications, as needed, by the Connellsville Recreation Board with respect to items relating to the Recreation Board."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. Councilman Keedy abstained. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**MCINTIRE:**

Health/Code Officer Report  
New Haven Hose Report

Councilman McIntire announced there are openings on the Board of Health.

Mayor Lincoln gave credit and thanks to and thanked New Haven Hose for all they do in the City. He noted an incident that occurred a few days prior and how quickly New Haven Hose volunteers responded during the work day.

Mayor Lincoln announced fundraisers for the volunteer fire departments.

Councilman Keedy asked Tom Currey what the compliance rate is with the Landlord Registration Ordinance.

Mr. Currey answered 82%. He explained the process of how it comes to that percentage.

**Resolution No. 1-8-2017:** "This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.