

**Connellsville City Council  
Minutes  
March 21, 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:** Led by Pastor Don Smith

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

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Chuck Hubble, Polio Update

Pastor Don Smith, Senior Tiger Update and Fayette County tax concerns

Mayor Lincoln answered Vernon Ohler, City Clerk and Tim Witt, Solicitor are applying for Tax Forgiveness with Fayette County for the building.

Andrea Guth, Flight of Fancy, steps on Fairview Avenue by the Street Department, storm drain run off

Rita Smith, Connellsville Community Ministries, Fund Relief Committee and funds update

Adam Rhode, Atkins Music Festival update

Jim Higinbotham, Liquor License Transfer Hearing for upcoming Mexican Restaurant

**Resolution No. 3-1-2017: CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE,  
COUNTY OF FAYETTE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
APPROVING TRANSFER OF RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE NO. R-12243  
INTO THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FROM MASONTOWN BOROUGH**

**WHEREAS**, Act 141 of 2000 (“the Act”), which amends the Commonwealth’s Liquor Code, authorizes the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to approve, in certain instances, the transfer of restaurant liquor licenses across municipal boundaries within the same county regardless of the quota limitations provided for in Section 461 of the Liquor Code, if sale of liquor and malt or brewed beverages are legal in the municipality receiving the license; and

**WHEREAS**, the receiving municipality issues a resolution approving the transfer of the license outside the municipality to inside the municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, amendments to the Liquor Code stipulate that, prior to adoption of a resolution by the receiving municipality, at least one hearing be held for the purpose of permitting interested parties to state their concerns regarding the transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License into the receiving municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, an application for transfer filed under the Act must contain a copy of the resolution adopted by the municipality approving the transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License into the municipality.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Plaza Cancun, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation**, has requested the approval of City Council of Connellsville, for the proposed transfer of a Pennsylvania Restaurant Liquor License to its facilities within the City of Connellsville, 628 Highland Avenue, Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, with the understanding that said transfer must be approved at a later date by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council members of the City Council of Connellsville held a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed liquor license transfer and, after consideration of the issues, finds that a transfer of a Restaurant Liquor License into the City of Connellsville by **Plaza Cancun, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation**, will not be a detriment to the City of Connellsville and will benefit the residents who are substantially residents of the City of Connellsville; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council members of the City Council of Connellsville approves, by adoption of this Resolution, the transfer of Restaurant Liquor License R-12243 to **Plaza Cancun, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation**, 628 Highland Avenue, Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the license transfer is subject to approval by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT** this Resolution was adopted by the Council members of the City Council of Connellsville at its meeting on March 21, 2017.

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.

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: ABSENT**

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

CAHS Patriots, Warriors Rock Concert, July 22, 2017 at CAHS Auditorium,  
[www.warriorsrock.org](http://www.warriorsrock.org)

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 3-2-2017:** "To approve the minutes from the February 21, 2017 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. 3-3-2017:** "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

Chief Hammerle thanked the residents who responded to their post on Facebook concerning the robbery at the bank.

Chief Hammerle then requested Council adopt a new policy for the Police Application Form, noting the present application is short and only two pages and the new one is 23 pages and thorough.

**Resolution No. 3-4-2017:** "To adopt a new policy for the application form, application fee and testing for the City of Connellsville Police Department for all new hires."

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. 3-5-2017:** "To approve and enter into the Officer Assistance Agreement with the Fayette County District Attorney's Office attached hereto and incorporated herein; and to authorize the Mayor and Police Chief to execute the acknowledgement letter on behalf of the City."

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. 3-6-2017:** "To approve and enter into the Police Services Agreement with Highlands Hospital, attached hereto and incorporated herein; with all amounts received therefrom to be deposited into the Police Department Special Investigations Fund and to be restricted and used exclusively for approved police and law enforcement expenses; and to authorize the Mayor or Police Chief to execute the Police Services Agreement on behalf of the City."

Mayor Lincoln explained the Police Department is at Highlands Hospital a lot and now they will compensate the department for their time. He further added the monies will go towards updating the police equipment.

Chief Hammerle added the Police Department will patrol their hallways and the parking lots.

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. 3-7-2017:** “To approve the Flight of Fancy proposal for the public art project, to be completed as submitted in the proposal, by volunteers, and at no cost and expense to the City; and to close Fairview Avenue on the day of such project.”

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.

### **REMINDERS:**

Recycling is March 21st and 22nd, April 11th and 12th and 25th and 26<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Lincoln stated Advanced Disposal did mail out the Recycling schedule for 2017 and if you did not receive it to call City Hall and let us know. He further requests all residents recycle because it helps the City, especially with grants.

Connellsville Area Middle School’s musical “Wizard of OZ”, Tickets are \$7 and show times are March 24th at 7:00, March 25th at 2:00 and 7:00, March 26th at 2:00

April 1st will be New Haven Hose Hoagie Sales

April 1st is Yough River Trail Council’s 5K walk/run and 10K run race at Yough River Park. Register at 8 AM, starts at 9 AM. Call 724-628-6078 for information

Mayor Lincoln noted the money they make goes right back into the Yough Trail. He added they are replacing the water fountain and upgrading items.

April 3rd from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM, April 4th from 1 PM - 5 PM, April 5th from 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM is Highland’s Hospital Fundraiser in the lobby. Spring and summer aromas will be sold

April 7th from 9 AM - 2 PM and April 8th from 9 AM - 12 PM will be Central Fellowship’s Annual Bargain and Bake Sale

April 8th will be the Auxiliary Police Hoagie Sales

April 14th City Hall Offices will be closed for Good Friday

April 22nd is City wide Cleanup (Community Day). Sign your group up at the Health Ins. Store

Mayor Lincoln thanked Aaron Zolbrod for his part each year with this event and Mary Beth Salentino for heading up this event. He added there is a Facebook Page, Connellsville Clean Up and you can call the Health Insurance Store to sign up.

April 22nd is Wesley Health Center’s Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner from 4 PM - 7 PM, Adults \$8 and Children 12 and under \$4. Take-outs and curbside pickup available. 417 S Pittsburgh Street

April 29th is the Festival Association’s Cash bash at the Eagles; tickets are available at Keedy’s Pizza

May 6th is the Annual Yard Sale. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 724-628-5500

May 13th is the City's Spring Clean Up with Advanced Disposal pickup of large items

Mayor Lincoln noted do not put "hard to recycle" items out.

April 2nd, Black family Spaghetti fundraiser at Dunbar VFD, 11 AM – 6 PM

Mayor Lincoln announced the Black family was in a very tragic accident where the husband and daughter had passed. He noted the money will help them get through this tragic time and "please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers".

April 25<sup>th</sup>, Paint and Sip to benefit Black family at the Masonic Lodge on 982

May 13<sup>th</sup>, Twenty Club's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bar Stool Open, sports teams from the school district

May 13th, New Haven Hose, 5K Neon Race

Mayor Lincoln added the money goes back into the Fire Department.

#### **KEEDY:**

**Resolution No. 3-8-2017:** "To abate and exonerate the City Treasurer from collecting 2017 Real Estate Taxes on City owned properties, which shall be exempt from 2017 City Real Estate Taxes, known and located as follows: Connellsville Area Senior Center, 100 East Fayette Street, \$1,959.56; Connellsville Community Center, lots 15, 23 and 31, 201 East Fairview Avenue, \$333.59; Connellsville Community Center, PT lot 7, South Cottage Avenue, \$55.14."

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. 3-9-2017:** "To advertise to accept applications for a substitute Tax Clerk in the City Tax Office. Applications are to be addressed to Marilyn Weaver, City Treasurer, 110 N. Arch St, Connellsville, PA and must be submitted by April 7, 2017 at 5 pm."

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. 3-10-2017:** "To permit checks to be made out to "Connellsville City Treasurer" when paying taxes to the City of Connellsville."

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 Keedy thanked everyone involved in the Spaghetti Dinner for the Festival Association.

Councilman Keedy announced Rock the Yough is August 12<sup>th</sup> this year. He added to contact him if you are interested in sponsoring this event.

## **KARPIAK:**

### Public Works Report

**Resolution No. 3-11-2017:** “To advertise for the hiring of summer workers for the Public Works Department at a rate of \$7.50 per hour for a maximum of 35 hours per week for the summer season, such cost to be taken from line item 01430-145.”

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. 3-12-2017:** “To open sealed bids for furnishing and installing various traffic signal equipment for the City of Connellsville. The City of Connellsville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.”

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.

Traffic Control and Engineering Co., Inc., \$18,246.50

Schultheis Electric, \$28,900.00

**Resolution No. 3-13-2017:** “To accept the bid of Traffic Control and Engineering Co., Inc. in the amount of \$,18,246.50 for furnishing and installing various traffic signal equipment for the City of Connellsville; pending review and approval of City Solicitor.”

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.

City Clerk, Vernon Ohler stated the City will be getting new boxes at Brimstone, Arch and Crawford and Brimstone. He noted this will free the City up and there will be replacement parts to use on the other ones in case they go bad, noting the parts are interchangeable.

**Resolution No. 3-14-2017:** “To adopt Bill No. 1 of 2017; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE City of Connellsville TO ENTER AN INTERMUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT SHARING AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ACT.”

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. 3-15-2017:** “To award Krumanacker Electric the job of installing the new LED Lights on both the Memorial Bridge and the McCrae Robb Bridge at a price of \$1,760.00.”

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. 3-16-2017:** “To permit Chip Nicholson Lumber permission to put a “Road Bond” on Newmyer Avenue for a six month time period, weather permitting. Work to start upon approval.”

Mayor Lincoln questioned how the safety of the children on the south side will be handled.

Councilman Karpiak answered it will be a straight shot with the truck and the truck is not much bigger than a triaxle.

City Clerk Ohler stated it shouldn't be more than two trucks a day on the south side.

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.

**TZAN:**

**Resolution No. 3-17-2017:** “To appoint Kristy Kriek to the Connellsville Recreation Board effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday in January 2021.”

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. 3-18-2017:** “To appoint Emily Saylor Richter to the Connellsville Recreation Board effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday in January 2022.”

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. 3-19-2017:** “To appoint Deanna Richter, Haley Adams, Shirley Rosenberger, Ann Nicholson, Jill Lambie and Kelly Topper to the Connellsville Recreation Board effective immediately as non-voting members.”

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. 3-20-2017:** “To approve installation of three benches in Yough Park by the Yough River Trail Council. All expenses and labor to be covered by the YRTC.”

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. 3-21-2017:** “To approve installation of a new water fountain in Yough River Park by the Yough River Trail Council. All expenses to be covered by the YRTC.”

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 thanked Yough River Trail Council for wanting to do this project.

**Resolution No. 3-22-2017:** "To approve the contract between the City and the Connellsville Girls Softball League for use of the ball field at East Park. Liability insurance will be provided by the league as stated in the contract. Fees to be determined."

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. 3-23-2017:** "To approve the contract between the City and the Dunbar Softball Team for use of Woodruff Park field on Tuesdays and Fridays, starting April 20, 2017 to September 20, 2017 at a fee of \$200. Liability Insurance will be provided by the league as stated in the contract. Fees to be determined"

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. 3-24-2017:** "To approve the contract between the City and the Connellsville Softball League for use of Woodruff Park field on Sundays, starting April 1 & 2, 2017 to September 16, 2017 at a fee of \$150/team. Liability Insurance will be provided by the league as stated in the contract."

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.

*Train came through and words could not be made out.*

Councilwoman Tzan stated the next resolution will aid the Garden Club to water the flowers on the Veteran's Plaza.

**Resolution No. 3-25-2017:** "To approve installation of water to the "Veterans Plaza". Work to be done by the Public Works Department and money to be taken out of line item 409.250."

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.

Councilwoman Tzan announced Rob Topper, Jr. is the new President of the Recreation Board



**MCINTIRE:**

**Resolution:** “TO INTRODUCE AND ADVERTISE “ AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE LANDLORD ORDINANCE AND TO SCHEDULE ONE OR MORE PUBLIC HEARINGS OR MEETINGS ON SUCH ORDINANCE.” *Tabled*

Councilman McIntire requested residents keep eye on cross walks and slow down, especially in front of Carnegie Library.

Mayor Lincoln reiterated to residents to slow down at crosswalks.

Councilman McIntire encouraged residents to participate in the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Clean up. He also requested residents clean up after dogs and get rid of stag net water.

Health/Code Officer Report & New Haven Hose Report

**Resolution No. 3-26-2017:** “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.