

**Connellsville City Council  
Minutes  
July 13, 2017**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 6:00 PM at City Hall, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Lincoln, Council members Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

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

Police Chief William Hammerle presented an Award from PennDOT to Sergeant Daniel Wissler for the "Click It or Ticket/Aggressive Driving" Program.

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

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Robert Topper, Jr., President of the Recreation Board, gave movie night update, Cat's Court update/shutdown and announced New Haven Hose's boat coming in three to four weeks and New Haven Hose Fundraisers.

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:** Absent

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:** Absent

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Fayette County Cultural Trust, Mum Festival, September 9, 2017

**Resolution No. 7-1-2017:** "To close Crawford Avenue from Arch Street to Pittsburgh Street on September 9, 2017 from 6 AM – 5 PM for the Mum 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 Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

Fayette County's Electronics Waste Collection, Fayette Co. Fairgrounds on August 26, 2017, 9 AM - 1 PM

Mayor Lincoln announced that you must pre-register and there is a fee.

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 7-2-2017:** "To approve the minutes from the June 20, 2017 City Council Meeting."

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

**Resolution No. 7-3-2017:** "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 Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

## **MAYOR LINCOLN:**

Police Department Report read by Police Chief William Hammerle

Mayor Lincoln questioned Police Chief Hammerle about the break-in at East Park's concession stand.

Hammerle stated it happened at 3 AM and was a male and female. He added they have photographs and footage from the couple being in the park and it will be posted on the Police Department's Facebook Page. Hammerle stated the Police have a couple of leads and in the next few days are hopeful to know who these people are. He requested that everyone look at the pictures on the Police's Facebook Page and call the station or 911 if you recognize them. He noted you do not have to give your name.

Hammerle then discussed the new police vehicle and the upcoming police testing.

**Resolution No. 7-4-2017:** "To authorize the City Clerk to submit a Local Share Account (LSA) grant application on behalf of the City for renovations to the East Side Fire Station."

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

**Resolution No. 7-5-2017:** "To authorize and approve the Connellsville Redevelopment Authority's proposal to perform, repair, replacement, restoration and repaving work at East Park and Mountz Park, as described and shown on the Authority's proposal to the R.K. Mellon

Foundation, at no cost or expense to the City and with the coordination of the City Clerk and City Engineer.”

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

**Resolution No. 7-6-2017:** “WHEREAS, Section 5 of the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535, No. 537, known as the “Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act,” as amended, and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) adopted thereunder, Chapter 71 of Title 25 of the Pennsylvania Code, requires the Municipality to adopt an Official Sewage Facilities Plan providing for sewage services adequate to prevent contamination of waters and/or environmental health hazards associated with sewage wastes, and to revise said plan whenever it is necessary to meet the sewage disposal needs of the Municipality;”

Councilman Karpiak questioned Alex Pounds of Widmer Engineering as to why the City must pass this resolution.

Mr. Pounds answered it is two fault...the first being the existing plant has not had updates since 1990. He further added they are approaching the end of the plants useful life. Pounds noted most of the equipment is old and worn out. He stated the plant was built in the 1960’s, updated in the 1990’s, noting it has been 30 years and things wear out. Pounds explained the plant being on overload, requirements, rules and regulations of the DEP. He explained to City Council if nothing is done to the plant, the DEP will not allow new businesses to “tap in” and the Municipal Authority will keep getting fined until they do something.

Councilman Karpiak questioned if the updated plant would increase property values.

Mr. Pounds answered that it would increase property value.

The resolution was discussed in further detail.

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

**Resolution No. 7-7-2017:** "To authorize the City Clerk to submit a "Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant" Application, through the United States Department of Agriculture for possible renovations at City Hall. Council will commit to a 20% match not to exceed \$10,000.”

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

**Resolution No. 7-8-2017:** “To revise the FFY 2013 CDBG to allow for the finalization of the activity budgets which will allow for the completion of the two open activities (Clearance & Code Enforcement) and clear the way for project close out, as well as eliminate the property located at 114 Gallatin Avenue from the list to be demolished due to the current owner taking responsibility for either making the necessary repairs to bring the property back into compliance and/or demolishing it.

03F-Park, Recreation	\$ 36,360.05
03K-Street Improvements	\$115,000.00
03O-Fire Station/Equipment	\$ 35,000.00
04-Clearance and Demolition	\$ 20,120.00
15-Code Enforcement	\$ 39,520.95
21A-General Administration	\$ 53,999.00
Total:	\$300,000.00.”

Mayor Lincoln stated the money that is left over is going into Code Enforcement – money that has been owed to the City.

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

**Resolution No. 7-9-2017:** “To approve the Overhead Banner Request, as submitted, on South Arch Street at West Cedar Avenue. Banner to be erected August 15, 2017 and removed December 15, 2017.”

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

**REMINDERS:**

Yoga at Yough Park, Every Saturday until August 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 10:30 AM  
Each Sunday until August 27<sup>th</sup>, Lions Square Concerts, 7 PM - 9 PM, This Sunday is “Abilene”  
Mayor Lincoln stated the Lions Club is still selling their raffle tickets for the Season Steeler’s Tickets

July 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Rita’s Festival, Fireworks will be tonight

July 15<sup>th</sup>, Adopt a Block at Yough Park from 2 PM – 8 PM

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Patriots Warriors Rock Concert at the Senior High School, 7 PM, Tickets available at Armstrong, City Hall, Appalachian Center, Pleasant Valley Water Authority, and Connellsville Elementary School

August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, Catholic Community Festival

August 10<sup>th</sup>, Savor the Avenue

August 12<sup>th</sup>, Rock the Yough Festival at East Park by the Festival Association

August 19<sup>th</sup>, Jessica’s Journey Fundraiser, East Park, Visit her Facebook Page for information

August 26<sup>th</sup>, Electronics Waste Collection, Fayette County Fairgrounds, 9 AM - 1 PM

August 26<sup>th</sup>, Police Bike Run at Yough Park

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Wellness on the Yough, 11AM - 4 PM, Tony - 724-366-5786

September 9<sup>th</sup>, Mum Festival, 10 AM – 5 PM

The last event for the Recreation Board is the Tangled Up In Brew, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM-10PM at Yough Park, Tickets will be on sale in August

#### **KEEDY:**

**Resolution No. 7-10-2017:** "To approve Vernon Ohler, City Clerk and Cassandra Calkins, Bookkeeper, access to the Investment Accounts at Somerset Trust."

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

Councilman Keedy announced the next Budget Meeting is Monday at 9:30 AM.

Councilman Keedy stated he and Vernon Ohler, City Clerk wrote a resolution for the final payment of the TAN Loan. He added the City is in very good financial shape.

#### **KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

Councilman Karpiak stated some of the upcoming paving work will be shared with neighborhood municipalities. He added he may or may not need the following resolution.

**Resolution No. 7-11-2017:** "To advertise for bids to rent a paving machine for the Public Works Department. Funds to be taken out of the Liquid Fuels Account."

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

Councilman Karpiak stated the fireworks were one of the best he has seen.

Mayor Lincoln noted the Rib Festival cleanup was fantastic.

**TZAN:** Absent

#### **MCINTIRE:**

Health/Code Officer Report

New Haven Hose Report

Councilman McIntire asked residents to not litter, noting he has noticed more of it lately.

Councilman McIntire also asked residents to please eliminate any stagnant water on your property.

Councilman Karpiak questioned Councilman McIntire about ticks this year.

Tom Currey answered it is too early in the season to tell, however, they are to be pretty bad this year.

Mayor Lincoln announced the Public Work's Department installed the "Dog Waste Bags."

Mayor Lincoln also announced the Public Works Department has installed the "Tobacco Free Zones" Signs in the parks. "The smoking ban is now in effect and will be enforced now that the signs are up" he stated. Mayor Lincoln stated that smoking is now prohibited in all City park now.

**Resolution No. 7-12-2017:** "This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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