

**CONNELLSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REORGANIZATION MEETING
5 PM – JANUARY 2, 2024**

This Reorganization Meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 5:00 PM in City Council Chambers, City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Attending this meeting was Council members Topper, Keedy and Tiberio and Mayor Lincoln. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

OATH OF OFFICE: Given by the Honorable Judge Mark Mehalov to Ethan Keedy, City Council Member

Solicitor Witt informed William Addis that he must give a verbal resignation as the City Controller before he takes an Oath of Office as City Councilman.

William E. Addis, III, gave a verbal resignation as the City Controller effective immediately.

Resolution No. 1-1-2024: “To accept the resignation of Bill Addis as City Controller effective immediately.”

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

OATH OF OFFICE: Given by the Honorable Judge Mark Mehalov to William E. Addis, III, City Council Member

OATH OF OFFICE: Given by the Honorable Judge Mark Mehalov to Charles W. Matthews, City Treasurer

Mayor Lincoln stated council is going to table the position of controller this evening to allow time for members of city council to discuss the four candidates. He announced that council will make a decision at the January 16, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Mayor Lincoln thanked Judge Mark Mehalov for giving the Oath of Office to new members of City Council.

Mayor Lincoln stated since there is no City Controller right now, the Tax Clerk, Shanea Fuller has been deputized as Deputy City Controller. He added the City will now be ok with check signing and all that needs done during this time. He told council to feel free to reach out the candidates that applied for City Controller.

Mayor Lincoln questioned Solicitor Witt if City Council could reach a consensus on who they are offering the controller position to before the next council meeting. He explained council would like for the person to have time to have their requirements met.

Solicitor Witt stated council has the ability to talk individually among themselves about who you think would be suitable for the position. He further explained that it is not an item that can be discussed with the majority of City Council being present because it is not an executive session. Solicitor Witt then informed City Council that they have 30 days from today to fill that vacancy. He continued that if City Council does not fill the position, it would go to the Court of Common Pleas.

MATTHEW LINCOLN:

Resolution No. 1-2-2024: “To make a motion to reorganize Council as follows: Director of Accounts and Finance, Ethan Keedy.”

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

Resolution No. 1-3-2024: “To make a motion to reorganize Council as follows: Director of Parks and Public Property, Bob Topper, Jr.”

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

Resolution No. 1-4-2024: “To make a motion to reorganize Council as follows: Director of Public Health and Safety, Bill Addis.”

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

Resolution No. 1-5-2024: “To make a motion to reorganize Council as follows: Director of Public Works, Carol Tiberio.”

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

Resolution No. 1-6-2024: “To set the 2024 City Council Meetings for the following dates: January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, November 19, and December 17, 2024; meetings will begin at 5 PM, City Council Chambers, City Hall.”

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

Mayor Lincoln made a motion to table the board appointments until City Council's January 16th Council Meeting. There were no objections to Mayor Lincoln's motion.

COUNCILMAN KEEDY:

Resolution No. 1-7- 2024: "That proper authorization is given to pay the following expenditures for each and every month for the calendar year 2024: All public utilities, employee benefit premiums; traffic control under \$500.00; vehicle monthly leases; collection fees from Southwest Regional Tax Bureau; Culligan Water; UniFirst carpets; Pitney Bowes postage; premiums for workmen's compensation, liability and bonds; gasoline and diesel fuel; animal control; legal advertisements; all contracted maintenance agreements; and monthly retainer fees."

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

Resolution No. 1-8-2024: "To designate Director of Accounts and Finance Ethan Keedy, Deputy City Controller Shanea Fuller and City Treasurer Charles Matthews as signatories on all City bank and depository accounts."

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

Resolution No. 1-9- 2024: "To approve the signing for the new signature cards for the City accounts as follows: Ethan Keedy, Director of Accounts, Shanea Fuller, Deputy City Controller and Charles Matthews, City Treasurer."

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

Resolution No. 1-10-2024: "To authorize Ethan Keedy, to sign the PLIGIT Investment Account checks."

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

City Clerk Ohler stated there was a Redevelopment Authority public Meeting earlier for the CDBG special funding application for the West Crawford Avenue sewer project. Ohler questioned all of City Council if they are in favor of this project.

All members of City Council were in favor of the project.

Mayor Lincoln questioned if the bridge at Crawford Avenue will still begin on the 9th of January.

City Clerk Ohler replied yes.

Mayor Lincoln requested someone reach out to PENNDOT to find out when the streets will be closed so the city can let the public know.

COUNCILMAN TOPPER:

COUNCILWOMAN TIBERIO:

COUNCILMAN ADDIS:

Resolution No. 1-11-2024: "That this meeting of the City Council does hereby adjourn."

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