

**Connellsville City Council  
Minutes  
April 21, 2015**

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 Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was Shelley Primus, Administrative Secretary and Solicitor Witt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Rev. Brian Higbee led invocation

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

Police Promotions: John James and Tom Patton

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bob Topper, New Haven Hose Co., Requested Council revamp the False Alarm Ordinance to include New Haven Hose and enforce that ordinance; ISO Report, New Haven Hose Co. received a 5; Explained what an ISO Report is; Fund Drive next week; May 9<sup>th</sup> is New Haven's Neon Nights at 8:30 PM

Mia Christie, Adopt a Grandparent, Program through her school

Melissa Tzan, Recreation Board update of events and Summer Camps; This Saturday is Cleanup Connellsville; Movie in the Park schedule; Mountz Creek pavilion is almost done; Deanna Richter is new member; Need volunteers; October 2<sup>nd</sup> is Tangled Up in Brew

**CITY TREASURER JAYNES REPORT:**

Councilman Karpiak questioned how we are doing this year with the tax increase as opposed to last year.

Treasurer Jaynes agreed to have that answer at the next meeting.

**CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:**

Councilman Geyer discussed Mockenhaupt, the Audit Meeting, noted Joyce Shaffer (Bookkeeper) is fluent in QuickBooks and doing a great job, the Audit Committee Meeting and Earned Income means business in the City is growing.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

New Haven Hose Company, requesting permission to have their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Neon Nights 5K run / walk on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 8:30 PM in the City of Connellsville.

**Resolution No. 4-1-2015:** "To grant permission to New Haven Hose Company to have their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Neon Nights 5K run / walk on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 8:30 PM; further authorizing the closure of the following streets during said event: beginning at New Haven Hose Company on South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, right onto West Crawford Avenue, right onto South Arch Street, left onto West

Green Street, right onto Isabella Road, right onto Newmeyer Avenue, right onto Race Street, left onto East Green Street, right onto South Arch Street, left onto West Crawford Avenue and left onto South 7<sup>th</sup> Street, ending at New Haven Hose Fire Company; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Penn DOT.”

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

Nordic and Beth Shreve, requesting permission to block off a portion of Race Street

**Resolution No. 4-2-2015:** “To block off Race Street, from number 1200 to 1212, on June 20, 2015 from 2 PM until 12 AM; pending review and approval of Police Chief.”

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #21, requesting permission to hold annual Buddy Poppy Campaign on Friday and Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.

**Resolution No. 4-3-2015:** “To grant permission to the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #21 to hold their annual Buddy Poppy Campaign on Friday and Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015.”

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

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 4-4-2015:** “To approve the minutes from the March 17, 2015 City Council Meeting.”

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

**Resolution No. 4-5-2015:** “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 Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

#### **MAYOR LINCOLN:**

Mayor Lincoln called for an Executive Session for Personnel Matters.

**Resolution No. 4-19-2015:** “To go into Executive Session for legal and personnel matters”

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

Executive Session was from 6:50 PM – 7:35 PM

Police Department Report

Citation – St. Rita’s Roman Catholic Church

National Police Week – May 10 – 16, 2015

**Resolution No. 4-6-2015:** “To accept the resignation letter from Antoinette Tesauro as City Clerk, effective immediately.”

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

**Resolution No. 4-7-2015:** “To authorize the City Police Department to perform traffic control and flagging duties for Casper Colosimo & Sons Inc. periodically for the remainder of 2015 for the purpose of repairing pavement as a result of water lines being replaced in the City. The contractor will reimburse the City at a rate of \$42.00 per man hour for the services provided. The duties will be provided by officers who are off duty as to not interfere with the operations of the Police Department.”

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

### **REMINDERS:**

April 25<sup>th</sup>, City-Wide Cleanup Event, Mayor thanked Councilman Zolbrod for sponsoring the cleanup and thanked Lynn’s for the after party.

April 29<sup>th</sup>, Job Fair at Murphy Hall, 10 AM – 2 PM

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Community Yard Sale, Chamber of Commerce – 724-628-5500

May 9<sup>th</sup>, Spring Clean-up Day, place non-freon items at curb side the night before

May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, Recycling Days

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Annual Geranium Festival

May 25<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM, Memorial Day Parade held by the Veteran’s Commission

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mushroom Pick in Dunbar

**GEYER:**

Announced the 2013 Audit is almost done

Discussed the G13 Conference

**Resolution No. 4-8-2015:** "To pay RFSJ, Inc. the amount of \$176.63 for Tangled Up in Brew extra mugs."

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

**Resolution No. 4-9-2015:** "To exempt Tax Notice #1886 and #1887 from paying City Per Capita Tax of ten dollars for the year 2015 upon City Treasurers verification of proof that said individual's income is less than \$5,000 per year."

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

**Resolution No. 4-10-2015:** "To disburse \$24,000 to New Haven Hose Volunteer Fire Company for the 2015 allocation from the City of Connellsville for fire services."

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

**KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

Councilman Karpiak announced there is compost available to the Street Department garage.

**Resolution No. 4-11-2015:** "To hire the following individuals for summer employment: Michael Parlak, Wesley White, John Blocker and Ryan Huey; pay to be a rate of \$7.50 per hour for a maximum of 35 hours per week for a maximum of twelve weeks, such cost to be taken from line item 01430-145; pending completion of New Hire Paperwork."

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

**RITCH:**

Ritch announced the quotes for the work to be done at East Park. He stated the quotes were as follows:

R and R Tree Service, \$15,000.00

Frye Tree Service, \$14,585.00

Brown's Tree Service, \$21,600.00

**Resolution No. 4-12-2015:** “To enter into an agreement with Frye Lumber, with a cost of \$14,585.00 after having reviewed quotes from various companies in the business, to cut and remove up to 35 trees and dead wood from the City’s’ East Park. Company will be given a time line of 21 days to have this work completed. Money to be taken from Miscellaneous Contingencies 1480-546.”

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

There were no bids for the concession stand at Yough Park, therefore the resolution was not read. Mayor Lincoln announced if someone is interested, contact Shelley at City Hall.

**Resolution No. 4-13-2015:** “To schedule a Commercial Appraisal of the East Side Fire Station with Franklin John Reality, Inc. at a cost of \$590.00; money to be taken from Miscellaneous Contingencies.”

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

## **ZOLBROD**

Health/Code Officer Report  
New Haven Hose Report

Councilman Zolbrod discussed the following:

Fayette County Commissioners Meeting to addressing the WCVI Building. Councilman Zolbrod thanked Tom Currey for attending the meeting, noting he is very knowledgeable about what is going on. Announced a meeting between the commissioners and Council.

The meeting with PA American Water Company concerning the Fire Hydrant Maintenance

Cleanup Day this Saturday

**Resolution No. 4-14-2015:** “To adopt Bill No. 3 of 2015: An ordinance of the City of Connellsville amending Ordinance No. 996, enacted February 27, 1967, amending Ordinance No. 1211, enacted April 13, 1981, and amending Ordinance No. 1507, enacted April 15, 2014; regulating the demolition and removal of certain buildings within the City of Connellsville; requiring permits; setting demolition and removal bond amounts; and prescribing penalties for violations therefor.”

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

**Resolution No. 4-15-2015:** “To direct the City Solicitor to record the following lien and further direct the Solicitor to execute the Sheriff Sale process: \$900 for the property known as 510 West Gibson Avenue (Parcel ID 05-06-0002). All cost associated with this process shall be added to the lien and sale value.”

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

**Resolution No. 4-16-2015:** "To approve and sanction the City-Wide Cleanup Event scheduled for April 25, 2015, to be organized by Aaron Zolbrod and other organizations and groups in the local area, at no cost to the City; and to approve the use of East Park, or other City parks, for purpose of organizing and holding said Event."

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

**Resolution No. 4-17-2015:** "BE IS RESOLVED to transfer and assign title to the City's certain 2004 Spartan Fire Truck (VIN 4S7HT2D934C047685) to New Haven Hose Company to be used for firefighting, fire suppression, and fire protection purposes, such fire truck to become the responsibility of New Haven Hose Company; on the conditions that 1) any sale of the fire truck within ten (10) years of the date of transfer must be approved by City Council, and 2) fifty percent (50%) of the proceeds of such sale are returned to the City, unless otherwise waived by the City; and further authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all documents and to perform all actions to effectuate such transfer and assignment."

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

**Resolution No. 4-18-2015:** "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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