

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
January 20, 2015**

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 Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was City Clerk Tesauro and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Pastor Don Smith

Reminder of the procedures for public participation during City Council meetings. Mayor Lincoln gave speakers Five Minutes each.

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Topper, New Haven Hose Co., Report from NHH Co., Seventeen volunteers have completed State Certified Hazardous Training, ISO inspection tomorrow (current rating 5) – Topper noted with the paid Fire Department gone that will affect the City's ISO Rating. He further noted he hopes to counter that with the number of volunteers, equipment training and documentation they have. New Haven needs \$40,000 per year for new truck from the City.

Ritch thanked Bob Topper and New Haven Hose volunteers, noting he realizes they do more than just fires.

Linda Shearer, Support Our Police items will be for sale.

Tom Currey, Board of Health's 2014 review of activity. He noted there are grants and help available for those with low income to help them address their property issues. Currey noted we demolished eight properties in 2014. He added since the Property Maintenance Ordinances was changed, the City has been saving \$6.49 per Certified Mailing since he can now post on a property.

Johana Harden, Garden Club, Discussed Cameron Court's Park proposal (landscape architect Skip Colburn) cost of \$453,000. She noted many projects they have completed.

Skip Colborn, assisting the Garden Club with the Cameron Court Project which is located at Pittsburgh Street and Fairview Avenue, presented the upcoming project.

Dave Dunn and Kathleen Pysh, Columbia Gas, Right of way for pipe behind Martin's Plaza

Lucille King, Trail Book, Snow shoveling (volunteers and those in need), illegal parking

Mayor Lincoln responded to Mrs. King's comments. He stated they are enforcing the parking in the downtown area. He further noted he was not aware of parking problems on the west side. He then discussed parking issues in different areas.

Police Chief Capitos responded to parking on East Crawford Avenue.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Polar Bear Swim Thank You Letter from Frank Jacobyansky

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 1-1-2015: "To accept the minutes from the December 16, 2014 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. 1-2-2015: "To accept the minutes from the December 29, 2014 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. 1-3-2015 "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:

Police Department Report

Resolution No. 1-4-2015: "To advertise the administration of the Police Civil Service examination and begin the process for the creation of a new list of Civil Service Police Officer eligible candidates."

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. 1-5-2015: "To review and act upon a quote received from Rudik Communications for GPS Units for each of the five (5) City Police vehicles. The purchase price of the five Units would total \$900.00; with a monthly cost of \$29.95 per unit, per month, or a yearly cost of \$1,797.00 a year for all 5 units, a grand total \$2,697.00; money to be taken from Line Item 410-330."

Mayor Lincoln, Chief Capitos and Tom Karpiak discussed the GPS Units. Capitos noted this is now a common practice for Police Departments.

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.

Appointed Leigh Ann Lincoln to Redevelopment Authority Board.

Lincoln noted she has Grant Writing experience and would be an asset to the Redevelopment Authority and be a great help to Mike Edwards and Paula Grubach in moving that authority forward.

Resolution No. 1-6-2015: “To appoint Bruce Jaynes as City of Connellsville alternate to the Southwest Regional Tax Bureau effective immediately; term to expire January 2016.”

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. 1-7-2015: “To close Crawford Avenue between Arch Street and Pittsburgh Street on Saturday, May 23, 2015 from 7 AM until 5 PM for the Geranium Festival; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Penn DOT.”

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. 1-8-2015: “To reappoint Charles Mills to the Connellsville Housing Authority; term to expire the first Monday in January 2019.”

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. 1-9-2015: “To reappoint Pat Duncan to the Connellsville Municipal Authority; term to expire the first Monday of January 2020.”

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. 1-10-2015: “To appoint Ron Hall to the Connellsville Municipal Authority; term to expire the first Monday in January 2019.”

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. 1-11-2015: “To appoint Brent Rockwell to the Connellsville Planning Commission; term to expire the first Monday in January 2020.”

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. "To appoint Teri Hirko to the Connellsville Housing Authority; term to expire the first Monday in January 2020." THIS RESOLUTION WAS TABLED

Resolution No. 1-12-2015: "To reappoint Scott Felgar to the Shade Tree Commission; term to expire the first Monday in January 2020."

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:

Prosperity Secrets Revealed: Saturday, January 24th from 3:00-6:00 pm at the Connellsville Canteen, 724-603-2093. Light refreshments, limited seating - FREE!!!

Paint and Sip: January 29th at 6:30 pm, Murphy Hall, There will be Chinese Auctions and prize drawings. Admission is \$40 per person. Contact 724-984-8988.

Off Your Rocker: Comedians wanted for comedian laugh off. Preliminary rounds will be held January 30th & 31st, 5:00- 8:00 pm. Contestants must have 5-7 minutes of dialogue for preliminary rounds. Advanced Registration Required. Connellsville Community Center, Contact Project Talent Theatre Workshops for more information, 724-603-2275

Connellsville Presbyterian will host an indoor flea market on February 7th. Doors open at 9 AM. Tables are \$10; call the church office (724-628-4401) to reserve. A limited number of Apple dumplings will be available. There will be sandwiches and snacks for sale.

January 29th at 6:30 PM: The City will be holding an Information/Discussion Session at the Senior Citizens Center for the betterment of Connellsville, to discuss City finances, the budget, problems and most importantly, ideas to move ahead. The public is invited to attend and speak out.

The next Recycling Days are February 10th and 11th

Conn Area Catholic School will be holding a Valentine's Day Dance on February 14th

GEYER:

Resolution No. 1-13-2015: "That proper authorization is given to pay the following expenditures for each and every month for the calendar year 2015. All public utilities; employee benefit premiums; traffic control under \$500; police vehicle monthly leases; collection fees from Southwest Regional Tax Bureau; Culligan Water; Cintas hall 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 Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Karpiak and Ritch and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Lincoln stated if anyone wants to report on streets call 724-628-2020 ext. 301.

Resolution No. 1-14-2015: "To renew the Sodium Chloride contract with the Commonwealth of PA, Department of General Services, Bureau of Procurement, Costars Program, Commencing August 1, 2015 and ending July 31, 2016."

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:

Recognized John Hamin Garret Leighty who are filming Council Meetings now.

ZOLBROD

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

CITY TREASURER KELLER'S REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:

Resolution No. 1-15-2015: "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.