

**CONNELLSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
5 PM – OCTOBER 17, 2023**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:

OATH OF OFFICE: Noah Hough, Patrolman

PUBLIC COMMENT:

CITY TREASURER REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER REPORT AND NEW HAVEN HOSE REPORT:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Toni M. Colland, Payne AME Church, Request to use Henderson Lane for Election Dinner

Resolution: “To grant permission to Payne A.M.E. Church at 812 West Crawford Avenue, to reserve the parking on the block of West Crawford Avenue allowing a line to form to turn right onto Henderson Lane in front of the church from 11 AM until 6 PM on Tuesday, November 7, 2023 for their Election Day Dinners.”

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution: “To accept the minutes from the September 19, 2023 City Council Meeting.”

Resolution: “To waive the Four-Day Resolution Rule to allow for items submitted after the Four-Day Rule to be read at the meeting tonight, such Resolutions will be marked with an asterisk.”

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Resolution: “The City Council of the City of Connellsville, hereby re-designates the City Clerk of the City of Connellsville, to serve as Section 504 Compliance Officer throughout the implementation of the Community Development Block Grant Program. The responsibilities of the 504 Officer include:

1. Coordinating and monitoring the city’s compliance with Section 504, as well as state civil rights requirements regarding discrimination and harassment based on disability;
2. Overseeing prevention efforts to avoid Section 504 violations from occurring;
3. Implementing the city’s discrimination complaint procedures with respect to allegations of Section 504 violations; discrimination based on disability and disability harassment; and

4. Investigating complaints alleging violations of Section 504 discrimination based on disability and disability harassment.

Citizens with Section 504 grievances must submit them to the Section 504 Compliance Officer within two weeks of the date the person filing the grievance becomes aware of the alleged discriminatory action. The office will respond in writing to written citizen grievances. Citizen grievances should be mailed to: City of Connellsville, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425. All written citizen grievances will be responded to within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the comments. Should any individual, family, or entity have a grievance concerning any action prohibited under Section 504, a meeting with the compliance officer to discuss the grievance will be scheduled. The meeting date and time will be established within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the request. Upon meeting and discussing the grievance, a reply will be made, in writing, within thirty (30) calendar days. If the citizen is dissatisfied with the local response, they may write to the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, Keystone Building, 400 North Street, 4th floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120. DCED will respond only to written comments within thirty (30) calendar days of the receipt of the comments.”

Resolution: “LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS of the City of Connellsville that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status(families with children), or handicap (disability) is prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act adds the additional protected classes of age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness, or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. It is the policy of the City of Connellsville to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness, or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals. Therefore, the City of Connellsville does hereby pass the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources the City of Connellsville will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), national origin, religion, familial status, handicap, age, ancestry and use of guide or support animals because of the blindness, deafness or physical handicap of the user or because the user is a handler or trainer of support or guide animals to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the local Fair Housing Officer, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, whichever is chosen by the person filing the complaint.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Connellsville shall make publicly known this Resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Act, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act, and any local laws or ordinances.

FURTHER ACTION will at a minimum include, but not to be limited to:

- (1) Publicizing the name and contact information of the local Fair Housing Officer, which will include the process to file a complaint if a person feels they have been discriminated against in housing in any manner and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contracts; and
- (2) Conduct at least one fair housing activity annually to better inform the public of their rights under the Fair Housing Law and Pennsylvania Human Relations Act; and
- (3) Use the fair housing logo on all materials dealing with housing programs such as but not limited to:
 - a. Public advertisements for vacancy or discussing the program
 - b. Applications for assistance
 - c. Contracts
 - d. Municipal letters dealing with the federal programs

If you are a person with a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to be able to access any notification, please contact the business offices of City of Connellsville, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425, 724-628-2020, www.connellsville.us, connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com .

If you have Limited English Proficiency and require a document translation of any notification, please contact the business offices of City of Connellsville, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425, 724-628-2020 www.connellsville.us, connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com .

Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Connellsville held October 17, 2023.”

Resolution: “A Resolution of the City of Connellsville, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development for funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as authorized under the Housing and Community Development Act [42 USC 5301 and 24 CFR Part 570], and further certifying compliance with the requirements of said program.

WHEREAS, it is necessary and in the public interest that the City of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, receive funds from the Commonwealth through the Department of Community and Economic Development in accordance with the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville has the legal authority and responsibility under Act 179 to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville have undertaken a considerable citizen participation process including written invitations to municipalities, informational meetings, hearings, and legal notices all of which culminated in the prioritization of projects and development of a Community Development Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville are familiar with the requirements of the program as provided for in the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) and the Community Development Block Grant regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville wishes to apply for said funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Connellsville that the Mayor is authorized to have prepared the necessary forms and documents to submit an application to the Department of Community and Economic Development for Community Development Block Grant funds for the purposes aforesaid; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if CDBG funds are determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to be expended on ineligible program costs or do not meet a national objective, the City of Connellsville agrees to repay the proportion deemed ineligible from non-federal sources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Community Development Plan was developed in coordination with low and moderate individuals, interested organizations, non-profits and other interested parties through the citizen participation process and municipal information gathering is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Connellsville is empowered to place his/her signature, on behalf of the governing body, on necessary application forms and affix thereto the official seal of the City of Connellsville.

Adopted by the City of Connellsville at the regular meeting on October 17, 2023.”

Resolution: “The City of Connellsville (Grantee) has completed the Four Factor Analysis and has determined that there are no items identified from the analysis above for this grantee, program or activity that will trigger the need for a Language Access Plan.”

Resolution: “To adopt Bill No. 7 of 2023; An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Connellsville, Pennsylvania, approving the vacation of a portion of an unnamed alley located in the City of Connellsville, County of Fayette.”

Resolution: “To enter into an Agreement between the City of Connellsville and the Connellsville Municipal Authority for the purpose of garbage/refuse collection within the City of Connellsville for both residential and commercial accounts, pending solicitor review and approval.”

***Resolution:** “To approve the City of Connellsville's commitment towards the necessary match funds, in the amount of \$11,260.00, for the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) Grant for the lower West Side Planning Grant.”

***Resolution:** “To grant permission to Roger Suter & Sons, Inc. to donate two wreaths and permit the Public Works employee(s) to assist with hanging the wreaths on the Officer McCray Robb Bridge as requested on the Utilization Form.”

***Resolution:** “To hold the annual "Stuff a First Responder Vehicle" at the East Side Fire Station on Saturday December 2, 2023.”

***Resolution:** “To grant permission to the City Clerk apply for a PennDOT Multimodal Grant on behalf of the city for an Urban Passage Loop.”

REMINDERS:

October 20th at 3 PM is the deadline for the Halloween Home Decorating Contest. Call or email Shelley at connellsvillesecretary@gmail.com or 724-628-2020 ext. 201

October 21st, 2 PM – 5 PM, Somerset Trust, Train Station, BOOFEST, games, prizes, snacks, treat bags

October 22nd from 7 AM – 11:30 AM, St. Rita’s Bucci Hall, pancakes, buckwheat cakes and sausage breakfast, Adults \$7, and children under 12 \$2

October 28th, Boo-ling Party, 8 PM – midnight, \$25 Adult \$10 (under 12), RSVP only, 724-628-9972, food, taco bar, hotdogs, sauerkraut, Kielbasa, chips, dip, costume contest, music, chance auction/50/50

October 29th, Trick or Treat, 6 PM – 8 PM

Crawford School of Terror will run through November 4th. Visit www.crawford.school for information

October 31st, New Haven Hose’s Halloween Parade, 7 PM, call 724-880-6920 to sign up and any questions

November 1st – 17th, CFS Bank, Food drive, Non-perishable food items will be donated to the Ministries

November 4th, Warriors Rock Concert, 7 PM, Sr. High School

November 10th, Connellsville Canteen, Free Veteran’s Appreciation Breakfast, Free breakfast for each veteran and one guest, 8 AM – 10 AM, RSVP 724- 603-2093

November 18th, Christmas in the Park, Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 724-628-5500, The Chamber is seeking donations for treat bags. Please call the Chamber for arrangements

December 2nd, Christmas Parade, 5 PM, Green Street to 8th Street, Chamber of Commerce

December 2nd, Stuff a First Responder Vehicle, East Side Fire Hall, Time will be announced soon

December 7th, Toy Drive by the Chamber, Aaron’s Building, 5 PM – 8 PM

December 16th, Laying of the Wreaths by CAHS Patriots, Bus leaves 9 AM at Sr. High School

Children in the Connellsville Area School District in need of a coat can call Misty for an appointment at the Connellsville Area Community Ministries: 724-963-0211

Remember First Fridays and Shop Local to support your community

COUNCILMAN KEEDY:

Resolution: "To pay \$7,574.00 to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System for the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Payment; monies to be taken from line item #483.300."

Resolution: "To pay \$464,026.00 into the Police Pension Plan in order to satisfy the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from line item 410.160."

Resolution: "To pay \$99,156.00 into the Fire Pension Plan in order to satisfy the 2023 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from line item 411.160."

COUNCILMAN KARPIAK:

Health Officer's Report
Fayette EMS Report

Resolution: "To enter into a Two-Year Agreement with Hoffman's Boarding Kennels for animal control services at a monthly base rate of \$355.00 and \$100 per call after working hours, Saturday, Sunday and holidays; with money to be taken from line item 420.450; Agreement begins January 1, 2024 and ends December 31, 2025."

COUNCILMAN TOPPER:

***Resolution:** "To allow the Connellsville Area Senior High School National Honor Society permission to hold the inaugural "Thanksgiving Classic Deck Hockey Tournament" at 12th Street Park on Saturday, November 18, 2023, pending insurance and waiver confirmation."

COUNCILWOMAN TIBERIO:

Public Works Report
Leaf schedule

Resolution: "That this meeting of the City Council does hereby adjourn."