

**CONNELLSVILLE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
6 PM – OCTOBER 18, 2022**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROLL CALL:**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

**POLICE PROMOTIONS:**

**Resolution:** “To promote Bryan Kendi to the rank of Sergeant effective November 1, 2022 for the Connellsville Police Department, wages set through the Collective Bargaining Unit of the Police Department.”

**Resolution:** “To promote Brian Connors to the rank of Sergeant effective November 1, 2022 for the Connellsville Police Department, wages set through the Collective Bargaining Unit of the Police Department.”

**OATHS:**

Bryan Kendi and Brian Connors

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CITY TREASURER REPORT:**

**CITY CONTROLLER REPORT:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Payne A.M.E. Church, Reservation of parking, November 8, 2022

**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 in front of the church from 11 AM until 6 PM on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 for their Election Day Dinners.”

Roger Suter & Sons, Inc., Donation of 2 wreaths on Officer McCray Robb Bridge

**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.”

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution:** “To accept the minutes from the September 20, 2022 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

Redevelopment Authority CDBG and CV Program Report

**Resolution:** “To approve all changes to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations Manual for the City of Connellsville.”

**Resolution:** “To introduce an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1148 by repealing and removing Section 1-1219 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Connellsville.”

**Resolution:** “To hire Connor Tibbe as a Patrolman for the Connellsville Police Department starting January 1, 2023, with salary to be taken from the Police Collective Bargaining Agreement and those funds taken from line item 410.142.”

**Resolution:** “To approve the new Body Camera and Car Camera Policy retroactively and to be placed in the Police Policy and Procedure Manual.”

**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:** “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 City of Connellsville.”

**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're 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, [connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com) and [www.connellsville.us](http://www.connellsville.us). 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, [connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:connellsvillecityclerk@gmail.com) and [www.connellsville.us](http://www.connellsville.us). Approved at the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Connellsville held October 18, 2022."

**Resolution:** "The City of Connellsville 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:** "That Thomas Jaimeson, TEDA J. FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP and ST JOHNS EVANGELIST ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, being owners of the relevant real property abutting portions of the line of a portion of Meason Avenue and an unopened street/alley in the City of Connellsville, hereby petition the City of Connellsville pursuant to 11 Pa.C.S.A. § 12918(a), to join, as the title owners and interest holders of abutting nearby property, this petition and to vacate such street/alley, and in support thereof aver and agree."

**Resolution:** "That ETHAN KEEDY, an adult individual, BERNADETTE LONG, an adult individual, JOSEPH HARDK AND LAURA SAUCERMAN, adult individuals, MICHAEL GUSRAFON, an adult individual, and KENNETH SNYDER JR., an adult individual, being owners of the relevant real property abutting portions of the line of a portion of and an unopened street/alley in the City of Connellsville, hereby petition the City of Connellsville pursuant to 11 Pa.C.S.A. § 12918(a), to join, as the title owners and interest holders of abutting nearby property, this petition and to vacate such street/alley, and in support thereof aver and agree."

**Resolution:** "To approve the new Bylaws from the Diversity and Inclusion Board."

**Reminders available on the City's website: [Connellsville.us](http://Connellsville.us)**

October 21<sup>st</sup>, Deadline for the Halloween Home Decorating Contest

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 113<sup>th</sup> annual New Haven Hose's Halloween Parade at 7 PM, 724-880-6920 to register

October 31<sup>st</sup>, Trick or Treat, 6 PM – 8 PM

November 4<sup>th</sup> and every Friday, 4 PM – 7 PM, Cooking with the Community, Kitchen Program, Grades 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, Connellsville Church of God, 724-628-3510

November 5<sup>th</sup>, Warriors Rock, CAHS Auditorium, 7 PM, Call Linda at 724-322-1494. General Admission \$25, Veterans \$10, Reserved \$40

November 5<sup>th</sup>, New Haven Hose, last hoagie sales for the year

November 5<sup>th</sup>, Chili Walk, 11 AM – 2 PM, \$10 tickets available at the Canteen and participating restaurants, Facebook: [Downtown Connellsville](#) for information

November 8<sup>th</sup>, Payne AME Church, Election Day Dinner, 11 AM – 6 PM, \$15, Pre order 724-626-8336 (leave message with name and # of dinners) by November 5<sup>th</sup>. After that, call 724-628-6193. Reserved spots are in front of the church from 11 AM – 6 PM with members bringing your order to you and collecting your money. You then turn right onto Henderson Lane.

November 10<sup>th</sup>, Day of Giving/Fayette County, City Mission's shelters are full and they are being forced to turn people away. They are requesting a donation of \$25 or more to support the men, women and children needing shelter, 724-439-0201, [www.citymissionfayette.org](http://www.citymissionfayette.org)

November 11<sup>th</sup>, Veteran's Day Parade at 10:30 AM, hosted by the Connellsville Veterans Commission

November 11<sup>th</sup>, City Hall Offices closed

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 1 PM – 4 PM, Kindness in Connellsville's World Kindness Day, Senior Center, food, crafts, vendors, book reading, guest speaker and more. Facebook: [kindnessinconnellsville](#)

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM – 3 PM, Christmas in the Park, Yough Park, Chamber of Commerce, 724-628-5500

November 26<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Market at East Side Fire Hall beginning 11 AM until 4 PM. Small Business Saturday in the City, Pictures with Santa, Children can make an ornament for the City Christmas tree, Followed by Light up Night and the Christmas parade at 5 PM. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 724-628-5500

**COUNCILMAN KEEDY:**

**Resolution:** "To pay \$12,761.00 to the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System for the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) Payment; monies to be taken from line item #483.300."

**Resolution:** “To pay \$457,567.00 into the Police Pension Plan in order to satisfy the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from line item 410.160.”

**Resolution:** “To pay \$109,014.00 into the Fire Pension Plan in order to satisfy the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO), monies to be taken from line item 411.160.”

**Resolution:** “To enter into an agreement with McClure and Wolf to conduct the annual audit for the fiscal year(s) 2022, 2023 and 2024 at the rates of \$11,000, \$12,000 and \$13,300 respectively. Services will also include preparation of all annual DCED Financial Reports. Expenses to be taken from line item 402.301.”

**Resolution:** “To enter into a contract with Culligan Water from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023; for the Police and Street Departments and Administrative Offices; money to be taken from line item 409-250.”

**Resolution:** “To contract out the City of Connellsville's payroll to Scarry and Associates, LLC at a cost of \$300.00 per month for 12 months; monies to be taken out of line item 402.330.”

**Resolution:** “To enter into a one-year contract with Cintas for rugs at City Hall as stated in the August 3, 2022 proposal; money to be taken from line item 409.250; contract begins February 22, 2023 and ends February 22, 2024.”

**Resolution:** “To transfer \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Investment Account.”

**COUNCILMAN KARPIAK:**

Health Officer’s Report

New Haven Hose Report

**Resolution:** “To establish, set, and assess a \$25.00 fee per account, to be paid by such account holder and as a lienable fee and assessment on such service property, for City administrative costs relating to the collection of delinquent garbage accounts that are identified and provided by City’s garbage collection, removal, and disposal contractor(s) and confirmed as delinquent.”

**COUNCILMAN TOPPER:**

**Resolution:** “To hire \_\_\_\_\_ to remove and replace fencing at 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Playground at a price of \$\_\_\_\_\_, money to be taken out of Recreation Account line item \_\_\_\_\_.”

**COUNCILWOMAN TIBERIO:**

Public Works Report

Public Works Leaf and Vacuum Truck schedule

**Resolution:** “To enter into Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Transportation on a Sidewalk Maintenance Agreement on the Crawford Avenue (McCray Robb) Bridge.”

**Resolution:** “To enter into Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, acting through the Department of Transportation on a Roadway Lighting Maintenance Agreement on the Crawford Avenue (McCray Robb) Bridge.”

**\*Resolution:** “To choose the color of "Blue Angels" Blue for the color of the Bridge beams on the McCray Robb Bridge project.”

**Resolution:** “That this meeting of the City Council does hereby adjourn.”