

**Connellsville City Council  
MINUTES  
December 19, 2017**

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 Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Rev. Suzanne Zampella led invocation

**OATH:** James Tyler Garlick as Patrolman

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Michael Edwards, Redevelopment Authority, Gave updates on projects and grants

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Weaver read her report

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:** Controller Brooks read his report

Mayor Lincoln thanked Controller Brooks for doing a great job as City Controller

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 12-1-2017:** "To approve the minutes from the November 21, 2017 City Council Meeting."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-2-2017:** "To approve the minutes from the November 30, 2017 City Council Meeting."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-3-2017:** “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 Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

## **MAYOR LINCOLN:**

### Police Department Report

Chief Hammerle discussed promotions and noted they all go through the Civil Service Process. He stated since Patton was promoted to Lieutenant, the position of Corporal came open. Hammerle announced there were three men eligible to fill that position being Ruff, Harvey and Connors. He discussed the testing involved and added the top two men in scoring were Ruff and Connors. I asked for the patrol Corporal to be Connors, stated Hammerle. He then stated he asked for another Corporal adding Ruff has been a Connellsville Police Officer for ten years. Hammerle announced Ruff is also with the Auto Theft Task Unit. He explained the State Police will pay the increase in his salary and the City would not have to pay additional funds. Hammerle stated he feels Ruff deserves the promotion and that he has been contacted by the State Police hearing they are happy with Ruff's performance.

Mayor Lincoln asked residents who see persons destroying Christmas decorations to please call 911 and not post it on Facebook.

**Resolution No. 12-5-2017:** “To promote Brian Connors to the rank of Corporal for the Connellsville Police Department effective January 1, 2018, wages set through the CBA with the Police Department.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-6-2017:** “To promote Patrick Ruff to the rank of Corporal for the Connellsville Police Department effective January 1, 2018. Patrick Ruff is assigned to the Auto Theft Task Force and wages to be reimbursed by the State Police Auto Theft Unit.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-4-2017:** “To enter into a Cooperation Agreement with Highlands Hospital Women’s Health Center Project.

WHEREAS, The City has agreed to make application to the Pennsylvania Governor’s Office of the Budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a grant in the amount of One Million (\$1,000,000) Dollars under the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program for the benefit of Highlands Hospital.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-7-2017:** “To schedule the 2018 Reorganization Meeting for January 2, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. in City Council Chambers, City Hall.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**REMINDERS:**

December 26th and 27th are Recycling Days  
January 9th and 10th, 23rd and 24th are Recycling Days  
January 1<sup>st</sup> is the Polar Bear Plunge at the river

Mayor Lincoln announced Community Ministries is collecting canned food at the Polar Bear Plunge. He asked residents to please bring cans with them to donate even if they are watching the event. Mayor Lincoln added the teachers give out hot chocolate and the entire event is a fun time. He thanked the Polar Bear Club for all their hard work on this event. Mayor Lincoln announced the picture is at 10:45 AM and the event at 11 AM.

Mayor Lincoln announced City Hall is closed December 25<sup>th</sup> and will reopen 9 AM on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**KEEDY:**

**Resolution No. 12-8-2017:** “To adopt Bill No. 4 of 2017, Ordinance No. 1530, AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARIES PAYABLE BY THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE FOR THE VARIOUS POSITIONS ENUMERATED HEREIN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-9-2017:** “To adopt Bill No. 5 of 2017, Ordinance No. 1531, An Ordinance of the City of Connellsville, County of Fayette, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, fixing the real estate tax rate and residence tax rate for all city purposes for the fiscal year 2018, and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-10-2017:** “To adopt Bill No. 6 of 2017, Ordinance No. 1532, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, SHOWING THE ESTIMATED RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND LIABILITIES OF EVERY KIND FOR ALL THE FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018 WITH THE BALANCE OF UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS AS THE BASIS FOR FIXING THE LEVY AND TAX RATE FOR SAID FISCAL, YEAR APPROPRIATING THE VARIOUS AMOUNTS SHOWN AS PROPOSED EXPENDITURES HEREIN FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FROM THE REVENUE AVAILABLE FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENTS, BUREAUS, AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES SET FORTH HEREIN, AND THE REPEALING OF ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-11-2017:** “To enter into a contract with Unifirst for ONE year contract (12 months) at a monthly rate of \$60.00 money to be taken from line item 409.250 at a savings of \$1,479.84 a year.”

Councilman Keedy stated the rugs are to be the same quality as what is being used now.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-12-2017:** “To accept the 2016 Audit as prepared by McClure and Wolf, LLP, Certified Public Accountants.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-13-2017:** “To authorize payoff of the 2017 Tax Anticipation Note with PNC Bank. Funds to be taken from the City's Investment Account at Somerset Bank & Trust.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-14-2017:** “To accept a Tax Anticipation Note in the amount of \$200,000 from Scottdale Bank for a term of One Year, contingent upon solicitor's review.”

Councilman Keedy discussed the reason for taking this TAN Note out is so the City will be "safe" financially should an emergency arise such as a snow storm.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution No. 12-15-2017:** "To contract out the City of Connellsville's payroll to Scarry and Associates, LLC at a cost of \$235.00 per month for 12 months; monies to be taken out of line item 402.330."

Councilman Keedy stated the City is saving \$8,000 a year with this company as opposed to who the City used before.

Mayor Lincoln stated he is happy this is a local City business.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

#### **KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

Councilman Karpiak reminded residents on snow days to please park on the even side of the road on even number days and odd side of the road on odd days.

#### **TZAN: ABSENT – READ BY MAYOR LINCOLN**

**Resolution No. 12-16-2017:** "To enter into an agreement with Superior Custom Design, APC Tech of Connellsville, to install and upgrade the surveillance camera system at Yough Park in the amount of \$8,575.60, with money to be taken out of line item 409.362. Special Revenues Yough Park"

Mayor Lincoln thanked Jason Guth for going above and beyond for the City, noting he came up with a very good surveillance of Yough Park. He further noted that every inch of the park will be on camera. Mayor Lincoln added this will not be purchased with tax payer monies; it will be purchased with grant monies.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

## **MCINTIRE:**

Health/Code Officer Report  
New Haven Hose Report

**Resolution No. 12-17-2017:** “To approve a two year contract between the City of Connellsville and Thomas Currey, as the City's Health/Code Officer. ` Salary to be taken out of line items 420.131 and 420.132 with a reimbursement of \$20,000 from the City's CDBG share.”

Mayor Lincoln thanked Tom Currey noting he is the City’s IT guy, Camera guy and does anything that is asked of him without complaint. He further commended Currey for his work ethic and for taking his job seriously; noting he (Lincoln) has noticed what a great job Currey does.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.

**Resolution** “To implement Health in All Policies in the City of Connellsville. WHEREAS, the health and well-being of the residents of the City of Connellsville are critical for a prosperous and sustainable City of Connellsville.”

Councilman Karpiak questioned the above resolution. He questioned why the working “land use” is in the resolution and what exactly it means. Councilman Karpiak also questioned why economic development is in the resolution. He also added concerns of other wording such as sustainability and climate change. Councilman Karpiak stated he is not willing to sign a resolution and later find out there is a loop hole and he can’t get out of it.

Solicitor Witt and City Council discussed it further. Witt stated it could be addressed at a later time.

## **THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS TABLED**

Councilman McIntire announced this meeting would be his last meeting. He thanked the citizens of the City, Council and the Authorities for all they do, including Mr. Shallenberger. McIntire further thanked Tom Currey and wished him and all else the best of luck. He wished Bob Topper, Jr. well as he serves on City Council. Further, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Lincoln thanked McIntire for his service to the City and commended him for all he has done.

Mayor Lincoln wished everyone a Merry Christmas and asked that all attend the Polar Bear Plunge.

**Resolution No. 12-18-2017:** “That his meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn.”

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmembers Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted. Councilwoman Tzan was absent.