

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
April 18, 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, Tzan and McIntire. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE: Rev. Kerriclark

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

Proclamation, Janine M. Brooks, 40 Years of service to the City of Connellsville

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chuck Hubbel, Pennies for Polio

Bob Topper, Jr., Connellsville Recreation Board

Judy Keller, Anti-Litter

Mayor Lincoln asked residents to put their garbage in cans, noting it is an ordinance.

Linda Shearer, Patriot Auction

AllState Representative, Alisia Lachek, concerning benefits City employees may purchase

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

Mayor Lincoln questioned Treasurer Weaver if there are more Per Capita Taxes this year. Weaver answered there are more tax monies this year.

Tape #2 stopped

CORRESPONDENCE:

CAHS Patriots, May 4th - Auction, July 22nd and Warriors Rock

Greater Connellsville Chamber of Commerce, Savor the Avenue and Banner Project

Resolution No. 4-1-2017: "To close South Third Street from 6:30 AM until 10 PM on Thursday, August 10, 2017 for the Annual Savor the Avenue; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

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

New Haven Hose Fire Company, 4th Annual Neon Nights 5K Run/Walk on May 13th at 8:30 PM

Resolution No. 4-2-2017: “To temporarily close the streets outlined on the attached Route Detail Map on May 13, 2017 to allow for New Haven Hose Fire Company’s 4th Annual Neon Nights 5K Run/Walk; Race to begin at 8:30 PM and complete by 9:30 PM; further authorizing the Connellsville Police Department and Police Auxiliary to assist with traffic control; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief.”

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

Tape #3 began

John Woodruff Club, 36th Annual John Woodruff 5K Run/Walk, July 12, 2017

Resolution No. 4-3-2017: “To temporarily close the streets outlined on the attached Route Detail Sheet on July 12, 2017 to allow for John Woodruff’s 36th Annual 5K Run and Walk; Race to begin at 7 PM and end at 8 PM; further authorizing the Police Department to assist with traffic control; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief.”

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

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 4-4-2017: “To approve the minutes from the March 21, 2017 City Council Meeting.”

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

Resolution No. 4-5-2017: “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 Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Chief Hammerle thanked Janine Brooks, Police Secretary, for her 40 years of service to the City of Connellsville. He stated “Janine is the glue that keeps that Police Department together.”

Mayor Lincoln discussed the death due to an overdose at the Carnegie Library. He noted the library employees want the residents to know it is still a safe place to go and they are working on ensuring it never happens again. Lincoln stated they are trying to raise money for security cameras to make it safer and anyone wishing to donate please call the library for details.

Proclamation, National Police Week - May 15th-21st, 2017, Peace Officer Memorial Day - May 15th, 2017

Mayor Lincoln stated the police also welcome visitors and make them feel safe. He thanked the Connellsville Police for all they do.

Resolution No. 4-6-17-2017: "To sign and enter into the Municipal Automobile Theft/Motor Vehicle Insurance Fraud Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and to authorize and direct the Mayor, City Clerk and Solicitor to execute such agreement on behalf of the City of Connellsville for 2017-2018."

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

Resolution No. 4-7-2017: "To advertise for testing for the City of Connellsville Police Force for the purpose of creating a new eligibility list of candidates."

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

Councilman Karpiak discussed a possible Floodplain Ordinance. He stated it will stop development along the river. Karpiak further added you will have to get approval from the DEP to do small and simple things. He added if anyone wants to build along the river, it will drive up costs to that person. Karpiak noted it will take up a lot of Tom Currey's time. He added Council will be held hostage to say "yes" to whatever is going on. Karpiak then explained in further detail the ordinance. He stated it is summed up in these words: "I, state your name, being of sound mind, body and fiscal responsibility, do hereby relieve the City of Connellsville from any and all responsibility of my actions to build in a flood plain." Karpiak asked how difficult it would be to do that.

Solicitor Witt answered it is Federal and State regulated.

Karpiak stated the Federal Government is stating that if the City doesn't do this, they will not provide flood insurance. He added this will prohibit people from investment. Karpiak stated he wants to hear from the State Senators on this.

Solicitor Witt spoke and could not be made out.

Council decided to table the resolution concerning the floodplain until the next Council Meeting.

REMINDERS:

April 22nd is City wide Cleanup (Community Day). Sign your group up at the Health Ins. Store

April 22nd is Wesley Health Center's Spaghetti Dinner from 4 PM - 7 PM, \$8 adults and \$4 children

April 25th and 26th, May 9th, 10th, 23rd and 24th will be recycling

April 25th, Paint and Sip to benefit Black family at the Masonic Lodge on 982

April 29th is the Festival Association's Cash bash at the Eagles, tickets are available at Keedy's Pizza

April 29th is Fayette County's Hard To Recycle at the Fairgrounds from 9 AM - 2 PM

May 4th is National Day of Prayer

May 4th is the Connellsville Patriots Auction, National Guard Readiness Center, Connellsville

May 6th is the Annual Yard Sale. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 724-628-5500

May 13th is the City's Spring Clean Up with Advanced Disposal pickup of large items

May 13th will be New Haven Hose, 5K Neon Race, 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM

May 13th is National Train Day at the Canteen, Free event

May 13th is the 20 Club's 2nd Annual Bar Stool Open

May 13th will be the Auxiliary Police Hoagie Sales

May 27th is the Geranium Festival from 9 AM - 4 PM

May 29th is the Memorial Day Parade beginning at 10 AM

KEEDY:

Resolution No. 4-8-2017: "To hire Dawn Rusko as a substitute Tax Clerk in the City Tax Office at a rate shall be \$7.25 per hour, on an as needed basis and not to exceed 24 hours per week; such cost to be taken from line item 403.144."

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

Councilman Keedy stated they held the first quarterly budget meeting and all is where it should be.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Resolution No. 4-9-2017: “To hire Zachary Beneke, Louis Mauro and Michael Parlak as summer workers for the Public Works Department at a rate of \$7.50 per hour for a maximum of 35 hours per week for the summer season, such cost to be taken from line item 01430-145.”

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

Resolution No. 4-10-2017: "To approve Widmer Engineering to move forward with the engineering and design of the storm water project on East Apple Street with funding to come from both the County's LSA Grant and the City's Liquid Fuels account."

Mayor Lincoln thanked the County Commissioners for picking the City's project, noting the residents on Apple Street will be pleased.

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

Resolution No. 4-11-2017: “To place the bid out for the 2017 Street Paving Program. Bids will be accepted until May 15, 2017 at 4 p.m. at City Hall. Money to be taken from Liquid Fuels.”

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

TZAN:

Resolution No. 4-12-2017: “To appoint Ben Hoffman to the Recreation Board effective immediately as a non-voting member.”

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

Resolution No. 4-13-2017: “To introduce Bill Number 3 of 2017; AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, COUNTY OF FAYETTE AND THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO IN RECREATIONAL AREAS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF:”

Councilman Karpiak stated when pavilions are rented, that is a source of income for the City. He questioned if there will be a special permit people can obtain to smoke.

Councilwoman Tzan stated they added into the ordinance there will be designated areas at special events.

Councilman Karpiak answer he has a problem with designated areas. He explained his reasoning.

Councilwoman Tzan stated the smoking area is only with designated or certain events.

Councilman Karpiak then questioned clarity that rental of pavilions is an exception.

Councilwoman Tzan answered yes.

Mayor Lincoln stated events will need to get special permission to smoke.

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

Mayor Lincoln thanked Bob Topper, Jr. and the Recreation Board for moving this forward.

Mayor Lincoln then stated if you would like to sponsor the sports camps, please reach out to the Recreation Board.

MCINTIRE:

Health/Code Officer Report
New Haven Hose Report

Councilman McIntire discussed clean-up.

Mayor Lincoln added you do not need to burn leaves or grass clippings, "You can put them in bags and Advanced Disposal will pick them up – every week." He added Superior Mulch takes all wood. "If you burn, be considerate of your neighbors."

Mayor Lincoln questioned Tom Currey on the cost and need of the Stenographer for the Zoning Board.

Solicitor Witt answered – unable to make out his words.

Mayor Lincoln stated anyone wanting a variance has to pay \$400. He questioned why a videotape can't be used for the record.

Tom Currey answered "It is \$325 fee to cover the advertising and postings, it's the stenographer record and transcript and it is a lot of different things that pays for it." Currey noted the stenographer record and transcript are the two big "chunks" out of the fee. Currey stated to address it with the State Representative because they are saying the City has to have those records. No also noted they have the power to change that because it is a State Law.

Mayor Lincoln stated we should be able to record it by video now.

Currey stated the only other way the City can work it is to hire a Stenographer themselves, therefore alleviating that cost of the variance.

Mayor Lincoln and Councilman Karpiak agreed that recording the hearings and having Shelley Primus type the minutes would be cheaper for the residents.

Solicitor Witt spoke – unable to make out his words. He stated the hearings are legal proceeding and need accurate record.

Resolution No. 4-14-2017: “This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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