

**Connellsville City Council**  
**MINUTES**  
**JANUARY 21, 2020**

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 Topper. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Pastor Don Smith

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Patrick Duncan, Connellsville Municipal Authority, stated he and Rod Gunderson came to the meeting to answer questions City Council may have concerning the expansion of the plant and find out about the easements that are on the agenda. Duncan stated the Municipal Authority needs the easements to get their PennVest Funding. He noted that if they lose that funding there will be issues with everyone. He added the office staff stated they were emailing their minutes of the meetings.

Mayor Lincoln questioned the new sewage rate schedule.

Duncan answered the rates have not been put into effect yet and expects the cost per month to be about \$10 to \$12 more. He added they will increase the rates slowly over the next two years.

Chuck Hubble, Rotary "CARES" Program, stated the Rotary Program is for children in a vehicle in which the parents or guardian is also in. If the parent or guardian is killed in a vehicle accident the child (ren) is in, the program consists of stickers which aid first respondents find the designated person(s) to take the children. He requested the city help the residents be made aware of this program.

Pastor Don Smith stated the Connellsville Ministerial Association meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Connellsville Canteen beginning 9:30 AM and invited council.

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by City Treasurer Marilyn Weaver.** Weaver stated after March of 2020, the cost of a Business License will go up from \$30 to \$50.

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT: Presented by City Controller Bruce Witt**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 1-16-2020:** "To approve the minutes from the December 17, 2019 City Council Meeting."

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

**Resolution No. 1-17-2020:** "To approve the minutes from the January 6, 2020 City Council Meeting."

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

**Resolution No. 1-18-2020:** "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."

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

**MAYOR LINCOLN:**

**Resolution No. 1-19-2020:** "To re-appoint John Lypson to the Connellsville Zoning Board; term to expire the first Monday in January 2025."

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

**Resolution No. 1-20-2020:** "To re-appoint Brent Rockwell to the Connellsville Planning Commission; term to expire the first Monday in January 2024."

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

**Resolution No. 1-21-2020:** "To re-appoint Richard Galasso to the Connellsville Planning Commission; term to expire the first Monday in January 2021."

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

**Resolution No. 1-22-2020:** "To re-appoint Shannon Cuneo to the Connellsville Planning Commission; term to expire the first Monday in January 2023."

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

**Resolution No. 1-23-2020:** "To approve the Right-of-Way Agreement on the York Avenue Bridge Project, for all properties acquired by the City of Connellsville under the Robert T. Stafford Relief and Emergency Assistance Act."

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

Police Department Report

**Resolution No. 1-24-2020:** "To approve Mayor Greg Lincoln to sign any and all documents for Penn DOT associated with the York Avenue Bridge replacement project."

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

**Resolution No. 1-25-2020:** "To sign the Department of Environmental Protection Agreement "Contract 7C-FA-28.0" for the performance of the 902 Municipal Recycling Grant, between the City and the DEP."

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

**Resolution No. 1-26-2020:** "To close Meadow Lane from Crawford Avenue to Orchard Alley each Sunday in June, July and August 2020 from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM for the Lions Club's Summer Concert Series; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief."

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

**Resolution No. 1-27-2020:** "To approve the Deed of Easement requests between the City of Connellsville and the Connellsville Municipal Authority for Parcel ID # 05-06-0520."

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

**Resolution No. 1-28-2020:** "To approve the Deed of Easement requests between the City of Connellsville and the Connellsville Municipal Authority for Parcel ID # 05-06-0547."

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

**Resolution No. 1-29-2020:** "To approve the Deed of Easement requests between the City of Connellsville and the Connellsville Municipal Authority for Parcel ID # 05-06-0546."

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

**REMINDERS:**

January 24th, Blood Drive, Highlands Hospital, 1 PM – 5:30 PM, All blood types are needed

January 25th, Pop Up Juice Bar, Holistic Living, 11 AM – 3 PM

January 28th, Tim Witt, Canteen teaching Asset Protection/Long Term Care Planning, 5:30PM -7:30PM

February 14th, Kids Night Out, Brooke's Block Party, 518 Rear W Crawford Ave, 5 PM – 8 PM, Age 5 +, RSVP at 724-208-2861, \$10 per child – includes pizza/drink

February 22nd, Heart to Hope Telethon, Sr. High School, 2 PM – 10 PM

February 29th, 6 PM – 9 PM. Wine and Dinner at the Connellsville Canteen featuring Singer/Songwriter Mark Ferrari. \$45.00 - Includes two beverage tickets, Hors d'oeuvres, three course dinner and coffee bar. RSVP by calling the Connellsville Canteen at 724-603-2093. Payment must be received before show.

**KEEDY:**

**KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

**Resolution No. 1-30-2020:** "To submit a new Salt Contract Participation Agreement to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's cooperative purchasing program known as CO STARS enabling the City of Connellsville to participate in the Department of General Services statewide contract for sodium chloride for the August 2020 – July 2021 season."

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

**Resolution No. 1-31-2020:** "To enter into agreement with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, to perform bridge inspections on all city owned bridges in accordance with their requirements and standards."

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

**Resolution No. 1-32-2020:** "To approve Mayor Greg Lincoln to sign any and all documents for Penn DOT associated with the bridge inspections on all City owned bridges."

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

**TZAN:**

**Resolution No. 1-33-2020:** "To approve the Recreation Board's request to sponsor a "Twisted Up in Wine Event on Saturday, May 30, 2020 at Yough River Park from 1 PM until 5 PM; pending Special Occasion Permit from PA Liquor Control Board and review and approval of Police Chief, Fire Chief and City Solicitor."

Councilman Tzan stated it will be like a Wine Festival but more details will be given soon.

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

**Resolution No. 1-34-2020:** "To enter into an agreement with Martha Reagan for contracted cleaning services at City Hall and the Police Station at the rate of \$500/Month and \$500 per spring and fall cleanings. Money to be taken out of line item 409.140."

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

**Resolution No. 1-35-2020:** "To extend the current lease agreement between the City of Connellsville and the Connellsville Area Senior Tigers for a period of 3 years, commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2022."

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

**Resolution No. 1-36-2020:** "To permit the City Clerk to apply for a West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund for lighting at the Senior Center."

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

**TOPPER:**

Health/Code Officer Report  
New Haven Hose Report

Mayor Lincoln thanked the volunteers from New Haven Hose adding everyone comes together when you really need them.

Councilman Topper stated he and Clerk Ohler spoke with Clayton and Pete from County Hauling and lack of communication was a key factor with missed garbage. He announced this issue should be resolved. Topper also stated County Hauling ordered new trucks to aid in pickup which will take four months to get. He added County Hauling began new contracts in January causing the drivers who drove our City routes got promoted to others areas. Topper noted that new drivers are in this area now learning new routes and it will take a while for them to adjust. He stated if anyone has garbage that was missed in the pickup to contact Vernon or County Hauling at [info@countyhauling.com](mailto:info@countyhauling.com) or 724-929-7694 ext. 2. He reminded residents to let the City know if they are not getting anywhere with County and the City will document it.

Mayor Lincoln stated recycling is an issue as well.

**Resolution No. 1-37-2020:** "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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