

**Connellsville City Council MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

This meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 6:00 PM. Attending this meeting was Council members Karpiak, Keedy, Topper and Tiberio and Mayor Lincoln. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Led by Chuck Hubbell

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Connellsville Elks Lodge #503, Street closure request

**Resolution No. 9-1-2022:** "To close North Carnegie Avenue between East Crawford Avenue and East Orchard Alley from October 8, 2022 at 9 AM until October 9, 2022 at 9 AM for their Octoberfest; further granting use of horses as requested on the utilization form."

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

Thomas W. McFadden, Connellsville Veterans Commission, Street closure request

**Resolution No. 9-2-2022:** "To close North and South side streets from First Street to Seventh Street off of West Crawford Avenue; West Crawford Avenue between Seventh and Eighth Streets to the corner of Crawford Avenue and North Pittsburgh Street; all of North Pittsburgh Street to Route 119 at the Veterans Monument on November 11, 2022 for the Veterans Day Parade at 10:45 AM; Pending review and approval of Police Chief and Fire Chief. Further permitting the Veteran's Commission use and delivery of items listed on the Utilization Form."

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

Suzie Flesik, Crawford School of Terror, Street closure request

**Resolution No. 9-3-2022:** “To close North 7th Street, on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 PM to 11 PM beginning Friday, September 23, 2022 and continuing until Saturday, November 5, 2022 for the Crawford School of Terror; pending review and approval from the Police Chief and Fire Chief.”

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

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 9-4-2022:** “To accept the minutes from the August 16, 2022 City Council Meeting.”

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

**Resolution No. 9-5-2022:** “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 Karpiak, Topper, Keedy and Tiberio and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

#### **MAYOR LINCOLN:**

Police Department Report: By William Hammerle

**Resolution No. 9-6-2022:** “To set Trick or Treat in the City of Connellsville for Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.”

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

**Resolution No. 9-7-2022:** “For the City of Connellsville to allocate its FFY 2022 CDBG money for upgrades at Woodruff Park and Code Enforcement.”

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

**Resolution No. 9-8-2022:** “To allow the City Clerk permission to submit a GO Laurel Highlands grant on behalf of the city to fund the Visitors Center at Yough Park.”

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

**Resolution No. 9-9-2022:** “To allow the City Clerk permission to submit a GO Laurel Highlands grant on behalf of the city, in conjunction with Connellsville Township, for funding of parking and signage at the Zach Connell grave site.”

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

**Resolution No. 9-10-2022:** “To allow the City Clerk permission to submit a GO Laurel Highlands grant on behalf of the City of Connellsville for advertising on the back of the East Side Fire Station.”

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

**Resolution No. 9-11-2022:** “To allow the City Clerk permission to submit a DEP 902 Recycling Grant on behalf of the City of Connellsville.”

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

**Resolution No. 9-13-2022:** “To allow the City Clerk permission to submit an “E-Grant – Local Law Enforcement Grant Program” on behalf of the City of Connellsville for the purchase of Body and Vehicle Cameras.”

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

**Resolution No. 9-14-2022:** “To allow the City Clerk permission to submit a PA Crime and Delinquency Grant on behalf of the City of Connellsville for a License Plate Reader.”

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

**Resolution No. 9-12-2022:** “To close South Pittsburgh Street from Green Street to Crawford Avenue and Crawford Avenue to South Eighth Street on Saturday, November 26, 2022 beginning 5 PM for the

Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Parade; pending review and approval of Police Chief, Fire Chief and PennDOT."

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

**Reminders available on the City's website: [connellsville@connellsville.us](mailto:connellsville@connellsville.us)**

September 24<sup>th</sup>, Rock on the Yough and Fishing Derby, Connellsville Festival Association and General Braddock's Fish Club

October 1<sup>st</sup>, Fall Clean Up Day, place items at your curb the evening before

October 1<sup>st</sup>, Tangled Up in Brew, 6 PM, Yough Park, ID required to enter, Adults only

October 8<sup>th</sup>, Connellsville Police Officer's Association's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 5K Race, Connellsville Area High School, Registration at 9 AM, Race at 10 AM, Pre-registration is \$25, Day of event \$30, Registration forms available at City Hall and on the City's website. For information on the race, call 724-628-2020 extension 110

October 16<sup>th</sup>, YRTC/Bud Murphy's Fall Ride/Walk, Registration at noon in Yough Park, lunch at 3 PM Applications at [youghrivertrail.com](http://youghrivertrail.com) visit: Yough River Bike Trail Council on Facebook

October 25<sup>th</sup>, 113<sup>th</sup> annual New Haven Hose's Halloween Parade at 7 PM

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

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

November 5<sup>th</sup>, Chili Walk, 11 AM – 2 PM, \$10 tickets available at the Canteen and participating restaurants

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM – 4 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 – 4 PM and Small Business Saturday in the City, Pictures with Santa, make an ornament for the City Christmas tree, Followed by light up night and the Christmas parade. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, 724-628-5500

**KEEDY:**

**Resolution No. 9-15-2022:** “To accept the bid of VARINE-SLAVIN, INC. for the City of Connellsville’s 2023 General Liability Insurance and Worker’s Compensation Insurance as proposed; pending review and approval of City Solicitor.”

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

**Resolution No. 9-16-2022:** “To advertise and schedule the Budget Meetings for the following dates and times: October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 4 PM; Meetings to be held in City Council Chambers, City Hall.”

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

**Resolution No.9-17-2022:** “To increase the salary of Edie Check to \$9.00/hour retroactive to September 1, 2022. Salary to be paid out of line item 403.144.”

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

**KARPIAK:**

Health/Code Officer’s Report  
New Haven Hose Report

**Resolution No. 9-18-2022:** “To extend the Commercial Refuse and Recycling Contract with Westmoreland Sanitary Landfill, LLC, DBA, County Hauling starting November 1, 2022 and ending October 31, 2023 at a 7% increase.”

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

**TOPPER:**

**TIBERIO:**

Public Works Report

**Resolution No. 9-19-2022:** “That this meeting of the City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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