

**Connellsville City Council
MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2019**

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:

OATH - Jeff Layton

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chuck Hubbell, Pennies for Polio

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:

Marilyn Weaver, Treasurer, read year end numbers, school closeout and landlord registration numbers.

CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:

Bruce Witt, Controller read over the City's finances.

CORRESPONDENCE:

James Cross, Resignation from the Connellsville Zoning Hearing Board

Resolution No. 1-1-2019: "To accept the resignation of James Cross from the Connellsville Zoning Hearing Board retroactive to December 31, 2018."

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.

Connellsville Area Garden Club, Geranium Festival, May 25, 2019

Resolution No. 1-2-2019: "To close Crawford Avenue at Pittsburgh Street to Arch Street on Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 7 AM until 5 PM during the Geranium Festival; 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, Tzan, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 1-3-2019: “To approve the minutes from the December 18, 2018 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. 1-4-2019: “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, Tzan, Karpiak and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Chief Hammerle reviewed the Police Department Report. He then discussed the individual who was arrested for armed robbery throughout different areas. Chief Hammerle notified Council that Officer Garlick is active in soliciting funds for the K9 Unit that the Police Department is attempting to acquire along with working towards acquiring grants.

Direct Appointment: Carol Tiberio, Connellsville Redevelopment Authority Board of Directors, Five-Year Term to expire the first Monday in January 2024

Resolution No. 1-5-2019: “To reappoint Ted Kovall to the Police Civil Service Commission; Four-Year term to expire the first Monday of January 2023.”

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. 1-6-2019: “To reappoint Robert McLuckey to the Connellsville Senior Citizens Board of Directors; term to expire the first Monday in January 2024.”

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. 1-7-2019: "To hold the "6th Annual Citywide Cleanup Day" on Saturday April 20, 2019, with a make-up day on April 27, 2019."

Mayor Lincoln stated this was started by Aaron Zolbrod and there may be an organization meeting for the event this month. He also thanked Mary Beth Salentino.

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.

REMINDERS:

Recycling: Wards 2 & 4 are on Tuesday, Wards 1 & 3 are on Wednesday

Pickup: January 29th and 30th, February 12th, 13th, 26th and 27th

Collections will be delayed by 1 day the week of January 21st due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Christian Church, 212 S Pittsburgh St, Free lunch on the 2nd & 4th Monday of every month from 11:30 AM - 1 PM

January 20th, 7 AM - 12 Noon, St. Rita's Bucci Hall, All the cakes you can eat breakfast, \$6 for adult, \$2 for children under 12 years old

January 21st, City Hall Offices will be closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 26th, Carnegie Library, Noon - 3 PM, \$5 / bag of books

Mayor Lincoln announced the Rib Fest will be July 5th weekend.

Mayor Lincoln announced a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Lori Sepkovic on February 10th from 4 PM – 7 PM at the Christian Church, Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown.

KEEDY:

Resolution No. 1-8-2019: "That proper authorization is given to pay the following expenditures for each and every month for the calendar year 2019. All public utilities; employee benefit premiums; traffic control under \$500; vehicle monthly leases; collection fees from Southwest Regional Tax Bureau; Culligan Water; UniFirst hall carpets; Pitney Bowes postage; premiums for workmen's compensation, liability and bonds; gasoline and diesel fuel; animal control; legal advertisements; all contracted maintenance agreements; and monthly retainer fees."

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.

Councilman Keedy discussed the possibility of moving the City's General Fund account to a different financial institution in order to obtain a highest interest rate. He noted he Council like to see Council give the tax payers more "bang for their buck." He noted Council can work on this in the coming months.

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

Councilman Karpiak reminded residents when there is snow to park on the even side of the road (according to your house number) on even number days and the odd side of the road on odd number days. He noted this will allow the plow to get through the street.

Councilman Karpiak also stated if you see pot holes to call them in (724-628-2020 ext. 301) and when the weather permits, the Public Works Department will fix them.

Resolution No. 1-9-2019: “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 2019 – July 2020 season.”

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.

TZAN:

Resolution No. 1-10-2019: “To accept the resignation of Calli Tony to the Connellsville Recreation Board effective immediately.”

Mayor Lincoln thanked Calli Tony for all she did and all she had planned to do for the Recreation Board. He further stated he cannot thank her enough and truly does not want to see her go. Mayor Lincoln also added he does wish Calli the best.

Councilwoman Tzan also thanked Calli Tony and noted she was important when it came to Wellness on the Yough. She stated Calli moved to Florida and that if she moves back “we will have to snatch her up again.” Councilwoman Tzan also wished Calli the best.

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. 1-11-2019: “To reappoint Tracy Peterson to the Connellsville Recreation Board; term to expire the first Monday in January 2024.”

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. 1-12-2019: "To grant "TEACH" permission to hold the "Catch them for a Cause" fishing tournament at Yough Park, June 15, 2019."

Mayor Lincoln announced if anyone is interested, go the TEACH Facebook Page and all the information is on there. He also asked residents to like their page.

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.

TOPPER:

Health/Code Officer Report

New Haven Hose Report

Resolution No. 1-13-2019: "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.