

**Connellsville  
City Council Minutes  
May 15, 2013**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Matthews, Council members Karpiak, Weaver, Geyer and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was City Clerk Tesauro and Solicitor Witt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Led by Pastor Smith

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Pastor Smith thanked City Council for allowing prayer during their administration

Melissa Tzan announced upcoming Recreation Board events

Steven Patchen, Bike networking map and plan, initial component for marketing and fundraising

Geno Gallo, Sustainable Connellsville, postponement of river clean-up in order to help demolish the dugout on North Third Street between 10 AM and 2 PM

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 5-1-2013:** "To approve the minutes from the April 17, 2013 City Council Meeting."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 5-2-2013:** "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 Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**MAYOR MATTHEWS:**

Police Department Report

Matthews stated he and Councilman Ritch were at the Community Center for the Molinaro Band and gave Mr. Molinaro a Proclamation right at that sight.

Mayor Matthews and Councilman Ritch also went to Bethlehem Church to present them with a Proclamation of being there for 70 years.

Proclamation, May 2013 as National Bike Month and Bicycle Safety Month and Saturday, June 1, 2013 as the final celebration by promoting the "Bike for Book's event at Yough River Park

Councilman Ritch then noted that the Mayor and City Council attended the Carnegie Library's 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Sunday, May 5, 2013 and presented a Proclamation.

Proclamation, May 15, 2013 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls as Police Week

**Resolution No. 5-3-2013:** "To accept the resignation of David Waggett from the Zoning Hearing Board effective immediately."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 5-4-2013:** "To appoint Carl Ritenour to the Zoning Hearing Board; term to expire the first Monday of 2016."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 5-5-2013:** "To reappoint Shawn Pilla to the Zoning Hearing Board; term to expire the first Monday of 2018."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Ritch, Geyer, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Matthews noted that the Zoning Board has become a very viable board for the City with the passing of the new Zoning Ordinance. He announced there are three members and the City still needs one more member and asked that anyone interested please let Council know. Matthews added that if you are on the Zoning Board, you cannot be on any other board in the City.

**Resolution No. 5-6-2013:** "To reappoint Paul Whipkey to the Shade Tree Commission, term to expire the first Monday in January 2018."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 5-7-2013:** "To direct Connellsville Redevelopment Authority to revise the City's FFY (Federal Fiscal Year) 2010 CDBG program to add replacement of the stage flooring to the existing previously approved Community Center line item activity. Retroactive to May 8, 2013."

Councilman Ritch explained the stage at the Community Center is being replaced. He thanked Paula at the Redevelopment Authority for gathering information so this project could be completed.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 5-8-2013:** "To advertise to accept bids for the 2003 Ford Taurus used by the Police Department; bids to be Certified or Cashier's Check or Money Order and accompanied by 10% Bid Bond in a sealed envelope returned to the City Clerk's Office, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425 no later than 4 PM on June 19, 2013; The City of Connellsville reserves the right to reject all bids."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Ritch, Geyer, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 5-9-2013:** "TO CONFIRM THE USE OF THE CONNELLSVILLE SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE CONNELLSVILLE AREA SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER'S PREPARATION AND FILING OF A REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION PETITION WITH THE FAYETTE COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE AND LOCATED AT 100 EAST FAYETTE STREET, CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AT NO COST TO THE CITY."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Ritch, Geyer, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 5-10-2013:** "TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF SALE TRANSFERRING THE AARON'S BUILDING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 139 N. PITTSBURGH STREET, CONNELLSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, AND ANY ADJACENT PROPERTIES ACQUIRED BY THE CITY, TO TERRANCE C. SHALLENBERGER, JR. ON THE CONDITION THAT HE RENOVATE, RESTORE, OR DEMOLISH THE AARON'S BUILDING WITHIN EIGHTEEN MONTHS OF RECEIVING THE PROPERTY, AND SUBJECT TO SUCH OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS MAY BE AGREEABLE TO THE PARTIES; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CONNELLSVILLE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF REALLOCATING TO OTHER CITY PROJECTS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS PREVIOUSLY ALLOCATED TO THE DEMOLITION OF THE AARON'S BUILDING."

Matthew noted Council has been working on this a long time and if no further snags appear, the City will be grateful to Mr. Shallenberger.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Ritch, Geyer, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**REMINDERS:**

May 18<sup>th</sup>, Sustainable Connellsville Cleanup/Demolition  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, Connellsville Cares Cleanup from 9 AM – 5 PM beginning at ArtWorks  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, Hard to Recycle Event at the Fayette County Fairgrounds from 9 AM until 2 PM  
May 25<sup>th</sup>, Geranium Festival from 10 AM until 4 PM  
May 27<sup>th</sup>, Memorial Day Parade at 10 AM  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, Bike Rodeo (Bike for Books), Parking lot adjacent to Connellsville Bottling and Yough  
Park, Register 8:30 AM – 2 PM at Pavilion #1, Kids rodeo at 10 AM until 12 noon, Light lunch  
from 12 noon until 2 PM  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, Cornhole Tournament at East Park, signups at noon, tournament at 1 PM  
June 10<sup>th</sup>, Kids Fest at Rock Starz from 5 PM until 9 PM sponsored by Lions  
June 12<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, Family Fitness Program, Carnegie Library & Cameron Court, Get active, play  
games, make and eat healthy snacks, prizes and free babysitting for younger siblings. Contact  
the library for information at 724-628-1380.  
June 29<sup>th</sup>, Kate Cuneo Concert at the Community Center  
Lions Club Summer Concert Schedule  
Concerts are free, 7 PM – 9 PM, Bring your chair  
June 23, Nashville Past  
June 30, Sugar Mountain Band  
July 7, Travelin' Road Show  
July 14, Dunbar Boys  
July 21, Wally Gingers Orchestra  
July 28, The Molinaro Band  
August 4, Del Sols  
August 11, The High Ryder Band  
August 18, Dawson's Creek  
August 25, Eric Harvey & Band  
September 1, Harold Betters

#### **GEYER:**

Geyer thanked and congratulated Mayor Matthews on the news of the Aarons Building being sold, noting that the Mayor put more time into selling the building than anyone else.

#### **KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

**Resolution No. 5-11-2013:** "To hire Shawn Sherwood and Kyle Karwatsky as part time summer workers for the Public Works Department at \$7.25 per hour."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 5-12-2013:** "To authorize Aspect to map out and identify City corridors for bicycle infrastructure improvements and to approve the bicycle network corridor plan submitted by Aspect attached hereto and incorporated herein as on exhibit."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Ritch, Geyer, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

## **WEAVER:**

Health Department Report  
Fire Department Report  
New Haven Hose Report

**Resolution No. 5-13-2013:** "That the City of Connellsville apply for a Recycling 902 Grant to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Reminder, Cultural Trust Symposium, May 24<sup>th</sup> at Yough Park from 9 AM until 3 PM  
Weaver noted a concert at Porter Theater and the cost is \$15.  
She also noted the Golden Reunion is on the 26<sup>th</sup> at East Park.

## **RITCH:**

**Resolution No. 5-14-2013:** "ADOPTING A POLICY PERMITTING THE USE OF BOUNCE HOUSES, JUMPERS, BOUNCERS, AND OTHER INFLATABLES ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE AND REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH POLICY."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

## **CITY TREASURER REPORT:**

Keller gave the 'Review of revenues' then stated the following: "Best months are behind us" – "We will be short \$300,000 by the end of the year." – "We have received all CENTAX money" – "No other municipalities in the county are in the same boat"

Mayor Matthews stated that the City is optimistic and will be making it up.

Mayor Matthews then discussed Act 47. He announced that the State will not and cannot just come in and take the City over; the City must request it and vote on it. He further noted that the City is not even close to that.

## **CITY CONTROLLER REPORT: NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

**Resolution No. 5-15-2013:** "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.