

**Connellsville City Council  
Minutes  
July 12, 2016**

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, Tzan, Karpiak and McIntire. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

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

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Susan Ambrisco, Thanked Fayette Festivals

Chuck Hubbell, Pennies for Polio

Ron Gross, New Have Hose Report

Bob Ruck, Yough River Park (unable to make out words)

Mayor Lincoln stated the Police are watching Yough Park and no-one is to be there after 9 PM

Karen Hechler, Security at Crawford Cabin for re-enactors, People getting into property of Historical Society and tents of Braddock's Crossing's re-enactors

Jeff Wallace, Questioned who made the decision as to where the Italian Festival will be.

Councilman Karpiak stated Downtown has the RibFest and now the Westside will have the Italian Festival, noting the majority of the Westside is Italians.

Mayor Lincoln stated all of Council and Fayette Festivals gave input on where it would be held

Karen Parlak, Vandalism at Yough Park and a new Curfew Regulation is too extreme and punishing good people

Councilman Karpiak stated a neighborhood watch in that area would be a good idea

**CITY TREASURER JAYNES REPORT:** Absent

**CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:** Absent

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Fayette County Cultural Trust, Autumn Mum Festival on September 10, 2016

**Resolution No. 7-1-2016:** "To close Crawford Avenue between Arch and Pittsburgh Streets from 7 AM – 6 PM on Saturday, September 10, 2016 for the Autumn Mum 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 Tzan, Karpiak, McIntire and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Connellsville Patriots, Warriors Rock, November 5, 2016

#### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 7-2-2016:** "To approve the minutes from the June 21, 2016, 2016 City Council Meeting."

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

**Resolution No. 7-3-2016:** "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, Karpiak, McIntire and Keedy and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

#### **MAYOR LINCOLN:**

Police Department Report

Mayor Lincoln requested Chief Hammerle stand at the podium for a discussion. Lincoln stated everyone should call 911 when they see something wrong happening at Yough Park.

Chief Hammerle discussed the curfew and vandalism at Yough Park. He stated they just brought someone in, after reviewing video footage, from starting the fire in the restroom. Hammerle stated half were juveniles and half young adults. Hammerle also stated when they have a good foundation on someone over something bad they had done, "Why not write them a letter telling them they are no longer allowed on City property. If we catch them back on our property, we can charge them with trespassing."

Solicitor Witt explained the legal standpoint of a curfew.

Chief Hammerle stressed when someone sees something happening at Yough Park, call 911. He noted they are running from call to call to call and it may be 4 hours before they make it down there.

Councilwoman Tzan asked if the City can send out letters to the neighbors to watch and call 911.

Chief Hammerle suggested something be put in the paper and the City clear the brush out at the park so they have a clear view there. He also stated he will implement a schedule where they have to watch the park.

Mayor Lincoln asked that foot patrol be done. He questioned Hammerle if he recommends handling the vandalism by using his (Hammerle) idea or the Curfew Resolution.

Chief Hammerle stated he feels it's best to keep the vandals off the property.

Councilwoman Tzan questioned the No Loitering signs.

Chief Hammerle questioned what you are considering loitering because when you go to a park you are there to hang out. He explained disorderly conduct vs. loitering. Hammerle reiterated adding more security cameras and use his idea to weed to vandals out.

Councilman Karpiak questioned if the City can charge someone when they call the police to be a "mediator" or referee". He asked the solicitor to look into it.

Councilman Karpiak then questioned using quads.

City Clerk Ohler said that would be a liability issue.

Hammerle stated if there were more than 2 men on a shift, then maybe they could ride quads and bikes.

Mayor Lincoln stated Councilwoman Tzan authorized a laptop be used by dispatchers to view Yough Park at all times when they are working. He stressed something needs to be done to monitor Yough Park.

Mayor Lincoln stated he understands the Police Department is running thin and Captain Shaffer's last day is August 1, 2016. He stated they will promote to Captain and hire a Patrolman. Lincoln thanked Shaffer for his years of service.

Mike Parlak, former Police Officer, suggested the Auxiliary Police to be used at Yough Park to observe who the bad guys are.

Chief Hammerle stated they are spread thin right now and don't get paid. He was concerned to ask more of them.

Glenna Hughes suggested getting someone to walk the park. She recalled when Harold Jones walked East Park years ago when Haggerty was Mayor.

They discussed putting up new signs with the codes on them to be official.

**Resolution No. 7-4-2016:** "To open bids received for the 2001 Jeep Cherokee."

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

The following bids were opened by City Clerk Ohler:  
William Hammerle, bid of \$1,010.00  
James Ruff, bid of \$557.00

**Resolution No. 7-5-2016:** "To accept the bid from William Hammerle in the amount of \$1,010.00 for the 2001 Jeep Cherokee; to be sold as is."

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

**Resolution No. 7-6-2016:** "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 2016-2017."

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

**Resolution No. 7-7-2016:** "To authorize the purchase of a 2017 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor, a monthly lease payment in the amount of \$579.23 to C. Harper for the Auto Theft Task Force Vehicle Lease. Money to be reimbursed by the State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation Auto Theft Task Force; further authorizing Police Chief William Hammerle to execute all related lease and reimbursement documents."

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

Mayor Lincoln suggested tabling the next resolution and allow the Police Chief to try his idea then come back in August to see where they stand. He thanked everyone for the discussed and said he feels the City will get it back to what it is should be for a park.

#### **THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS TABLED**

**Resolution:** "To adopt and implement the Yough Park Curfew Rule, attached hereto and incorporated herein."

Mayor Lincoln stated business owners may want to take advantage of this next resolution and invest in their properties. He thanked the Solicitor and City Clerk for putting all this together. Lincoln stated there will be a public meeting to discuss this ordinance.

**Resolution No. 7-9-2016:** "To authorize the advertisement of BILL NO.1, AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY SITUATED IN THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE; DEFINING ELIGIBLE PROPERTY; SETTING A MAXIMUM EXEMPTION AMOUNT AND AN EXEMPTION SCHEDULE; AND PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR SECURING AN EXEMPTION."

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

**REMINDERS:**

Pennies for Polio. You may drop off your pennies at Artworks or Mancuso's Barber Shop

Recycling Days are July 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

July 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, St. Rita's Festival, 5:30 PM – 10 PM

Farmer's Market, July 16, 20 and 23. August 6, 13, 20 and 27, PNC Parking Lot

July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Movie at East Park, Big Hero

July 30<sup>th</sup>, Electronic Recycling Event, 9 AM – Noon, Public Works Garage

August 6<sup>th</sup>, Rock The Yough, East Park, 11 AM – 11 PM

August 6<sup>th</sup>, Catholic Festival by St. John's Church and Somerset Trust Bank

August 11<sup>th</sup>, Bootlegger's Ball, Third Street – west side, held by the Chamber of Commerce, 724-628-5500

August 26, 27 and 28, Italian Festival, 1<sup>st</sup> Street to 5<sup>th</sup> Street – west side, 9 AM – 11 PM, 27<sup>th</sup> is a classic car show on the downtown area

**KEEDY:**

Councilman Keedy stated there was a Budget Meeting and we are at about 50%. He also stated \$35,000 was recovered from the Payroll Account. He thanked everyone for working together.

**KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

**Resolution No. 7-10-2016:** "To enter into agreement with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the "2016-2017 Winter Municipal Agreement" for the sum of \$14,053.04."

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

Councilman Karpiak stated his prayers are with the families of those killed in Dallas. He told Chief Hammerle people are praying for them as well. Karpiak stated he would like to see the division closed up.

**TZAN:**

**Resolution No. 7-11-2016:** "To add the following addendum to the City of Connellsville's Standard Operating Procedure for Mountz Creek Park: Lights may be rented at Cat's Court until 10 PM Sunday through Thursday and 11 PM Friday and Saturday at an additional cost of \$25.00 per hour."

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

**Resolution No. 7-12-2016:** "To hire Jay Miller as Tennis Instructor for the Connellsville Recreation Board's Summer Sports Camp Program; at a rate of \$250 and money to be taken out of line item 450.00B."

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

**Resolution No. 7-13-2016:** "To approve and enter into the Cameron Court Park Project Memorandum of Understanding with the Connellsville Garden Club, attached hereto and incorporated herein."

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

#### **MCINTIRE:**

Health/Code Officer Report  
New Haven Hose Report

Tom Currey stated to remember the Burning Ordinance and that there is a recycling bin at the City Garage and that Advanced Disposal will take away grass clippings that are 40 lbs. and under. He added that Superior Mulch will take branches and yard trimmings. Currey added burning is Monday through Friday from 1 PM until 9 PM, Saturday 9 AM until 9 PM and no burning on Sunday and you cannot smoke out your neighbors.

Councilman McIntire requested no-one leave stagnate water on their properties.

**Resolution No. 7-14-2016:** "This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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