

**PUBLIC HEARING – 5:30 PM**  
**Connellsville City Council MINUTES**  
**APRIL 19, 2022**

**PUBLIC HEARING ROLL CALL:** Mayor Lincoln, Council members Karpiak, Keedy, Topper and Tiberio, City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Bill No. 2 of 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1492, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No Comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6 PM**

**CONNELLSVILLE CITY COUNCIL MEETING: 6 PM**

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

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

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jason Bandemer, PE In the Park: He stated the program is kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and will run five weeks in the summer, dates will be June 13<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> all being Monday through Thursday and the program will be held at East Park from 9 AM through 12 noon. He added if they get rained out, they will be able to use the Community Center and part of every registration will go back to the city parks. He explained this program is more than physical education, it is trying to teach the children to be good stewards of the community and parks and hopes that when they are adults this will be sentimental to them. The Facebook Page is “PE In the Park” and the email is [healthpekids@gmail.com](mailto:healthpekids@gmail.com) for anyone who wants to register.

Mayor Lincoln stated this is a great way to get the kids out and active and Community Ministries has given help for kids to register in the past.

Jason Bandemer added if there are kids that cannot afford it and there has been people that have volunteered to pay for someone’s registration which is \$70 a week with discounts for multiple kids and multiple weeks. He stated his objective is that he does not want to turn any child away and he will work with them.

Frank Jacobyansky, President of the Recreation Board, reminded everyone the city-wide cleanup is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 AM until 12 noon and have around 130 people who have committed to it and the Recreation Board is giving T-shirts to everyone who registered to volunteered.

Mr. Jacobyansky noted the estimate for fence repairs at Washington Avenue playground is around \$3,000.00.

Mr. Jacobyansky stated the Recreation Board approved funding to clean up the beach at Yough and found out that it is a done deal. He added he would like to have Brian Ritenour from R/R to meet with Eric Carter before he begins the project to discuss it being sustainable.

Mayor Lincoln added from the City's standpoint, the weeds have to be trimmed and maintained to keep people from hiding illegal activities.

Karen Hechler stated the Historical Society got a grant ten years ago to clean off the beach. She asked how the beach will be cleaned off and if they are leaving the trees.

Mayor Lincoln answered they cutting the vines off the trees, cut back the branches and open the view.

Councilwoman Tiberio noted the scope of work has been geared back from \$2,800 to \$2,400.

Council discussed the project further.

Councilman Topper noted the city begs people to have events and bring people into the city and yet Council makes it challenging for them. He added they even make donations to the Recreation Board.

Councilwoman Tiberio stated she just wants to see a thoughtful approach and preserve the good.

Mayor Lincoln added they are cutting branches and opening the view, there is 300-400 feet of beach to fish from.

Councilman Karpiak added there will be ground clearing to the beach according to Eric Carter, noting it will be approximately 15 to 20 feet round so little kids can cast and it will not go in the trees. He added what Carter scoped out, he was in total agreement with and there will not be skidders, just wheelbarrows and buggies.

Mayor Lincoln questioned if the they approve the resolution this evening, who is going to meet with Brian at R/R and tell him how he has to go forth down there?

City Clerk Ohler added they had agreed that everything is scaled back.

Council agreed to have someone meet with Brian from R/R before the work begins.

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:** Marily Weaver

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT:** William Addis

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Polish Independent Club, request use of street on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon until 8 PM

**Resolution No. 4-1-2022:** "To permit the Polish Independent Club use of the street between the Polish Club and the City Maintenance Building on Sunday, April 24, 2022 from 12 noon until 8 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.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No.: 4-2-2022:** "To accept the minutes from the March 15, 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.: 4-3-2022:** "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

Mayor Lincoln reminded residents there is a juvenile curfew at 10 PM in the city during school.

Chief Hammerle reminded residents to lock their cars at night and invest in cameras for your residence. He added the cameras will help the police a great deal.

Councilman Topper questioned orbeez guns and incidents in the city.

Hammerle replied if there is an incident, they will charge the person accordingly because it's illegal. He added the candidate for Police Secretary is well qualified and the new Patrolmen are doing well.

Mayor Lincoln stated it will be very hard to replace Janine, she has been with the city for 45 years and knows everything.

There were no bids for the 2008 Ford Explorer.

**Resolution No.: 4-4-2022:** “To place the 2008 Police Ford Explorer out to bid on Municibid. Bids will be until May 16, 2022 at 4 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.: 4-5-2022:** “To grant permission to the Connellsville Area Ministerial Association use of Veterans Plaza to hold its National Day of Prayer service on Thursday, May 5, 2022 from 12 Noon until 1:00 PM; Further authorizing the closure of North Arch Street at this time from through vehicular traffic; pending review and approval from the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief.”

Mayor Lincoln encouraged residents to take part in this event.

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.: 4-6-2022:** “To approve The First Amendment of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Connellsville and United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union. AFL-CIO. On its own behalf and on behalf of its Local Union 13836-23.”

City Clerk Ohler stated this is the agreed upon wage for the new hire and the contractual obligations the City has with the present Union Members. He added there has to be raises for them because they have to make more than the new hire.

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.: 4-7-2022:** “A resolution of the City Council of the City of Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, approving the preparation and submission of a credit card application and the issuance of a credit card, and authorizing use of such credit card.”

Mayor Lincoln questioned who will have access to the credit card.

City Clerk Ohler answered himself and Shanea. He added there is a \$2,000 limit on it.

Solicitor Witt added there will be a policy on how it is to be used with restrictions and review procedures.

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.: 4-8-2022:** “To hire Matthew J. Seighman, retroactive to April 3, 2022, as a part-time Dispatcher for the Connellsville Police Department at an hourly rate of \$7.75; money to be taken from line item 410.145.”

Mayor Lincoln stated he talked to the Chief about Matthew, noting he is working out really well down there and they are happy with him. He added he talked to Shelley and she stated Matthew loves the job. He further added maybe he found the career that he wants to go into, like going from dispatcher to the 911 Center. Mayor Lincoln added that he is glad they made this work and he is happy to hire him tonight.

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.: 4-9-2022:** “To hire Jennifer Bradmon for the position of Police Secretary at an annual salary of \$27,040.00 as set in the current Labor Contract, with funds to be taken from line item 410.143; Start date will be April 20, 2022.”

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.: 4-10-2022:** “To adopt Bill No. 2 of 2022, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1492, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, INCLUDING SECTION 2-104, PERMITTED USES AND USES BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION BY ZONING DISTRICT, TO ADD “CLINIC, MEDICAL” FROM A PERMITTED USE TO A USE BY SPECIAL EXCEPTION IN THE C-2, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT, TO ADD “OFFICE, PROFESSIONAL” AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE C-1, DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL, C-2, HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL, AND C-3, CORRIDOR COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICTS, AND TO REMOVE THE “OFFICE/CLINIC, MEDICAL” USE; SECTION 3-103 TO ADD PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS FOR “CLINIC, MEDICAL” AND “OFFICE, PROFESSIONAL” AND TO REMOVE PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS FOR “OFFICE/CLINIC, MEDICAL”; SECTION 11-100 TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR “CLINIC, MEDICAL,” TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR “OFFICE, PROFESSIONAL,” TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF “OFFICE, BUSINESS,” AND TO REMOVE THE DEFINITION FOR “OFFICE/CLINIC, MEDICAL”; AND ARTICLE VI TO ADD SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUIREMENTS FOR “CLINIC, MEDICAL” USES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Mayor Lincoln thanked Solicitor Witt for putting the ordinance together. He stated to all municipal, county or commonwealth leaders to look into what kind of ordinances they have like the city is doing

this evening. He added it is a good thing to know what is going into your city, borough or township. Mayor Lincoln explained you can't restrict them from coming in, however they can only go into certain areas. He expressed that if you do not have anything on your books right now, please do this now and not learn the hard way.

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:**

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, City-wide clean-up day – Mayor Lincoln stated he hopes that Jamie McPoyle makes an appearance since this has been his area for many years. He added he appreciates all the support.

April 24<sup>th</sup>, YRTC is having a cleanup day and partnering with employees from UPS. Mayor Lincoln stated they secured \$15,000 and depending on how many people come out Sunday, they may get more. He added their goal is to get another \$5,000 to bring their total to \$20,000 in grant monies which goes back into the bike trail that they maintain. Mayor Lincoln asked residents who have nothing to do Sunday to help, noting they will be meeting at the Memorial Bridge where they will be staining and repairing of the fencing.

May 5<sup>th</sup>, National Day of Prayer

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM – 2 PM, Chamber's Community Yard Sale, 724-628-5500 to register

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 AM – 4 PM, Amish Donuts, H & R Parking Lot

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 PM, New Haven Hose, Neon Nights, \$25 before April 23<sup>rd</sup> and be guaranteed a shirt, \$30 after April 23<sup>rd</sup>, register on-line [www.wolfcreektrackclub.com](http://www.wolfcreektrackclub.com). Mayor Lincoln stated this is an important fundraiser for our Volunteer Fire Department, you can dress up in costume, neon lights and colors and just walk and enjoy the city at night with no traffic.

April 30<sup>th</sup> is when Coffee on Crawford will open on 7<sup>th</sup> Street at 7 AM

May 14<sup>th</sup>, City's Spring clean-up day, Items to be at curb the evening before pickup. Mayor Lincoln stated they will not take TV's or electronics, building materials, tires or toxic chemicals. He added there is a recycling center off of Romeo Drive in Uniontown and on June 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a Hard to Recycle event where you can dispose of these type items for a small fee. He noted this is the only legal way to do it.

May 21<sup>st</sup>, Connellsville Area Garden Club, Geranium Sale, visit them on Facebook for information.

Mayor Lincoln added you can pay online or call a member to put your order in. He added May 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to order and you must pay by the 18<sup>th</sup> or you will not receive your flowers. He stated this is

their biggest fundraiser and it will be at the East Side Fire Hall. He noted this will be a great opportunity for everyone to see the great improvements to the fire hall which should be almost done by then.

Farmer's Market, vendor registration call Shelley: 724-628-2020 x 201, 8 AM–12 PM: May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Lincoln stated Coffee on Crawford should be at the Farmer's Markets. He added they are looking for food vendors and if you are a vendor and would like to sell, call Shelley. He noted the city is trying to give residents something to do on the weekends and get out of the house.

May 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM, Memorial Day Parade

June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, Yough River Rally, visit General Braddock's Fish Club for information updates. Mayor Lincoln added the duck tickets are for sell here at City Hall. He added they are giving \$10,000 to three places of the duck race, they are having anything that floats, tug of war, pageant, The Clarks are playing the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> and there will be great food and a great weekend.

May 14<sup>th</sup> is Saturate Connellsville. Mayor Lincoln stated the Ministerial Association will be placing door hangers on residences doors.

Mayor Lincoln thanked Councilman Keedy for giving 150 meals to our first responders and employees of Highlands Hospital. He stated the Garcia family made Easter Baskets to our Police Officers.

#### **KEEDY:**

**Resolution No.: 4-11-2022:** "To approve, appropriate, allocate, and add the sum of \$63,220.00 to line item 430.260, thereby increasing such line item, for the payment of a down payment on the purchase of the TYMCO Street Sweeper and to authorize the payment of the same; remainder of funding will come out of the City's Liquid Fuels Account."

City Clerk Ohler stated the city may have it by the beginning of May and there will be two training days for 3 or 4 employees who are operators.

Mayor Lincoln questioned what the schedule will be for the sweeper.

City Clerk Ohler stated the streets will probably be once of month.

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.: 4-12-2022:** "To approve, appropriate, allocate, and add the sum of \$12,883.00 to line item 430.260, thereby increasing such line item, for the purchase of a 2000 Case Loader and Tiger Flail Mower from Connellsville Township."

Mayor Lincoln questioned if this is something that can be used at the riverbank.

Councilman Karpiak stated it is ideal for that. He added the arm on it probably goes 10 feet.

City Clerk Ohler added the mower is probably 4 feet wide. He added that you probably have a 12-foot reach on it.

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.: 4-13-2022:** "To apply for a credit card through Scottdale Bank and have the Director of Accounts and Finances, The City Treasurer, The City Controller and City Clerk if needed to sign any and all necessary documents."

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.: 4-14-2022:** "To approve the eligible list of active volunteers as submitted to the City of Connellsville, for tax credits under Act 172 and Ordinance #1533 of 2018 by "qualified Participants" 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.

#### **KARPIAK:**

##### Health/Code Officer's Report

Tom Currey, Code Officer, asked residents to keep their grass and weeds cut and put their garbage in cans with lids at all times.

Councilman Karpiak stated that if you do not cut your grass, the City can do more than fine you, the City can put a lien on your property.

##### New Haven Hose Report by Lieutenant Bill Addis

Mayor Lincoln questioned if the illegal burn was in the City and if there was a citation issued.

Addis answered it was in the city and once New Haven responds, the Police and Code Officer do citations.



Addis discussed the 5K coming up. He added it went up from \$25 to \$30 and shirts are not guaranteed after the 23<sup>rd</sup>. He noted you can register on-line or message the New Haven or Neon Nights page or pickup an application at City Hall, the Fire Station or Vona's.

Mayor Lincoln added it is a great and fun night and appreciates people supporting New Haven Hose.

Addis stated they will have pizza and snacks afterwards and posting the results afterwards. He added they changed the route a bit to make it easier for traffic flow and it is on the Neon Nights page.

Chief Hammerle thanked New Haven Hose for allowing them to use their hall for yearly update training and for allowing them to use it two days next month.

Councilman Karpiak thanked Fayette EMS for helping his granddaughter who had an allergic reaction. He asked for legislation to be changed so ambulances will carry EpiPens.

Melissa Tzan stated a bill was just passed in 2018 allowing ambulances to carry them as well as anyone around a child, noting they have to take a course to carry them.

Chief Hammerle added there are certain levels to the EpiPens and if you give the wrong one, you can kill them.

Councilman Karpiak stated that Fayette EMS had the serum, put it in a syringe, gave it to his granddaughter and saved her life. He again thanked the workers from Fayette EMS.

**TOPPER:**

**Resolution No.: 4-15-2022:** "To approve fence repairs at Washington Avenue Playground with funds to be taken from Recreation Account line item #450.374."

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.: 4-16-2022:** "To approve R&R Tree Service to cut back the riverbank at Yough Park at a price of \$2,400.00 with funds to be taken from the Recreational Account line item 450.374."

Solicitor Witt noted there is a Zoning Ordinance and the intent of this would be to exclude the city from that particular Zoning Ordinance which is Section 4-112 from the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Lincoln stated this project is not happening on City of Connellsville property.

Solicitor Witt questioned if this is a city project.

Councilwoman Tiberio stated it is in conjunction with General Braddock's Fish Club.

Tom Currey, Zoning Officer, stated if the city exempts the project, it will be fine.

Solicitor Witt stated that if the city is approving a project, it is then a city project regardless of where it is occurring. He added the city has already taken care of steps like making sure the DEP is ok with it and making sure there is no equipment in the water. He added if council wants to proceed, it would be with the understanding you are excluding that particular project from those sections of the Zoning Ordinance.

Mayor Lincoln added that someone needs to supervise this project and meet with Brian from R&R.

Councilwoman Tiberio stated she is unsure if the Historical Society has granted permission for anything to be done.

Mayor Lincoln and Councilman Karpiak noted Ms. Hechler stated she is ok with the project. Mayor Lincoln added she stated she wants to know how the project will be done.

Councilwoman Tiberio stated she thinks council should iron that out with them. She questioned if they should have an agreement with them because council is suggesting that the city pay for it. She added she is against using the Recreation Board Funds because that is the cost of the Rally.

Councilman Topper questioned how much money the Rally (General Braddock's Fish Club) donated to the Recreation Board last year.

Councilman Karpiak stated \$8,500.

Councilwoman Tiberio stated that was last year.

Councilman Topper questioned Councilwoman Tiberio, "Don't you think they will donate again this year?"

Councilwoman Tiberio answered she does, but that would be the cost of the business. She added half of it is coming from the Recreation and half from Braddock's. She noted her problem is that the work is on Historical Society Property.

Solicitor Witt stated the city will want to get in writing from the Historical Society that they approve the work.

Councilman Topper noted they have been discussing this for two months and every time it is brought up, there are new issues. He added weeks go by and no one says anything, we come to a Council Meeting and now we have issues.

Councilwoman Tiberio added Karen Hechler thought that Eric Carter was going to do the work and he is the Watershed guy.

Councilman Topper stated he doesn't know why the River Rally even tries to have it here anymore. He added they should just go to West Newton or somewhere else. He further stated council keeps saying they want people to come in and do these things and "why don't we just leave it to somebody else. This is just unbelievable to me." Councilman Topper added council is just talking about cutting some poison ivy, it has been three months now council has been discussing this and the River Rally is going to come and go. He further stated he doesn't know why they or anyone wants to have anything in the city parks because the city has become a government that red flags everything.

Councilwoman Tiberio stated she disagrees with that.

Councilman Topper stated council has been talking about clearing poison ivy for three months and this is a typical government. He added there were two meetings with ten people for hours and the Mountain Shed guy gave us all the directions.

Councilman Karpiak added that guy went further than he thought he was going to because he told us after you cut it, spray it.

Mayor Lincoln stated they are now going to vote on it. He added he wants someone to oversee the project.

Councilman Karpiak stated he is willing to get ahold of Eric and bring him to City Hall to talk with him. He added they will get a ground paint can and mark all the areas we are going to take out.

Councilwoman Tiberio stated that was a good idea.

A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Councilmember Keedy. Councilwoman Tiberio stated she is in agreement, but not with the funds and feels it should come out of the River Rally.

Councilman Topper stated now they are changing the resolution and questioned Solicitor Witt if they are changing it a lot.

Solicitor Witt replied the resolution is as stated and there is an understanding there the resolution as presented would be for the funds to come from the Recreation Account.

Councilwoman Tiberio stated to her it is twofold and if they can't break it down and she will have to go with no.

The remainder of the vote was affirmative: Councilmen Karpiak, Topper and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No.: 4-17-2022:** "To purchase two flower planters from the Chamber of Commerce at a total cost of \$140.00; money to be taken from 409.226."

Mayor Lincoln stated he wishes the flowers were being purchased from a city business like DeMuth's, Martins or supporting the Garden Club.

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

**Resolution No.: 4-18-2022:** "To grant permission to the Connellsville Festival Association in conjunction with the Connellsville Recreation Board to have a Red, White and Boom Festival on July 2, 2022 on North Arch Street and West Apple Street from 2:00 PM until 11:00 PM; further permitting items requested in the Utilization Form."

Mayor Lincoln thanked Councilman Keedy, the Festival Association and the Recreation Board for putting something like this together at such a late stage. He questioned the use of the upstairs and downstairs of the fire station.

Councilman Keedy stated they are selling stuff out of the upstairs of the fire station.

Mayor Lincoln then stated the bathrooms at Yough Park are not designed to flush a thousand times in a five-hour period. He added if they don't get the plumbing fixed, the toilets will then backup and we will have to call the Public Works Department who we will have to pay overtime to fix the issue. He expressed that the city should require port-a-potties at events and volunteers can use the restrooms.

Councilman Keedy stated there will be fireworks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and rain date the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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.: 4-19-2022:** "To approve a designated area of Yough River Park as a "Smoking Area" during the Yough River Rally, June 3, 4 and 5, 2022."

Mayor Lincoln announced Churchill Cigar Lounge will be selling cigars at that area during the event.

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.: 4-20-2022:** "To advertise for sealed bids for the re-roofing of the Connellsville Public Works Garage on the two end towers for trussed metal roofing. All bids must be submitted by May 17, 2022 at 4:00 PM to Widmer Engineering and will be open on May 17, 2022 at 6 PM at Connellsville City Hall, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425."

Councilman Topper questioned how the city is making sure jobs are completed 100% correctly and if there is a follow-up process. He noted the East Park bandshell collapse.

City Clerk Ohler stated the city uses Widmer Engineering for the bidding process. He asked Mr. Bell from Widmer Engineering if they do the inspections.

Kerry Bell, Widmer Engineering, replied yes, they will be out there doing inspections, they will be doing submittals and they will be out there while they are putting the roof up.

Mayor Lincoln questioned if they are going to have a maintenance schedule to clean the roof and can it be determined if the drains were clogged or was there two feet of water on the roof and that is what caused it to collapse.

City Clerk Ohler stated the collapse was due to rot and decay of the wood.

Councilman Karpiak stated the material that the band shell roof was reconnected to was suspect.

City Clerk Ohler stated Steve from Widmer Engineering has reached out to the Redevelopment Authority on this project.

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.: 4-21-2022:** "To do semi-monthly transfers from the Recreation Account to the General Fund to pay the employees at the Visitors Center. Funds are from a GO Laurel Highlands Grant."

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.

#### **TIBERIO:**

Public Works Report

**Resolution No.: 4-22-2022:** "To purchase a 2000 Case Loader/Mower from Connellsville Township at a cost of \$12,883.00; funds to be taken from line item #430.260."

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.: 4-23-2022:** "To authorize the City Clerk permission to sign off on any and all necessary documents for the purchase of the TYMCO Street Sweeper."

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.: 4-24-2022:** "To authorize the City Clerk permission to sign off on any and all necessary documents for the purchase of the 2000 Case Loader/Mower."

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.: 4-25-2022:** "To have Widmer Engineering perform a structural study on the "Wills Road Wall" for planning and funding purposes; Money to be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund."

Councilwoman Tiberio stated Widmer Engineering has been doing studies on this for 15+ years and checking for movement in different areas. She added they want to get a comprehensive plan in place to either shore it up, rebuild it or who knows.

Mayor Lincoln stated he would like to see that section of pavement that is destroyed to be fixed without disturbing that wall.

Councilman Karpiak stated that is possible. He added once they get an idea of what the outside of the wall looks like.

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.: 4-26-2022:** "To hire Dakota Nicholson as a seasonal employee for the Public Works Department with funds being taken out of line item 430.145."

Councilman Topper noted he saw the summer workers going to a sight to work and by the time he got there they were out of the truck and working.

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.: 4-27-2022:** "To Place Out for Bids the 2022 Paving Project, all bids must be submitted by May 17, 2022 at 4:00 PM to Widmer Engineering and will be open on May 17, 2022 at 6 PM at Connellsville City Hall, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425."

Mayor Lincoln questioned the City Clerk if he had the list of where the paving will be done.

City Clerk Ohler answered they are mostly paving Highland and Cummings Avenue to help with the NO LEFT TURN and everything else is on the west side. He added it is a very small list and is around \$100,000.00. He suggested to council to take the remaining budget and fix the Baldwin Avenue bridge with that money. He discussed it further.

Mayor Lincoln stated Commissioner Vicitis stated our area is getting about 1 billion in infrastructure funding and the time to apply for the funding is now. He added they should apply now for this for the Wills Road wall and Baldwin Avenue Bridge. He noted if the monies are not approved, then use the city funds.

City Clerk Ohler stated he will look into it.

Mayor Lincoln stated PA American Water has been waiting a month for their permit from PennDOT to do their project on the west side.

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.: 4-28-2022:** "That this meeting of 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.