

**Connellsville City Council  
Minutes  
February 21, 2017**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 6:30 PM at City Hall, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Lincoln, Council members Keedy, Karpiak, Tzan and McIntire. Also attending was City Clerk Ohler and Solicitor Witt.

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

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

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Joe Orszulak, Request for Mayor and Council oppose House Bill 41, a new law setting the selling procedures for precious metals, noting it will put him out of business

Chuck Hubbell, update on polio vaccine

Russ Brown, Rocking Rib Fest update – June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mayor Lincoln asked Chief Hammerle if he had any comments on security.

Hammerle stated he had two officers on foot last year along with the Auxiliary Police. He noted that worked well.

Mayor Lincoln stated they will have to work out a fee schedule for the Auxiliary, as they feel they are not being compensated fairly. He noted they are important to the City.

**Resolution No. 2-15-2017:** "To enter into an agreement with Fayette Festivals LLC, to hold the 3rd Annual "Rockin Rib Fest" on Friday June 30, Saturday July 1 and Sunday July 2, 2017. Fayette Festivals LLC, will pay the City of Connellsville \$3,000.00 plus have other responsibilities that will be stated in the contract."

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

Marybeth Salentino, Discussed Connellsville Clean up. Salentino noted anyone wishing to sign up can go to the Health Insurance Store, 121 North Pittsburgh Street. She noted anyone wishing to sponsor should know it is tax deductible. She also discussed "teachPA.or".

**CITY TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Weaver reviewed her report and noted she is happy with her staff and the work that they have done

**CITY CONTROLLER'S REPORT: ABSENT**

## CORRESPONDENCE:

Fayette County Community Action, Empty Bowls Event, Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 11 Am until 3 PM at the FCCAA Adult Recreation Center (formerly the Senior Center), 137 North Beeson Blvd., Uniontown.

Veterans Commission, Memorial Day Parade/Program, May 29, 2017 at 10 AM

**Resolution No. 2-1-2017:** "To close West Crawford Avenue to North Pittsburgh Street and East Crawford Avenue to the Memorial at North Pittsburgh Street and Memorial Blvd. for the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29, 2017; pending approval of Police Chief and Penn DOT."

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

## REGULAR AGENDA:

**Resolution No. 2-2-2017:** "To approve the minutes from the January 17, 2017 City Council Meeting."

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

**Resolution No. 2-3-2017:** "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, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

## MAYOR LINCOLN:

Police Department Report

Chief Hammerle reviewed his report, discussed robberies in the City and the taser upgrades. He also urged residents to drop off their unused medications to the Police Station so they can dispose of them properly.

Mayor Lincoln reminded residents of curfew being 10 PM Sunday through Thursday and 11 PM Friday through Saturday.

Hammerle announced the Police will be strongly enforcing curfew in the parks.

Community Center Request read

**Resolution No. 2-4-2017:** "To reappoint Dolores Tissue to the Greater Connellsville Area Community Center Board of Directors for a Five (5) Year Term, to expire the first Monday in January 2022."

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

**Resolution No. 2-5-2017:** "To appoint Ginny McDowell to the Greater Connellsville Area Community Center Board of Directors for a Two (2) Year Term, to expire the first Monday in January 2019."

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

**Resolution No. 2-6-2017:** "To appoint Crissy Lowther to the Greater Connellsville Area Community Center Board of Directors for a Four (4) Year Term, to expire the first Monday in January 2021."

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

Mayor Lincoln thanked Shelly Primus for her hard work in getting the City Boards filled, noting she made it her mission to get the boards filled and they will be filled this evening.

**Resolution No. 2-7-2017:** "To reappoint Norma J. Cindric to the Connellsville Municipal Authority Board for a Five (5) Year Term, to expire the first Monday in January 2022."

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

**Resolution No. 2-8-2017:** "To reappoint James Lembo to the Traffic Committee; term to expire 2021."

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

**Resolution No. 2-9-2017:** "To reappoint John Irwin to the Traffic Committee; term to expire 2020."

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

**Resolution No. 2-10-2017:** "To reappoint Joe Ambrose, Sr. to the Senior Citizens Board of Directors; term to expire the first Monday in January of 2021."

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

**Resolution No. 2-11-2017:** "To reappoint Pastor Don Smith to the Senior Citizens Board of Directors; term to expire the first Monday in January of 2019."

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

**Resolution No. 2-12-2017:** "To appoint Rick Galasso to the Connellsville Planning Commission effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday in January 2020."

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

**Resolution No. 2-13-17:** "To appoint Shannon Cuneo to the Connellsville Planning Commission effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday in January 2020."

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

**Resolution No. 2-14-2017:** "To permit Geibel High School to erect an Overhead Banner on East Crawford Avenue at Prospect Street on March 6, 2017 and remove on March 20, 2017; banner to be size and clearance as stated on application. Banner is pending approval from Pennsylvania Department of Transportation."

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

**REMINDERS:**

CAHS Musical, Beauty and the Beast, March 2nd, 3rd and 4th at 7 PM and 5th at 2 PM, Sr. High

New Haven Hose Hoagie Sales: March 4th, April 1st, May 6th, June 3rd, August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, November 4th

Recycling pickup will be March 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Mayor Lincoln asked residents to please recycle as it benefits the City and Earth

March 11<sup>th</sup>, Porter Theater, 7:30 PM, \$15 ticket, The band "Switch" will be playing

March 11<sup>th</sup>, Soup Walk, 11 AM – 2 PM, For information visit [downtownconnellsville.org](http://downtownconnellsville.org) or stop by the Canteen

March 11th, Carnegie Library Book Sale, 10 AM - 3 PM, Bag of books - \$7 - \$12

March 12th, Daylight savings Time begins

March 17th, 18th and 19th, Sister Act by Geibel School at the State Theater, 7 PM on Friday and Saturday and 2 PM on Sunday

March 24<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> is the Jr. High's "Wizard of Oz" musical

April 22nd is City wide Cleanup (Community Day). Sign your group up at the Health Ins. Store

May 6th is the Annual Yard Sale. Call the Chamber of Commerce at 724-628-5500

May 13th is the City's Spring Clean Up with Advanced Disposal pickup of large items

May 13<sup>th</sup>, New Haven Hose 5K Neon Race

March 5<sup>th</sup> is Spaghetti fundraiser Connellsville Festival Association at the Eagles, \$8 dinner

April 29<sup>th</sup> is the Festival Association's Cash bash at the Eagles, tickets are available at Keedy's Pizza

#### **KEEDY:**

**Resolution No. 2-16-2017:** "That proper authorization is given to pay the following expenditures for each and every month for the calendar year 2017: All public utilities, employee benefit premiums; traffic control under \$500.00; police vehicle monthly leases; collection fees from Southwest Regional Tax Bureau; Culligan Water; Cintas 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 Tzan, Keedy, Karpiak and McIntire and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

**Resolution No. 2-17-2017:** "To transfer Rebecca G. Irwin from Part Time Tax Clerk to Substitute Tax Clerk effective immediately."

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

**Resolution No. 2-18-2017:** "To transfer Gwendolyn Nelson from Substitute Tax Clerk to Part Time Tax Clerk effective immediately."

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

Councilman Keedy thanked the Tax Office Staff and Treasurer Weaver for their hard work

#### **KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

**Resolution No. 2-19-2017:** "To advertise to accept sealed bids for furnishing and installing various traffic signal equipment for the City of Connellsville in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, Penn DOT guidelines, ordinances and City specifications. Sealed bids containing Certified Check or Bid Bond in the amount of 10% of the bid will be opened March 21, 2017 at 6:00 PM during the regular City Council Meeting. The City of Connellsville reserves the right to reject any or all proposals."

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

**Resolution No. 2-20-2017:** "To ratify a three year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, on behalf of AFL-CIO CLC, Local Union 13836-10. All Agreement terms are retroactive to January 1, 2017."

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

**Resolution No. 2-21-2017:** "To accept the bid of \$5,750.00 from South Huntingdon Township for the leaf vacuum and collection box. Bids were through "Municibid" website."

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

**Resolution No. 2-22-2017:** "To enter into an INTERMUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT SHARING AGREEMENT (hereinafter this "Agreement") by and between the Township of Bullskin, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, with an address at 178 Shenandoah Road, Connellsville, PA 15425; the City of Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, with an address at 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425; the Township of Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, with an address at 166 McCoy Hollow Road, Connellsville, PA 15425; and the Borough of South Connellsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, with an address at 1503 South Pittsburgh Street, Connellsville, PA 15425, all parties being municipal corporations duly organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania."

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

**Resolution No. 2-23-2017:** "To introduce Bill No. 1 of 2017; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE City of Connellsville TO ENTER AN INTERMUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT SHARING AGREEMENT WITH OTHER MUNICIPALITIES UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ACT."

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

Councilman Karpiak announced the City will be selling the decorative lights that they are replacing with the new LED lights.

**Resolution No. 2-24-2017:** "To sell old decorative lights that were replaced by the new LEDs on "MuniciBid".

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

**Resolution No. 2-25-2017:** "To purchase and install LED lights on both the Memorial Bridge and the Mcrae Robb Bridge, funds to be taken out of the "Liquid Fuels" account."

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

City Clerk Ohler stated he is still getting quotes for installation and it will be under \$10,000, so he is making phone calls. He added there has been a savings of around \$3,600 on electric.

**TZAN:**

**Resolution No. 2-26-2017:** "To reappoint Jacinta Stout Ptacek to the Connellsville Recreation Board; term to expire the first Monday of 2021."

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

Councilwoman Tzan announced the following Standard Operating Procedures are basically the same as before.

Mayor Lincoln stated if you are interested in reserving a park, please call Shelley at City Hall first and see what is available.

**Resolution No. 2-27-2017:** "To adopt the new Standard Operating Procedures for all City Parks as submitted by the Connellsville Recreation Board attached hereto; procedures to be in effect immediately."

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

**Resolution No. 2-28-2017:** "To accept the resignation of Alma King from the Recreation Board effective March 1, 2017."

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

**Resolution No. 2-29-2017:** "To accept the resignation of Michelle Kuzma from the Recreation Board effective immediately."

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

**Resolution No. 2-30-2017:** "To apply for DEP Permit GP-4, for installation of a dry hydrant for New Haven Hose Company at Yough Park, with entire funding coming from New Haven Hose Company."

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

**Resolution No. 2-31-2017:** "To apply for DEP Permit GP-2 , for completion of the boat ramp at Yough Park."

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

**\*Resolution No. 2-32-2017:** "To approve contract with the "Connellsville Festival Association" for "Rock the Yough" at East Park Saturday August 12, 2017."

Mayor Lincoln stated tickets are available now.

Councilman Keedy stated they are \$15 now and \$20 the day of the event.

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

#### **MCINTIRE:**

Health/Code Officer Report  
New Haven Hose Report

**Resolution No. 2-33-2017:** "To appoint Dennis Morris to the Connellsville Board of Health effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday of 2022."

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

**Resolution No. 2-34-2017:** "To appoint Michael Cramer to the Connellsville Board of Health effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday in April of 2021."

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



Tom Currey announced the Landlord Registration and Vacant Building Ordinance papers went out in the mail. He requested residents to get them fill out and sent back to the City. He also reminded residents that there needs to be an inspection scheduled for all vacant buildings.

Mayor Lincoln announced with taxes will be a flyer with important information about the City that residents need to keep. He thanked Tom Currey and Shelley Primus for putting it together.

**Resolution No-2017:** "This this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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