

**Connellsville City Council
Minutes
APRIL 15, 2014**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Lincoln, Council members Karpiak, Geyer and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was City Clerk Tesauro and Solicitor Witt. Absent was Councilman Zolbrod.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:

REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bob Topper, New Haven Hose Report review, new Rescue Pumper coming in July, extra rescue training, upcoming events and fundraisers

Linda Shearer, Patriots Auction information.

James Moore, Requested to have a summer concert series June through September at East Park or Yough Park. He requested Council waive the fee of using the park.

Mayor Lincoln instructed Moore to place his request in letter form.

Ritch asked for a proposal from Moore who stated he will have it to him by Monday.

Jacinta Ptacek, Connellsville Recreation Board, Recreation Board updates and events for the summer.

Judy Keller, change in election polling places, supports Don't Trash My Turf. Keller read the new wards and where they are to vote:

Wards #1 and #5 are now combined to ward #1 and vote at Calvary Assembly of God Church
Wards #2 and #3 are now combined to ward #2 and vote at the East Side Fire Station's Arch Street entrance

Ward #4 is now ward #3 and votes at the Community Center

Ward #6 is now ward #3 at votes at New Haven Hose

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolution No. 4-1-2014: "To approve the minutes from the March 18, 2014 City Council Meeting."

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

Resolution No. 4-2-2014: "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 Geyer, Ritch, Karpiak and Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Chamber of Commerce, Fireworks celebration

Resolution No. 4-3-2014: "To close North Arch Street, in front of City Hall, on July 3, 2014 from 4:30 PM until 10:00 PM for the annual Fireworks celebration; pending approval of Police Chief." A vote upon the adoption of the resolution resulted as follows: Affirmative were Geyer, Ritch, Karpiak and Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

Connellsville Garden Club, Geranium Festival

Resolution No. 4-4-2014: "To close Crawford Avenue between Arch Street and Pittsburgh Street on Friday, May 23, 2014 from 7 AM until 5 PM for the Geranium Festival; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Penn DOT."

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

Chamber of Commerce, Savor the Avenue event

Resolution No. 4-5-2014: "To close Crawford Avenue, between Pittsburgh and Arch Streets, from 4:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Saturday, August 16, 2014 for Savor the Avenue event; pending review and approval of the Police Chief and Penn DOT."

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

New Haven Hose, 5K Run / Walk

Resolution No. 4-6-2014: "To close all necessary streets for short periods of time for New Haven Hose to have a 5K run/walk on May 10, 2014 beginning 8:00 PM, pending approval of Police Chief and Penn DOT."

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

MAYOR LINCOLN:

Mayor Lincoln wished Chief Capitos a Happy Birthday

Police Department Report

Lincoln stated come May the officers may be out on bicycles. He added the police will be walking the beat now when there are no calls to respond to.

Lincoln discussed the Alarm Ordinance that hasn't been enforced will now be enforced.

Resolution No. 4-7-2014: “To adopt Bill No. 1, Ordinance No. 1506, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CURFEW FOR MINORS DURING NIGHT AND SCHOOL HOURS; REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES; ESTABLISHING UNLAWFUL CONDUCT OF MINORS, PARENTS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OPERATORS; DEFINING EXCEPTIONS TO UNLAWFUL CONDUCT; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT.”

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

Resolution No. 4-8-2014: “To approve any extension of curfew hours requested or promulgated by the Chief of Police on nights during which there are Connellsville Area School District home football games and other school events.”

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

Resolution No. 4-9-2014: “To accept the retirement and resignation letter of Paula Childs, Tax Clerk effective August 1, 2014.”

Lincoln thanked Childs for her service.
Karpiak added that she is a wonderful individual.

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

Resolution No. 4-10-2014: “To advertise and accept applications for one full-time Tax Clerk. Salary and benefits as set in the current contract. Applications are to be submitted to the City Treasurer, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425, no later than May 12, 2014 at 5:00 PM.”

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

Resolution No. 4-11-2014: “To advertise and accept applications for one part-time Tax Clerk to be paid \$7.50 an hour not to exceed \$3,600.00 annually from the City and \$3,000 annually from the Connellsville Area School District. Applications are to be submitted to the City Treasurer, 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA 15425, no later than May 12, 2014 at 5:00 PM.”

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

Resolution No. 4-12-2014: “To adopt the Connellsville Police Department Mandatory Use of Body Armor Policy.”

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

Resolution No. 4-13-2014: “That the City of Connellsville supports the Don’t Trash My Turf Campaign to help fight littering and keep the City of Connellsville a clean City.”

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

Lincoln congratulated Coach Sankovich for being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Resolution No. 4-14-2014: "To adopt Bill No. 2, Ordinance No. 1507 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 996, ENACTED FEBRUARY 27, 1967, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1211, SECTIONS ENACTED APRIL 13, 1981; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF THE DEMOLITION BOND."

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

REMINDER:

Offices at City Hall will be closed on April 18, 2014 in observance of Good Friday

April 26th, Wesley United Methodist Church's "all you can eat" Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, Adults \$7 – Children 12 and under \$3, 4 PM – 7 PM, take-outs and curbside available

May 3rd, Community Yard Sale, 8 AM until finished

May 3rd, Community Center's Indoor Flea Market, 724-626-0300

May 3rd, Lions Club Annual Rabies Clinic, Saturday, May 3rd from 2 PM – 4 PM, \$10 per pet, Lions Square, 144 W Crawford Avenue. Have all dogs and cats on leashes or in carrier.

May 8th, CAHS Patriots, Annual Auction, for information call 724-322-1494

May 10th, City wide clean-up day, place items at curbside the night before

May 10th, National Train Day at the Connellsville Canteen

May 10th, Highland's Hospital Fashion Show at the Community Center, 724-626-0300

Geranium Festival, May 24th from 9 AM until 4 PM

Geyer commended Councilman Zolbrod for his part in the City-wide clean-up day. He then stated April 24th, 25th and 26th is the G-11 Conference.

Please email Shelley your events at connellsvillesecretary@gmail.com or contact her at 724-628-2020 ext. 201

GEYER:

Resolution No. 4-15-2014: "To pay Mockenhaupt \$4,255.00 for consulting, actuarial and administrative services through February 28, 2014 for the Police Pension Plan."

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

Resolution No. 4-16-2014: "To donate \$75 to New Haven Hose Volunteer Fire Department for two American Flags to be displayed at City Hall on eight holidays."

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

Resolution No. 4-17-2014: "To close PNC Checking Accounts #5385 (Parking Lot) and #5393 (Parking Lot). Further authorizing the transfer of funds, approximately \$250, into Account #9053 (PLGIT Parking Revitalization)."

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

KARPIAK:

Public Works Report

This next resolution deals with a reimbursement agreement between the City of Connellsville and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the inspection of City owned bridges. This agreement provides for the City to pay \$7,562.61, which is 20% of the cost for these inspections. This will save the City \$30,250.43, which will be reimbursed by the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration ("FHWA").

Resolution No. 4-18-2014: "It is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Mayor of said municipality be authorized and directed to sign attached agreement on its behalf and that the City Clerk be authorized and directed to attest the same."

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

Karpiak discussed the possibility hiring five summer workers with the salary coming from pavilion rentals. He stated he would like that done at the next Council meeting.

Ritch added one of their duties would be to prepare the pavilions when rented.

RITCH:

Resolution No. 4-19-2014: "To accept the bid of White Knight for the rental of the concession stand at Yough Park, on the condition that White Knight enter into an agreement prepared by the City Solicitor, such agreement being hereby authorized and approved."

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

Resolution No. 4-20-2014: "To accept the resignation of James Moore from the Connellsville Recreation Board as a voting member effective immediately."

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

Resolution No. 4-21-2014: “To accept the letter of intent of Mikki A. McMullen as a voting member of the Connellsville Recreation Board effective immediately; term to expire the first Monday in January 2019.”

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

Resolution No. 4-22-2014: “To hire 2 summer workers at a rate of \$7.50 per hour not to exceed 35 hours.”

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

Resolution No. 4-23-2014: “To name Pavilion #2 after Ralph Wombacker, to honor his work in getting this park established and completed. Ralph H. Wombacker Memorial Pavilion.”

Ritch read a letter he received from Ted Kovall of the Yough River Trail Council.

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

Resolution No. 4-24-2014: “To close the top half of the parking lot used by Christian Ministries to the top half shared by PNC Bank and the Paintroom on June 21, 2014 from 8 PM – 11 PM for an outdoor concert.”

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

Ritch wished everyone a Happy Easter

MAYOR LINCOLN ON BEHALF OF ZOLBROD:

Lincoln stated Zolbrod wanted him to thank the businesses that donated to the City Clean-up Day.

Lincoln added the Mason’s and the Police Officer’s Association cleaned up East Park

Fire Department Report
Health Department Report
New Haven Hose Report

Mayor Lincoln thanked everyone for their help with the Cleanup Connellsville

CITY TREASURER KELLER’S REPORT:

CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:

Resolution No. 4-25-2014: “That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn.”

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