

**Connellsville City Council  
Minutes  
JUNE 12, 2014**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 5:00 PM at City Hall, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Lincoln, Council members Karpiak, Geyer, Zolbrod and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was City Clerk Tesauro and Solicitor Witt.

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

**REMARKS FROM VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Tom Currey, Discussed high grass in the City.

Toni Sanner, Marching Band fundraiser at PNC Bank.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Lisa Gaspari, Thanking the Connellsville Police Department

The Catholic Community of Connellsville, Festival on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Resolution No. 6-1-2014:** "To close the alley between the St. John the Evangelist Church and the train station building for the Catholic Community of Connellsville's Festival on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014; pending review and approval of Police Chief."

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

Fayette Co. Cultural Trust, September 6<sup>th</sup> Mum Festival on September 6<sup>th</sup>

**Resolution No. 6-2-2014:** "To close Crawford Avenue between Arch Street and Pittsburgh Street from 7 AM until 5 PM on September 6, 2014 for the annual Mum Festival; pending review and approval of Police Chief and Penn DOT."

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

Guy Tressler, Westside Hill Italian Bash on July 20<sup>th</sup>

**Resolution No. 6-3-2014:** "To close Banning Avenue from the alley adjacent to 1336 Banning Avenue to the intersection of North Eleventh Street on July 20, 2014; pending review and approval of Police Chief."

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 6-4-2014:** “To approve the minutes from the May 20, 2014 City Council Meeting.”

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

**Resolution No. 6-5-2014:** “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 Councilmen Geyer, Zolbrod, Ritch and Karpiak and Mayor Lincoln. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

## **MAYOR LINCOLN:**

Police Department Report

Mayor Lincoln reminded citizens to be aware of the crosswalks. He added if anyone notices something suspicious in the City to call 911.

**Resolution No. 6-6-2014:** “To accept the resignation of Judy Keller as the City’s Representative to the Carnegie Free Library Board of Directors effective June 12, 2014.”

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

## **REMINDERS:**

Adult Reading Program, Carnegie Library, Saturdays, June 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12 PM -1 PM

Teen Reading Program, Carnegie Library, Tuesdays, June 17<sup>th</sup> – August 5<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM – 12 PM

Highlands Hospital/Bud Murphy’s Race, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 724-628-1500 for information

Teen Survivor, Carnegie Library, Fridays, June 20<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM – 4 PM, 724-628-1380

Summer Kick-off Event, Yough Park, June 21<sup>st</sup>, Connellsville Recreation Board

Police Poker Run, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Yough Park, 724-628-2020 x 106 Janine for information

Lion’s Square Concert, June 21<sup>st</sup>, the band “Moose” will be playing

Braddock’s Crossing and Art on the Yough, June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, for information see [fayettetrust.org](http://fayettetrust.org)

Fireworks, July 3<sup>rd</sup> across the Yough River

City Hall offices will be closed July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day

John Woodruff Run, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, 724-626-1847

St. Rita's Festival, July 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 PM – 10 PM

Recreation Board's Triathlon, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Yough Park

**GEYER:**

Reminded the public the Lions Square Concerts begins Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

Discussed his meeting with Joyce Shaffer, Bookkeeper, over the City's Budget

**KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

Announced the Boy Scouts have a project with the sidewalk by the cemetery on Snyder Street. Karpiak stated they will be scraping up the sidewalk.

**Resolution No. 6-7-2014:** "To enter into a Five Year Winter Municipal Agreement with Penn DOT for the winter maintenance of the following streets in the City: Portions of Crawford Avenue, York Avenue and Pittsburgh Street. The yearly allocation the City will receive from Penn DOT will be \$13,901.89."

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

**Resolution No. 6-8-2014:** "To follow City Engineers direction to condense the York Avenue Bridge to a one-lane bridge and adding additional signage on both sides of the bridge. This is due to structural problems with the bridge."

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

**Resolution No. 6-9-2014:** "To add painted Crosswalks on West Crawford Avenue at the intersections of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Streets."

Solicitor Witt stated the City needs to follow this resolution up with an ordinance.

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

**Resolution No. 6-10-2014:** "To approve off-street parking for Hill Street."

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

**Resolution No. 6-11-2014:** "To pay United Rentals for Water Walls \$8,185.32 for the purchase of 26 Barrier Walls for the York Street Bridge Project."

Karpiak stated this will come out of Liquid Fuels.

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

Karpiak stated the City has been borrowing the Municipal Authority's Air Compressor and has decided rather than buy one for \$7,500 they opt to buy an \$800 radiator.

**RITCH:**

Ritch wished a Happy Birthday to Solicitor Witt. Mayor Lincoln stated Treasurer Keller's birthday is tomorrow as well and wished her a Happy Birthday.

**ZOLBROD:**

Fire Department Report  
Health/Code Officer Report  
New Haven Hose Report

Public Announcement: MS4 Program

**Resolution No. 6-12-2014:** "To exercise the option with Advanced Disposal; to extend the contact for refuse pickup an additional year and direct the City Clerk to execute the clause."

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

**CITY TREASURER KELLER'S REPORT:**

**CITY CONTROLLER BROOKS REPORT:**

**Resolution No. 6-13-2014:** "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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