

**Connellsville  
City Council Minutes  
October 16, 2013**

This regular meeting of the Connellsville City Council was held this evening at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 110 North Arch Street, Connellsville, PA. Attending this meeting was Mayor Matthews, Council members Karpiak, Weaver, Geyer and Ritch. Also attending this meeting was City Clerk Tesauro and Solicitor Witt.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE:** Pledge led by Rev. Goldberry

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Linda Shearer, Patriots update: National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Wreaths across America, Arlington Cemetery on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM, Veterans Program is Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM at the National Guard Readiness Center on Petersburg Road. After that everyone will go the High School to dedicate the World Trade Center Steel, Bus trip to the World Trade Center, October 26<sup>th</sup> is the Zombie Run/Zombie Olympics and movie, Christmas packages on November 27<sup>th</sup> at Elks

Tom Currey, Board of Health summary for the year. Currey invited those interested in the Board to attend the meetings the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month beginning at 6:45 PM. He further announced he can be reached for questions or concerns at 724-628-2020 extension 207, or by walking in or through email at [connellsvillecode@gmail.com](mailto:connellsvillecode@gmail.com).

Melissa Tzan, Recreation Board update: Zombie event on October 26<sup>th</sup> at East Park and outcome of Tangled up in Brew event. She informed Council of issues at Yough Park that need addressed.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Conn Area Catholic School, Clarks at the Porter Theatre on November 1, 2013

**Resolution No. 10-1-2013:** "To close Church Place between Cottage Avenue and Prospect Street on November 1, 2013 from 12 noon until 12 midnight; pending review and approval of Police Chief."

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

Connellsville Area School's Wellness Committee, Falcon Fitness 5K Run and Walk on Saturday, November 2, 2013

**Resolution No. 10-2-2013:** "To close certain City streets on Saturday, November 2, 2013 for short periods of time from 10 AM to 11 AM for 5 to 10 minute periods; further authorizing Police and Fire Department and Auxiliary Police to assist in traffic control"

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

## **REGULAR AGENDA:**

**Resolution No. 10-3-2013:** “To approve the minutes from the September 18, 2013 City Council Meeting.”

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

**Resolution No. 10-4-2013:** “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 Karpiak, Geyer, Ritch, Weaver and Mayor Matthews. The majority of the votes being affirmative, the resolution was adopted.

## **MAYOR MATTHEWS:**

Police Department Report

Proclamation: Catholic Daughters Day, October 20, 2013

Proclamation: Wesley Church Health Center, 20 YEARS OF SERVICE

**Resolution No. 10-5-2013:** “To hire Alexander Kopf as a Building Monitor for the Police Department; position to be part-time at \$7.25 per hour with no benefits.”

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

Mayor Matthews and Councilman Ritch discussed the WCVI Building. Matthews announced an article in the paper was incorrect: The WCVI Building is not the City’s Building it is the County’s Building.

## **REMINDERS:**

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7 AM – Noon, St. Rita’s all you can eat pancake, buckwheat and sausage breakfast

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from Noon – 3 PM, Geibel Catholic Gymnasium, Ladies Day Out, Tickets \$3, 724-628-5090

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at noon, Registration at 10:30 AM, \$25 early registration and \$35 the day of event, Zombie Run, 5K Run with “Zombies” along the path, visit the Zombie Run Facebook or Downtown Connellsville’s website

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Community Center Scavenger Hunt, Register at 3:30, game at 4 PM

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, Community Center Midnight Showing of Rocky Horror Picture Show

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 4 PM – 6 PM, Trick or Treat

Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Halloween Parade

Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Finley’s Fighters Fundraiser, Three Rivers Casino, \$25, 724-628-6078

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Carnegie Library’s Book Sale, \$5 per bag of books

Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, Falcon Run/Walk at 10 AM  
Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Light-up Night and Christmas Parade

**GEYER:**

**Resolution No. 10-6-2013:** "To authorize the payment of \$34,165.18 to the New Haven Hose Volunteer Fire Department as required by Act 205; money from the Auditor General's Office for the 2013 Commonwealth Allocation supporting the Volunteer Fire Relief Association."

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

**Resolution No. 10-7-2013:** "To pay \$380,494.00 into the Police and Fire Fighters Pension Plans in order to satisfy the 2013 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO). The amount includes the \$182,564.85 General Municipal Pension System State Aid as received from the Pennsylvania Auditor General's Office and \$197,929.15 to be taken from General Fund Account. \$309,885.00 to be deposited in the Police Pension Plan and \$70,609.00 to be deposited in the Fire Fighters Pension Plan."

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

**Resolution No. 10-8-2013:** "To advertise to schedule Budget Meetings on the following date(s): 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/18 at 5 PM in City Council Chambers."

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

**KARPIAK:**

Public Works Report

Leaf pick-up schedule, check the Daily Courier for schedule

Discussed snow plowing on odd and even sides of the road

**WEAVER:**

Health Department Report

Fire Department Report

New Haven Hose Report

Weaver stated she felt the public should know how busy Mr. Currey is and the Board of Health, also how much they have accomplished. She stated that the City is very lucky to have Mr. Currey.

**RITCH:**

**Resolution No.: 10-9-2013:** "To open bids received for the following properties: 1) *vacant property located on Francis Avenue, Parcel ID # 05030060*; and 2) *vacant property located on Run Avenue, Parcel ID # 05090436*."

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

Councilman Karpiak opened the bids then Councilman Ritch read as follows:

Mayor and members of City Council, Enclosed is a certified check in the amount required for the bid on property located on Francis Avenue, Parcel ID # 05-03-0060. The amount of the bid is Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00). This property will become an extension of the adjoining yard and garden of the property located on Mountz Street. Thank you for your interest in this matter. Sincerely, Dolores Tissue.

**Resolution No.: 10-10-2013:** "To accept the bid for *Francis Avenue, Parcel ID # 05030060* in the amount of \$200 pending review and approval of the City Solicitor."

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

Ritch read the bid as follows:

Run Avenue, Parcel ID # 05-09-0436, Borders my property on 807 Run Avenue. John Molinaro. Enclosed was a \$26.00 Money Order.

Karpiak questioned if they would have to pay for the transfer and legal fees. Solicitor Witt answered that is correct.

Solicitor Witt and Council discussed the bid then Councilman Ritch read as follows:

**Resolution No.: 10-11-2013:** "To accept the bid for *vacant property located on Run Avenue, Parcel ID # 05090436* in the amount of \$130 pending review and approval of the City Solicitor."

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

**Resolution No.: 10-12-2013:** "To place an invitation for bid for the sale of any City interest in the following property: *South Arch Street, Parcel ID # 05160093*, and direct the City Clerk to advertise the parcel for bid. Bids are to be received no later than November 18, 2013 at 4:00 PM and to be opened on November 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM at City Hall during the regularly scheduled Council Meeting."

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

Councilman Ritch announced there was a musical at the Community Center. He noted the talent, support and show was great.

Ritch thanked Mr. Carmine Molinaro for his generous donation to the Community Center. He thanked Martin's Grocery for the donation of bags for the Rocky Horror Show.

Ritch congratulated Rachel Basinger from the Tribune Review on the birth of her son.

**CITY TREASURER REPORT:**

Treasurer's Collection Report for September 2013  
Compared Real Estate and Per Capita Taxes

**CITY CONTROLLER REPORT: NOT AVAILABLE**

**Resolution No. 10-13-2013:** "That this meeting of City Council does hereby adjourn."

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