

**Columbia Borough Council Meeting
December 12, 2011
Paul W. Myers Council Chambers**

Council President Mary Wickenheiser called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Councilpersons present were: Barninger, Beury, Duncan, Murphy, Sears, Smith and Wickenheiser

The invocation was given by Pastor Fred Thomas of Columbia Church of God.

Mayor Lutz led the pledge to the Flag.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council President Wickenheiser announced the following executive sessions:

- a. An executive session was held on December 12, 2011 at 6:00pm for purposes of information, personnel and legal matters.
- b. A Personnel Committee Meeting was held on November 23, 2011 at 7:30pm.
- c. An executive session was held on November 16, 2011 at 6:30pm for purposes of 3rd Step Police Grievance Meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: (agenda items only) See attached.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Motion: To approve of the Regular Borough Council Meeting Minutes for 11/14/11.
Motion: Barninger 2nd: Smith Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To approve of the Special Borough Council Meeting Minutes for 12/6/11.
Motion: Barninger 2nd: Beury Voice Vote: All Favored

MAYOR LUTZ:

Mayor Lutz noted that he attended the Department of Environmental Protection Advisory Meeting earlier today. He discussed best management practices on projects and that they can result in nutrient credits which are awarded to the state if grants are used to pay for the projects. He feels that although the state uses the nutrient credits for the Chesapeake Bay Project, they should be awarded to the municipality where the project occurred since the municipality planned the project. He noted that this proposed change will be discussed with the Regional Director.

Mayor Lutz discussed recycling in Pennsylvania. He noted that Pennsylvania does not do a great job with recycling and that some counties do not recycle at all. There will be further discussion regarding this issue at the March 2012 Department of Environmental Protection Advisory Meeting.

Mayor Lutz noted that he also attended a meeting of the TIP update Committee. He stated that the Route 441 Bypass Project remains on the TIP but that it would be in the Borough's best interest to expedite the project because of continuing funding cuts.

Mayor Lutz stated that the Smart Growth Transportation Grant will continue to be available in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 per year for the next 5 years.

Borough Council President Wickenheiser presented a certificate to Sandra L. Duncan in recognition of her service on the Borough Council from 2004 thru 2011. She also noted that Sandra will continue serving the community through the Community Action Program as well as the Rivertowns Organization.

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB) BUSINESS:

No action items.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at 7:00pm

CONSENT AGENDA:

No action items.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Motion: To approve of Resolution No. 11-21: 2012 Budget approval.
Motion: Murphy 2nd: Duncan Voice Vote: All Favored

Mayor Lutz congratulated Council for not increasing taxes.

Motion: To approve of Ordinance No. 821: Taxation Authorization for 2012 with no change to current 8.0 Real Estate Tax Millage Rate.
Motion: Murphy 2nd: Barninger Voice Vote: All Favored

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 6:30pm

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY:

No Action Items.

There will be no December 2011 Meeting. Next Meeting date will be advertised.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Action Items.

Next meeting will be in February and will be advertised.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:

No Action Items.

Next Meeting date will be advertised.

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL:

No Action Items.

COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION:

Motion: Consider adoption of Ordinance No. 823: Local Economic Recovery Tax Assistance for Commercial and Industrial Property Owners.
Motion: Duncan 2nd: Beury Voice Vote: All Favored

Next Meeting date will be advertised.

COMMITTEE ON MARKET:

Councilman Murphy noted that The Market House will be open on December 22nd from 9am-7pm and on December 23rd from 9am-5pm and will be open regular hours on December 29th and 30th with limited vendors.

Councilman Murphy stated that the Market Trust will not take over operation of the Market House on January 1, 2012 as anticipated. He is confident that the Trust will be ready by February.

Next Meeting date will be advertised

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

No action items.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE ON WASTEWATER:

Motion: To approve to send 451 Cherry Street (Edward & Nadine Askey) and 530 Walnut Street (Paula Shenberger) to the Solicitor for judgment and collection of Sewer Liens.
Motion: Beury 2nd: Murphy Voice Vote: All Favored

Next meeting will be on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

SOLICITOR:

No items.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

Borough Manager Meiskey noted Borough Council Reorganizational Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 as per the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

Borough Manager Meiskey noted that the Poinsettias in the Borough Office Lobby were donated by Flowers by Us and Keagy's Produce.

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/AUTHORITIES:

No Items

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS:

No Items

CITIZEN COMMENTS: (Non-Agenda items) (See attached)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm
Motion: Barninger **2nd: Smith** **Voice Vote: All Favored**

MOTIONED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2012, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

By: Michael L. Beury
Michael L. Beury, Council President

ATTEST:
Norman B. Meiskey, III
Norman B. Meiskey, III, Borough Secretary

**BOROUGH COUNCIL
CITIZEN COMMENTS
December 12, 2011**

Citizen Comments - Agenda Items Only		
Name and Address	Comments	Response(s)
Frank Doutrich	1. Asked for a copy of Ordinance 823	1. Norm Meiskey gave Frank a copy of Ord. 823
1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia	2. Asked when the 5 year period for abatement begins	2. Council and Boro. Manager said the 5 year abatement period begins when construction is complete.

Citizen Comments - Non-Agenda Items Only		
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Frank Splain Columbia QRS 1230 Franklin Street, Columbia	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thanked Councilwoman Duncan for her years of service. 2. Stated that the QRS recently got their 501c3 status back. 3. Stated that the Columbia QRS originated in July of 2003. 4. Noted that the Columbia QRS is the only QRS in this area that is not affiliated with another service. 	

	<p>5. Asked Council President Wickenheiser if all Committee items have to go through full Council.</p> <p>6. Requested Council Members to contact him directly if there are issues rather than to discuss the issues at public meetings.</p>	
<p>Frank Doutrich 1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia</p>	<p>1. Asked where it states that the School Board and the Borough both need to agree and have similar legislation regarding LERTA.</p> <p>2. Noted that he is happy to have first responders such as the QRS in Columbia.</p> <p>3. Asked Sandy Duncan if she wrote a check to the QRS in the amount of \$300 as promised at the last Council Meeting.</p>	<p>1. Council Members and the Borough Manager stated that there are no written laws regarding this but that it just makes sense for both taxing units to agree.</p> <p>3. Sandy Duncan stated that she did write a personal donation check to the QRS.</p>
<p>Herbert Spiese 208 Perry street, Columbia</p>	<p>1. Asked questions regarding the Route 441 Bypass. He noted that the process for this project began in 1995 and nothing seems to be happening. Asked the Borough Manager how much the Perc. Tests have cost to date.</p>	<p>2. Borough Manager Meiskey and Mayor Lutz answered the question Mr. Spiese asked.</p>