



*Leo S. Lutz, Mayor*  
*Michael L. Beury, Borough Council President*

*Robert L. Pfannebecker, Solicitor*  
*Samuel F. Sulkosky, Borough Manager*

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FINAL AGENDA  
COLUMBIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2014  
7:00PM

- I. Opening of Meeting
  1. Call to Order and Roll Call
  2. Invocation/Moment of Silence
  3. Pledge to the Flag
  4. Public Hearing: Resolution No. 14-21 of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.
    - a. Open Hearing
    - b. Confirmation of authorization to submit a 2014 CDBG Fund application to the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, project cost estimate of \$351,902 with the grant request of \$250,000 and confirming that Ronald Miller is authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. (100 Block of South 8<sup>th</sup> St. from Cherry St. to Ridge Ave)
    - c. Citizen Comments.
    - d. Close Hearing
  5. Consider approval Resolution No. 14-21: Confirmation of authorization to submit a 2014 CDBG Fund application to the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, project cost estimate of \$351,902 with the grant request of \$250,000 and confirming that Ronald Miller is authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. (100 Block of South 8<sup>th</sup> St. from Cherry St. to Ridge Ave)
  6. Announcement of Executive Session(s)
    - a. An Executive Session was held on December 8, 2014 at 6:00pm to discuss legal, and personnel items.
  7. Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only)
  8. Minutes for Approval
    - a. Consider approval of the Borough Council Meeting Minutes for 11/24/14.

9. Mayor Lutz

II. Standing Committee Assignments

10. The Committee on Personnel

- a. Consider ratification of the Separation Agreement to accept the resignation of Samuel F. Sulkosky as Borough Manager for the Borough of Columbia effective November 24, 2014.

11. The Committee on Finance

- a. Consider authorizing the advertisement of the Proposed 2015 Budget with the necessary Ordinances, Resolutions with no tax increase to Borough Residents

12. The Committee on Community Development

13. The Committee on Public Property

14. The Committee on Public Safety

15. The Committee on Highway

16. The Committee on Wastewater

17. The Committee on Municipal Legislation

- a. Discussion of 2015 Fee Schedule
- b. Consider authorizing the Solicitor to represent the Borough in the Fiorella case in the event an appeal is filed.

III. Reports of Boards, Commissions, Authority, Solicitor, and Secretary/Treasurer

18. Solicitor

19. Secretary/Treasurer

- a. Consider approval to advertise the 2015 Meeting Dates and Times.
- b. Poinsettias in the Borough Office Lobby were donated by Royer's Flowers

20. Boards/Commissions/Authority

21. Reports from Council Members

22. Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only)

IV. Adjournment

**Columbia Borough Council Meeting  
December 8, 2014  
Paul W. Myers Council Chambers**

Council President Michael Beury called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Councilpersons present:** Barninger, Beury, Ford, Gable, Murphy, Smith and Weisser  
Mayor Lutz was also present

Prayer was offered by Vicar Pam Illick of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Council President Beury asked the audience if anyone was recording the meeting. Joe Lintner said that he was recording. Brian Long was also recording.

Mayor Lutz led the pledge to the Flag.

**HEARING:**

Council President Beury opened the hearing at 7:04pm.

Council President Beury read agenda item no. 4.b as follows: Confirmation of authorization to submit a 2014 CDBG Fund application to the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, project cost estimate of \$351,902 with the grant request of \$250,000 and confirming that Ronald Miller is authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. (100 Block of South 8<sup>th</sup> St. from Cherry St. to Ridge Ave)

**Citizen Comments:**

Frank Doutrich – 1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia, PA

Asked Council to verify that this is the same project as last year when the application was not submitted due to a missed deadline.

Mary Wickenheiser – 620 Chestnut Street, Columbia, PA

Noted that this grant is defined by the census and that over the past several years the qualifying area has moved more toward than the up-town area than it previously had. She said that she is happy that this area will now be worked on.

Council President Beury closed the hearing at 7:08pm.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution No. 14-21: confirmation of authorization to submit a 2014 CDBG Fund application to the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, project cost estimate of \$351,902 with the grant request of \$250,000 and confirming that Ronald Miller is authorized and directed to execute and file the appropriate forms with the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. (100 Block of South 8<sup>th</sup> Street from Cherry Street to Ridge Avenue)

**Motion: Ford**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Smith**

**Voice Vote: All Favored**



Mary expressed concern about overloading Ron with responsibility since he already carries a heavy workload.

Mary asked if she, as tax collector, would deputize Ron as Deputy Tax Collector. Councilwoman Barninger stated that Ron is not eligible because he is not a resident of the Borough.

**Motion: Barninger**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Smith**

**Voice Vote: All Favored**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

Councilman Murphy discussed the proposed 2015 Budgets. He noted that there would be not tax increase, that the employee who is retiring would be replaced, that the budget includes income and cost associated with the New River Trail Services Building, proposed income from the Borough Farm and no transfer of funds to the Municipal Authority.

**Motion:** To authorize the advertisement of the Proposed 2015 Budget with the necessary Ordinances and Resolutions with no tax increase to Borough Residents.

**Motion: Murphy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Smith**

**Voice Vote: All Favored**

**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – No action items

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY** – No action items

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY** – No Action Items

**COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY** – No action items

**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – No action items

**COMMITTEE ON WASTEWATER** – No action items

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION**

Councilmembers discussed the need to determine fees for the use of the Northwest River Trail Services Building. They discussed that they have been in touch with someone who is researching and will provide recommendations regarding what fees should be charged according to similar buildings in the area.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 15-01: 2015 Fee Schedule with the exception of the Northwest River Trail Services Building Fees.

**Motion: Ford**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Smith**

**Voice Vote: All Favored**

**Motion:** To authorize the Solicitor to represent the Borough in the Fiorella Case in the event an appeal is filed.

**Motion: Ford**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Gable**

**Voice Vote: All Favored**

**SOLICITOR** - No action items

**SECRETARY/TREASURER**

**Motion:** To approve to advertise the 2015 Meeting Dates and Times.  
**Motion: Ford                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Smith                      Voice Vote: All Favored**

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Georgianna Schreck announced that the poinsettias in the Borough Office Lobby were donated by Royer's Flowers.

**BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/AUTHORITY** – No action items

**REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilman Murphy thanked everyone for their hard work on the 2015 Budget.

Council President Beury thanked the Borough Employees for doing such a great job. He said that he feels the Borough has an excellent group of employees.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Georgianna Schreck noted that the Borough is looking for volunteers for the Tree Commission, the Planning Commission and the Board of Health.

Councilmembers noted that the Open House/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Northwest River Trail Services Building last Saturday was well attended. They also discussed that the building is not yet ready to be rented out to the public. Councilmembers said that they want to have all of the necessary policies and procedures in place prior to renting the building.

Councilmembers discussed the memorial benches and picnic tables that will be available for purchase.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – See attached

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 7:53pm.  
**Motion: Ford    2<sup>nd</sup>: Smith    Voice Vote: All Favored**

**MOTIONED AND APPROVED** this 22nd day of December 2014, 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 J. Beury  
Michael Beury, Council President

ATTEST: Georgianna Schreck  
Georgianna Schreck, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
CITIZEN COMMENTS  
November 10, 2014**

Agenda Items		
Name/Address	Subject	Response
Frank Doutrich 1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia	Asked Council to verify that if agenda item II.10 were passed that it would mean that there is no Borough Manager.	
	Asked what is in the Separation Agreement to protect the Borough from future lawsuits.	
	Asked what is in the Separation Agreement.	Councilmembers stated that there would be a severance paid of \$13,000 less taxes and other required severance deductions, medical insurance would be continued through the end of this year, unused vacation days would be paid, and one holiday. They stated that the Agreement is boiler-plate.
	Asked what the plan is to replace the Borough Manager	Councilwoman Barninger asked Frank to wait for her next motion which would be later in the meeting.
	Asked who the "go-to" person would be in the absence of a Borough Manager	
<b>Non-Agenda Items</b>		
Mary Wickenheiser 620 Chestnut Street, Columbia	Thanked Councilmembers who attended the NWRTSB Ribbon Cutting/Open House and thanked Georgianna Schreck and staff for all of their help and for decorating.	
	Discussed the survey cards people filled out at the NWRTSB Ribbon Cutting/Open House.	

	Noted that there are several street lights out in the downtown area.	Councilman Smith said that the Highway Department is aware of the issue and is working to correct it.
	Noted that the work being done at the old Hotel Locust Building is causing damage to the tree in front of the building.	
Ronald Fritz	Asked if the Borough would consider having the public Budget Meetings as they have in the past. He said he knows they were not well attended but that he did appreciate the opportunity to attend them.	
Frank Doutrich	Asked if the Memorial Benches/Picnic Tables that are available for purchase are able to be routed or not. He remebers being told in the past they they cannot because the material they are made of would melt.	
1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia	Noted that the Borough has many good employees and thanked them for their dedicated service.	
	Said that he feels that the NWRTSB is very well built. Asked Council to make sure all ducks are in a row before they begin to rent the building to residents. Thanked everyone for a job well done with the planning and construction of this building.	
	Noted that the street light at River Park is still broken.	Georgianna Schreck noted that parts have been ordered and that the delay was due to waiting for the insurance payment.
	Expressed dis-satisfaction regarding the Ironville Pike Project.	
Jim Haug	Discussed possible name for the NWRTSB.	
515 South 9th Street, Columbia		