



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

Robert L. Pfannebecker, Solicitor
Ronald Miller, Interim Borough Manager

FINAL AGENDA
COLUMBIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 14, 2015
7:00P.M.

- I. Opening of Meeting
 - 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
 - 2. Invocation/Moment of Silence
 - 3. Pledge to the Flag
 - 4. Announcement of Executive Session(s)
 - a. An Executive Session was held on September 14, 2015 at 6:00pm to discuss legal and personnel matters and present information only items.
 - 5. Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only)
 - 6. Minutes for Approval
 - a. Consider approval of the Borough Council Meeting Minutes for 8/24/15.
 - 7. Mayor Lutz
 - a. Marriage Ceremonies for the 2nd Quarter of 2015.
- II. Standing Committee Assignments
 - 8. The Committee on Community Development
 - a. Presentation regarding Columbia Targeted Economic Development Implementation Plan – Janice Nikoloff.
 - 9. The Committee on Public Property
 - a. Consider accepting as a donation from Wells Fargo, the property located at 509 Locust Street.
 - b. Consider approval to reinstall the parking meters on Fourth Street beside 373-375 Locust Street since the Imaging Center has closed.
 - c. Consider approval to reinstall the parking meter in front of "Hotel Locust" and paint over the yellow curb paint since "Hotel Locust" is closed.
 - d. Local artist, Thomas Hermansader donated three prints to the Borough. The prints are hanging in the Borough Council Chamber.
 - e. Consider a request from SCCA to show a movie titled: Under the Stars, on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 from 6:00pm-10:00pm at River Park grounds.
 - f. Consider approval to send items, per the attached lists, to Public Auction on September 19, 2015.
 - 10. The Committee on Finance
 - a. Consider approval of the calculation of Columbia Borough's 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Plan at \$373,361 and for Municipal Employee's Pension Plan at \$85,301.
 - b. Consider approval to purchase MCSJ Finance Super Suite 1 Software in the amount not to exceed \$17,567.50.

- c. Consider a request from the Market Trust for \$2,500.00 for advertisement and development of a video promoting the Market House in conjunction with Turkey Hill Experience.
 - d. Consider approval to develop a community based advisory group for suggesting and selecting new programs regarding funding for advancing Community Development in the Borough.
 - e. The Borough has received of a signed Letter of Intent from SGHA for the Columbia Crossing Building
 - 11. The Committee on Personnel
 - a. Consider approval to hire Seth Reed as a Part-time Police Officer contingent upon successful completion of all pre and post-employment testing.
 - 12. The Committee on Highway
 - a. Consider approval of a memorandum of Understanding between the Lancaster County Conservation District and Columbia Borough.
 - 13. The Committee on Public Safety
 - a. Monthly Police Chief's Report.
 - 14. The Committee on Municipal Legislation
 - 15. The Committee on Wastewater
- III. Reports of Boards, Commissions, Authority, Solicitor, and Secretary/Treasurer
 - 16. Solicitor
 - 17. Secretary/Treasurer
 - 18. Boards/Commissions/Authority
 - 19. Reports from Council Members
 - 20. Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only)
- IV. Adjournment

**Columbia Borough Regular Council Meeting
September 14, 2015
Paul W. Myers Council Chambers**

Council President Beury called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Barninger, Beury, Ford, Murphy, Smith, Weisser, Welsh and Mayor Lutz.

There was a moment of silence led by Pastor Bob Drescher

Council President Beury led the pledge to the Flag.

Council President Beury announced that an Executive Session was held on September 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss legal, personnel and information items.

CITIZEN COMMENTS - Agenda Items Only

Please see attached

Minutes for Approval

Motion: To approve the Borough Council Meeting Minutes for August 24, 2015.

Motion: Barninger 2nd: Welsh Voice Vote: All Favored

Mayor Lutz

Mayor Lutz reported there were no marriage ceremonies for the 2nd quarter of 2015. Mayor Lutz asked Council if they are planning to hold separate budget discussions leading up to the budget this year. Councilman Murphy, Chair of Finance said yes. Mayor Lutz also mentioned a Grant application to provide the School with a "Resource Officer." The Borough and the School Board would need to approve by October 15, 2015 for the Grant submission.

STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Janice Nikoloff, Executive Director of Columbia-EDC made a presentation regarding Columbia Targeted Economic Development Implementation Plan. Janice explained that the Columbia-EDC is a non-profit group dedicated to promoting economic growth and attracting new business to the Borough. Jeff Seibert, Keith Lutz and Ron Sahd attended the meeting to show their support for their Executive Director, Janice and the tremendous job she is performing.

Pamela Williams made a presentation on behalf of SCCA (Susquehanna Center for the Creative Arts) to hold a public outdoor movie - "Movie Under the Stars!" on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 6:00 pm -10:00 pm at "Columbia River Park."

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Motion: To accept as a donation from Wells Fargo, the property located at 509 Locust Street.

Motion: Weisser 2nd: Murphy Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To approve to reinstall the parking meters on Fourth Street beside 373-375 Locust Street since the Imaging Center has closed.

Motion: Weisser 2nd: Smith Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To approve to reinstall the parking meter in front of "Hotel Locust" and paint over the yellow curb paint since "Hotel Locust" is closed.,

Motion: Weisser 2nd: Ford Voice Vote: All Favored

Local Artist, Thomas Hermansader donated three prints to the Borough, the "Wright's Ferry Mansion," the "Veteran's Memorial Bridge" and the "Market House." These prints are hanging in the Borough Council Chamber. Mary Barninger stated that the Borough should acknowledge the donation in writing with a nice thank you.

Motion: To approve a request from SCCA to show a movie "Under the Stars," on Saturday, September 26, 2015 from 6:00 pm -10:00 pm at River Park grounds, with a rain date of Sunday, September 27, 2015 from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm and also to allocate \$1,300 from the Parks & Rec Budget to help defray expenses.

Motion: Weisser 2nd: Ford Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To approve to send items, per the attached lists, to Public Auction on September 19, 2015.

Motion: Weisser 2nd: Ford Voice Vote: All Favored

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:

Motion: To approve the calculation of Columbia Borough's 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Plan at \$373,361 and for Municipal Employee's Pension Plan at \$85,301.

Motion: Murphy 2nd: Barninger Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To approve to purchase MCSJ Finance Super Suite 1 Software in the amount not to exceed \$17,567.50.

Motion: Murphy 2nd: Ford Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To approve a request from the Market Trust for \$2,500.00 for advertisement and development of a video promoting the Market House in conjunction with Turkey Hill Experience.

Motion: Murphy 2nd: Barninger Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: To approve to develop a Community based advisory group for suggesting and selecting new programs regarding funding for advancing Community Development in the Borough.

Motion: Murphy 2nd: Ford Voice Vote: All Favored

Councilman Murphy reported that the Borough has received a signed Letter of Intent from SGHA for the Columbia Crossing Building.

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL:

Motion: To approve to hire Seth Reed as a Part-Time Police Officer contingent upon successful completion of all pre and post-employment testing.
Motion: Barninger 2nd: Smith Voice Vote: All Favored

COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY:

Motion: To approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Lancaster County Conservation District and Columbia Borough contingent upon the Solicitor's review.
Motion: Smith 2nd: Murphy Voice Vote: All Favored

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:

Councilwoman Mary Barninger stated the Monthly Police Chief's Report is in the Council Packet and if there were any questions regarding the report to see the Chief.

Councilwoman Barninger reported that the Attorney General approved the Consolidation of the Fire Companies.

THE COMMITTEE ON MUNICIIPAL LEGISLATION: No action items

COMMITTEE ON WASTEWATER No action items

BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/AUTHORITY No action items

SOLICITOR: No Action Items

SECRETARY TREASURER

REPORTS FROM BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/AUTHORITY No report

REPORTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS No report

CITIZEN COMMENTS (Non-agenda items) Please see attached.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 11:12 pm.
Motion: Murphy 2nd: Ford Voice Vote: All Favored

MOTIONED AND APPROVED this 28th day of September, 2015, 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 Beury, Council President

ATTEST: Ronald L. Miller
Ronald L. Miller, Interim Borough Secretary/Treasurer



BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

CITIZEN COMMENTS

September 14, 2015

AGENDA ITEMS ONLY	
Frank Doutrich 1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia	<p>Asked if anything on the agenda is secret</p> <p>In reference to #9a, donation of 509 Locust St, Frank had questions in regards to status of property, liens, issues, maintenance</p> <p>CEDC member here to offer support for Executive Director, Janice Nikoloff</p> <p>CEDC member here to offer support to Executive Director, Janice Nikoloff</p>
Jeff Seibert 101 S 11th St, Columbia	
Keith Lutz 485 Kinderhook Road, Columbia	
NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY	
Frank Doutrich 1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia	<p>Where does the Boro stand with the Police Contract</p> <p>Asked about the Ex Police Chief's lawsuit. Is the Boro paying his expenses</p> <p>donation of 509 Locust St Columbia, are there any conditions to accepting When did Council know about this</p> <p>The town wide yard sale-is there a rain date?</p> <p>What happened to the Economic Development meetings that were held at the School District office</p> <p>Asked questions regarding the "Resource Officer"</p>
	<p>Pres. Beury said no, had last minutes corrections, changes Councilpersons answered Frank's questions</p> <p>Councilwoman Barninger responded there was an arbitration award.</p> <p>Nothing going on with it, it's not a lawsuit it's a grievance</p> <p>The Boro is not paying his expenses</p> <p>Georgianna Schreck stated there is approximately \$1400 in Code & Sewer Liens and WW balance. Wells Fargo will pay liens & give the property free and clear. The info was in the packets Friday September 11</p> <p>No rain date</p> <p>Councilwoman Barninger replied that plan had 30 projects</p> <p>Janice Nikoloff, Executive Director of CEDC stated she'd like to resurrect the Economic Development Meetings.</p> <p>Mayor discussed the Grant & if they'd hire a new officer or use existing officer.</p>

	Questions about police officers-how many part time? Overtime paid to date this year & amt budgeted?	3 part time officers. OT budgeted \$100,000 used \$76,800 Part time budgeted \$25,000 paid \$6,040
Mary Wickenheiser 620 Chestnut Street, Columbia	What's the status of Ordinance #863 that was Veto'ed last BC mtg 8/24/2015. Did the Ordinance die from lack of action	President Beury responded yes the Ordinance has died for lack of action. The Solicitor explained the number of days required to act. The Veto stands. A new Ordinance would be needed. Discussed the previous traffic study from 2008
Mel Mc Donald Wrightsville	Suggested that the residents comment at the beginning of the meeting, instead of having to sit for 4 hours waiting to comment. Some people left after waiting for hours to talk, very frustrated	President Beury responded they've tried that in the past to limiting the amount of time to speak
Shirley Mc Bride 219 Perry St Columbia	LASA bills are higher. A neighbor sat here for hours to comment, but had to leave. There were 6 or 7 people living in house last year, most of this year just 2. Sewer bill is \$105 a month.	Mayor stated that Mike Kyle reported that no one will be charged a late fee for late payment.
	Reported that a Mrs. Weisser told her about Grants for stray & feral cats thru Pet Smart, but you can't apply until January 2016. Shirley has had some success	
	Slum land lords-what's being done? Why did the Boro change it that the Land lords hire an inspector? The Boro then isn't in these problem properties for some-times many years. Boro is required to inspect before a new tenant moves in Has to call every other week for high grass & weeds at neighbors.	Councilman Ford stated there have been many complaints and suggests hiring out for code officer's jobs so there's no good ole boy system President Beury went to see the neighbors and said he wouldn't live like that
	Boro Council must do something with these slum land lords. Children should not have to live in slums. There's no excuse. Code Dept only requires a rental inspection	Councilors remarked that every month for months they are listening to many complaints regarding rental proper-ties & problems associated with them & with Codes Dept

	every 3 years. The Boro should be doing their own rental inspections.	
Rita Herr 725 S. 13th St Columbia	Spoke about another Sam Bigler property located at 1280 Franklin St. He continues to work on putting a parking lot in & is putting new windows in without a building permit. Rita Has been into the office to see Jeff Helm twice recently about the issue. Wants to know why nothing has been done	Ron Miller stated he would look into this issue & ask Jeff Helm about it Some Councilors asked questions & remarked on the need to take control of the situation. Mayor remarked 2 things have to happen-the Engineer's reports & Enforcement
	In regards to 208-210 Locust St it needs to be demolished. Per the Boro Engineers, the back wall is in disrepair	
Herbert "Cubby" Spiese 208 Perry St Columbia	Asked can the Boro take 208-210 Locust St eminent domain at fair market value?	Ron Miller answered no
	Why'd the Boro sell the Sewer Plant-it was profitable	President Beury remarked that they couldn't get any Grants for upgrade or building a new plant because it ran too well
Stacy Nethery "The Keeping Room" Shoppe 438 1/2 Locust St Columbia	Referenced the Pawn Shop, 2nd hand shop Ordinance & the \$25 a year fee & the request to update all lists for Police weekly, which would be very extensive & feels like it should be the work of the Police. Remarked she has never seen a Police Officer on the 400 block of Locust St walking, riding a bike or even stopping in her shop just to say hi Stacy also stated that she & her neighboring shoppe do not buy from people who come in off the street, so why should they pay \$25 & fill out the paperwork. Stacy opened her shop 12/4/2014 and was robbed 2/8/2015. Police responded but she feels didn't put any effort into even trying to find out who it was.	Mayor replied if you don't buy off anyone who walks into your shop, or you don't know them, then no, you don't need to fill out the paperwork weekly
		Mayor replied that the Police would like to stop in to say hi, walk the downtown or ride a bike, however, they are too busy answering calls

