



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

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

FINAL AGENDA
COLUMBIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 2014
7:00 P.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 8, 2014 at 6:00pm to discuss legal, and personnel items.
 - b. A Personnel Committee Meeting was held on August 27, 2014 at 6:15pm.
 5. Presentation of Columbia Pride Awards by Elizabeth Smedley.
 - Columbia Lodge No. 1074 BPOE (Elks), 445 Chestnut Street, Columbia, PA.
 - Barbara Nikolaus and Donald Riley, 165 Walnut Street, Columbia, PA.
 6. Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only)
 7. Minutes for Approval
 - a. Consider approval of the Borough Council Meeting Minutes for 8/25/14.
 8. Mayor Lutz
 - a. Proclamation No. 14-09: National Recovery Month – September 2014.
- II. Standing Committee Assignments
 9. The Committee on Public Property
 - a. Columbia Historic Market House Trust
 - b. Consider approval of a Facilities Use Request for St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church to host their Annual Church Service and Picnic at Makle Park on September 14, 2014 from 9am-5pm.
 - c. Consider approval of Resolution 14-13: Authorization to surplus the old Verizon cell phones due to the recent upgrade.
 - d. Consider approval of Resolution No. 14-14: Authorizing the Borough Manager to send to auction on September 25, 2014 1989 the Ford Truck VIN ending in 21806 due to inability to pass inspection.
 10. The Committee on Public Safety
 11. The Committee on Finance
 - a. Consider approval of the calculation of Columbia Borough's 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Plan at \$422,567 and for Municipal Employee's Pension Plan at \$82,912.
 12. The Committee on Highway

- a. Consider establishing a capital account for road improvements funded by revenues generated from the Verizon Cell Tower at 1020 Blunston Street and SRMC LCSWMA Contract commencing immediately for a 10 year period.
- 13. The Committee on Community Development
- 14. The Committee on Municipal Legislation
 - a. Consider approval for two additional handicap parking spaces to be added at the Grace EC Church for Sundays only and to add hours from 8am-12pm and "Violators will be prosecuted to the signs.
- 15. The Committee on Personnel
 - a. Consider approval to hire Jerome Stark as Crossing Guard at a rate consistent with the current Non-Uniform Employee Contract contingent upon successful completion of all pre and post employment offer examinations and background investigation.
- III. Reports of Boards, Commissions, Authority, Solicitor, and Secretary/Treasurer
- 16. Solicitor
 - a. Consider approval of settlement of sewer lien on 530 Walnut Street.
- 17. Secretary/Treasurer
 - a. Lancaster County Borough's Association Quarterly Meeting is on September 17, 2014 at 6:00pm at Perfect Settings.
 - b. Veteran's Memorial Bridge dedication on September 19, 2014 at 3:00pm at the bridge entrance.
 - c. Economic Development meeting, September 9, 2014 at 7:15pm.
- 18. Boards/Commissions/Authority
- 19. Reports from Council Members
- 20. Citizen Comments (Non-Agenda Items Only)
- IV. Adjournment

**Columbia Borough Council Meeting
September 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 Bishop Good.

Mayor Lutz led the pledge to the Flag.

President Beury announced an Executive Session was held on September 8, 2014 at 6:00pm to discuss legal, and personnel items. He also announced that there was a Personnel Committee Meeting on August 27, 2014 at 6:15pm.

Elizabeth Smedley, Chairwoman for the Board of Health, awarded two Columbia Pride Awards. One to the Columbia/Middletown Lodge No. 1074 BPOE (Elks) located at 445 Chestnut Street and another to Barbara Nikolaus and Donald Riley located at 165 Walnut Street. She thanked them for taking pride in their properties.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS - Attached

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:

Motion: To approve the Borough Council Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2014.
Motion: Ford 2nd: Gable **Voice Vote:** All Favored

Mayor Lutz:

Mayor Lutz read Proclamation No. 14-09: National Recovery Month – September 2014.

Mayor Lutz said that he and his wife attended a field dedication at Fort Indian Town Gap last Saturday where he had the privilege of meeting family members of both General Strickler and General Smoker. He encouraged Columbia Borough residents to visit Fort Indian Town Gap.

Mayor Lutz noted that demolition and construction has started at 255 North Third Street, which was recently purchased by LHOP to be renovated and sold to a first time homebuyer who has attended the LHOP classes which teach people how to manage homeownership.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Cleon Berntheizel, Chair of the Market House Trust, asked Council to support the Trust as they begin planning for Phase II of the Market House Study from 2005. Phase II allows for renovations to the inside of the Market House Building. Cleon noted that the Trust is planning to apply for several

Grants and to begin a capital campaign to raise money for the renovations. He said that the Trust plans to turn the Market into a "Green Farmer's Market" meaning that only fresh foods would be sold there.

Ken Kauffman, a consultant for the Market House Trust, spoke regarding the Trust's plans to renovate the Market. He said that part of the plan is to renovate the infrastructure of the Market building by upgrading the electrical and water systems including additional sinks and refrigeration units. He stated that the other part of the plan is to implement a marketing strategy.

Council members asked several questions regarding timelines, about whether or not the Market would have to be closed for any period of time for renovations, and where the money for the renovations would come from. Ken Kauffman said that the renovations should be complete within one year, that the Trust has not yet discussed whether the Market would have to close for any period of time during the renovations and that the Trust will be applying for several grants to help pay for the renovations.

Councilman Ford read a statement he wrote saying that he agrees with the Trust's concept. He expressed concern that the Borough has no control over who is appointed to the Trust or the decisions made by the Trust. He stated that the Borough does not have money to invest in the Market House renovations. He said that the Trust and the Borough need to work together to prevent the negativity that existed in the past. He also stated that the Trust needs to consider that the Market House is on the Historic Register and that certain things in the Market House cannot be changed.

Councilwoman Barninger commended the Market Trust for expressing interest in upgrading the inside of the Market House. She said that she can't think of a reason why Council wouldn't support their efforts to upgrade the Market House since no other organization has expressed interest.

Councilman Ford volunteered to be a liaison between Borough Council and the Market House Trust.

Mayor Lutz encouraged the Market Trust to publish meeting dates and times in an effort to prevent rumors and to keep people involved.

Motion: That Council support the Market House Trust in moving forward with grant applications and soliciting private funds for the design and construction for Phase II Market House renovations as outlined in the Market House Study from 2005.

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

Cleon Berntheizel thanked the Market House Trust Members for hanging in during times of negativity.

Motion: To approve of a Facilities Use Request for St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church to host their Annual Church Service and Picnic at Makle Park on September 14, 2014 from 9am-5pm.

Motion: Weisser 2nd: Ford Voice Vote: Motion passed 6-1.
Beury, Barninger, Smith, Murphy, Gable and Weisser voted Yes. Ford voted No saying that he supports the event but that the organizers constantly ignore the requirement for 6 weeks' notice prior to an event.

COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL

Motion: To approve hiring Jerome Stark as Crossing Guard at a rate consistent with the current Non-Uniform Employee Contract contingent upon successful completion of all pre and post-employment offer examinations and background investigation.
Motion: Barninger 2nd: Ford **Voice Vote:** All Favored

SOLICITOR

Motion: To approve to settle the sewer lien on 530 Walnut Street for \$8,100.00.
Motion: Ford 2nd: Barninger **Voice Vote:** All Favored

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Borough Manager Sulkosky announced that the Lancaster County Borough's Association Quarterly Meeting is on September 17, 2014 at 6:00pm at Perfect Settings. He asked everyone to arrive 15 minutes early due to a scheduling conflict with Representative Hickernell's schedule.

Borough Manager Sulkosky announced that the Veteran's Memorial Bridge Dedication will be on September 19, 2014 beginning at 3:00pm at the bridge entrance.

Borough Manager Sulkosky announced that the Columbia Economic Development Meeting will be held on September 9, 2014 beginning at 7:15pm.

Council President Beury passed the gavel to Council Vice-President Ford at 9pm and left the room.

Council President Beury entered the room at 9:02pm and Council Vice-President Ford passed the gavel back to Council President Buery.

CITIZEN COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – Attached

Motion: To Adjourn the Meeting at 9:24pm
Motion: Ford 2nd: Smith **Voice Vote:** All Favored

MOTIONED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of September 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 Beury, Council President

BARRY KARD D.P.
ATTEST: *Samuel J. Sulkosky*

Samuel Sulkosky, Borough Secretary

**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
CITIZEN COMMENTS
August 11, 2014**

Agenda Items Only		
Name/Address	Subject	Response
Mary Wickenheiser 620 Chestnut Street, Columbia	Spoke regarding Item No. 12 a. She feels that using this revenue to improve roads is short sighted due to the pending sale of the WWTP to LASA. She expressed concern that the sale will create budgetary issues and that this money may be needed elsewhere.	
	Mary commended the Highway Department saying that they do a wonderful job with the roads in the borough.	
	Mary questioned why this item is under the Highway Department when it is truly a Finance issue.	
Duval Dollar Market Vendor/TJ's	Announced that due to continuing issues at the Market House he will be moving his business to another location in Columbia on November 1, 2014.	
Non-Agenda Items Only		
Ronald (Ollie) Fritz 568 Franklin Street, Columbia	Questioned a comment on the previous Borough Council Meeting Minutes regarding the opinion of the Auditor regarding the legality of using the revenue from 1020 Blunston Street and LSCWMA for paving.	Borough Council Members answered saying that Mr. Fritz misunderstood the minutes. Council members said that the revenues can be used to reconstruct Borough roads but not for crack sealing or equipment.
	Expressed his concern about taxes in the Borough. He asked to have someone from Council step up and start the process to join the Columbia School District with the Hempfield School District.	Borough Manager Sulkosky and Council Members told Mr. Fritz that he would need to speak to the School Board.
Frank Doutrich 1001 Ironville Pike, Columbia	Expressed concern because there is a free parking space in front of Representative Hickernell's office for	

