

**Columbia Borough Council Meeting  
March 9, 2009 at 7:00pm  
Paul W. Myers Council Chambers**

Council Vice-President Wickenheiser called the meeting to order.

Councilpersons present were: Barninger, Beury, Detz, Murphy and Wickenheiser. Cooper and Duncan were absent. Mayor Lutz was also present.

Rev. David Powers of the Columbia Ministerium gave the invocation.

Mayor Lutz led the Pledge to the Flag.

**Mayor Lutz:**

**Police Letters of Commendation:**

Mayor Lutz presented letters of commendation to Officers Edgar Mann, Jesse Zimmerman and Troy Engle for their skill and dedication to duty regarding an incident on 12/20/08, in which three suspects were apprehended and held over for trial. Sgt. Samuel Stein is the Sgt. of this shift.

**Citizen Awards:**

Mayor Lutz spoke of the need to recognize volunteers and people with exceptional abilities and honored two local residents for outstanding community service.

Mayor Lutz presented the first award to Thomas Hermansader, a highly revered artist, for introducing the many treasures of Columbia and Lancaster County to the world through his art work. Hermansader was recently the recipient of the 2008 Rothermel Alumni Award from Kutztown University and named "Lancaster County's Favorite Artist" by the Lancaster County Commissioners.

Mayor Lutz presented the next award to Fred Abendschein, local Historian and Columbia Borough Planning Commission Chairman. Abendschein is a valuable resource toward preserving the history of the Borough.

**Motion: To table 20a and 20d under the Secretary/Treasurer section from the agenda.**  
Motion: Murphy 2nd: Barninger Voice Vote: All favored.

**Council Vice-President Wickenheiser announced that the following Executive Sessions were held:**

- a. An executive session was held on March 09, 2009 at 6:00 pm to discuss legal & personnel matters.
- b. A Personnel Meeting was held on February 18, 2009 at 6:30 pm.

**Citizen comments: – see attachment.**

**Motion:**

- a. **To approve minutes for February 9, 2009 Regular Borough Council Meeting with one correction under citizen comments-Frank Doutrich-10<sup>th</sup> & Park Avenue, not 10<sup>th</sup> & Ridge St.**  
Motion: Beury Second: Barninger Voice Vote: All Favored
- b. **To approve minutes for February 19, 2009 Special Joint Borough Council/Wastewater Meeting.**  
Motion: Beury Second: Murphy Voice Vote: All Favored

**Mayor Lutz:**

Mayor commented that the biggest hurdle for the 3<sup>rd</sup> & Linden St. Project is DEP, a 6-12 month wait for approval process.

Mayor Lutz also commented that Senator Casey contacted him saying that Columbia Borough has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$18,975 from the Department of Justice.

Mayor Lutz noted that he attended the Transportation Technical Advisory Meeting with the County and the County Municipal Transportation Grant Program, which Columbia Borough has an application in for, will be reviewed by staff this week and will be recommended to the Lancaster County Commissioners for their April Meeting. The Borough should know the status within the next month.

**HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB) BUSINESS:** No action items.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Motion: **To approve consent agenda items**
- a. January 2009 Check Register Report, Treasurer's Report, Tax Collector's Report and Budget Performance Reports: General Fund, Capital Fund, State Fund (Liquid Fuels), Waste Water Fund and Municipal Authority Capital Fund.**  
Motion: Murphy      Second: Beury      Voice Vote: All Favored.
  - b. Approval of Facilities Use Request for the Columbia High School Class of 2010 Parents to host a craft show at the Columbia Market House on Saturday April 18, 2009 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.**  
Motion: Murphy      Second: Beury      Voice Vote: All Favored

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE:**

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE:**

Next meeting Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 6:30p.m.

**THE COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAY:**

- Motion: **a. Consider authorization to advertise the bid and specs for paving materials when they are complete.**  
Motion: Beury      Second: Murphy      Voice Vote: All Favored
- Motion: **b. Consider approving a time extension to the Contract with RK&K for the SR 441 Relocation Project from March 31, 2009 through June 30, 2009 with no increase in cost.**  
Motion: Beury      Second: Murphy      Voice Vote: All Favored

Next meeting is Monday, March 23, 2009 at 6:00p.m.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- Motion: **a. Consider approving a Facilities Use Application for the Columbia Consolidated Fire Department to close streets during the week of July 6 - July 12, per attached schedule, for a Carnival and Fireworks display.**  
Motion: Barninger      Second: Beury      Voice Vote: All Favored

Mary Wickenheiser noted that the Annual Spring Cleanup will take place on Friday April 3, 2009 (curbside) and drop off at River Valley on Saturday April 4, 2009. Information is available at [www.columbiapa.net](http://www.columbiapa.net) and on the back of the sewer bills.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.

**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

- Motion: **a. Consider awarding, to the lowest Costars vendor, the contract for purchase and installation of fire alarm and access control systems for Borough properties at a cost not to exceed \$52,000.**

Motion: Detz                      Second: Murphy                      Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion:                      **a. Consider approval of Resolution 09-08: Authorizing the destruction of all records permissible under the PA Municipal Records Act.**

Motion: Detz                      Second: Barninger                      Voice Vote: All Favored

Next meeting is on April 7, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL:** No Action Items

**COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL LEGISLATION:**

Motion:                      **a. Consider approval to amend Ordinance 791, Section 4 to prohibit trucks weighing 9001 lbs or more from Borough streets with exception of local deliveries.**

Motion: Beury                      Second: Barninger                      Voice Vote: All Favored

Next Meeting Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE ON MARKET:** No action items

Next meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** No action items.

Motion: No action items

Next meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMITTEE ON WASTEWATER:** No action items.

A joint meeting with Borough Council and Municipal Authority was held on February 19, 2009.

Next meeting Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

**SOLICITOR:** Robert Pfannebecker

Mr. Pfannebecker noted that 548 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will be listed for sale and their attorney has asked the Borough to hold off on sheriff sale for the term of the listing agreement which is normally 6 months. Mr. Pfannebecker stated that the sewer liens on this property are a priority.

Motion:                      **To delay Sheriff Sale on the property at 548 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street pending receipt of a listing agreement, within two weeks, and a six month extension to an actual settlement.**

Motion: Beury                      Second: Barninger                      Voice Vote: All Favored

**SECRETARY:** Norm Meiskey

Motion:                      **b. Consider granting a waiver for the Permit Fee and the Demolition Deposit for 501-503 North Third Street Demolition Application.**

Motion: Barninger                      Second: Murphy                      Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion:                      **c. Consider approval of the March 4, 2009 Engineering Proposal by C.S. Davidson for the Second Street 2009 CDBG Project. (N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Walnut to Poplar)**

Motion: Murphy                      Second: Beury                      Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion:                      **e. Approval of the sales agreement extension with Columbia Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) for the Borough's 3rd and Linden Street Property to August 30, 2009.**

Motion: Barninger                      Second: Beury                      Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: **f. Authorization to proceed with the lowest cost proposal by an engineering/architectural consulting firm for preparing and advertising a Bid and Specification Package for the Market House Preservation Project at a cost not to exceed \$40,000. Proposal is subject to final review and approval by Borough Solicitor and Borough Manager.**

Motion: Murphy                      Second: Beury                      Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: **g. Consider authorizing submission of a letter to DEP requesting an extension of the PA Act 537 Plan.**

Motion: Beury                      Second: Detz                      Voice Vote: All Favored

Motion: **Consider setting the performance bond for construction contracted services to be 100% for all of the Bid and Spec Packages for 2009**

Motion: Beury                      Second: Detz                      Voice Vote: All Favored

**Boards/Commissions/Authority:**

Motion: **Consider declaring 494 Manor Street and 525 Concord Lane as blighted properties.**

Motion: Detz                      Second: Barninger                      Voice Vote: All Favored

**Council Members:** No Reports


**Adjournment:**

Motion: **To Adjourn**

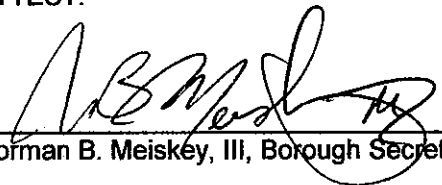
Motion: Beury                      Second: Barninger                      Voice Vote: All Favored

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm

MOTIONED AND APPROVED this 13th day of April 2009, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.  
BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

By:   
Mary Wickenheiser, Council Vice-President

ATTEST:

  
Norman B. Meiskey, III, Borough Secretary

Name and Address	Columbia Borough Council / Columbia Borough Municipal Authority Citizens Comments March 9, 2009	Requested Action
Frank Doutrich 1001 Ironville Pike	<p data-bbox="279 839 319 1377"><b>Subject</b></p> <p data-bbox="319 839 518 1377">Follow up on item from last month regarding property at S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue curb and sidewalk</p> <p data-bbox="518 839 638 1377">Commented regarding Borough Employees working overtime on Saturdays.</p> <p data-bbox="638 839 917 1377">Commented regarding extending the sales agreement (501 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St.).</p> <p data-bbox="917 839 1061 1377">Commented regarding volunteer work he performed at 501 North 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and the Union Contract. Was it settled or is it still in arbitration?</p>	<p data-bbox="279 300 518 839">Mr. Meiskey. There has been no resolution at this part. The Zoning Officer is gathering information on property to evaluate the requirements regarding curb and sidewalk.</p> <p data-bbox="518 300 718 839">Mary Wickenheiser noted that according to a side letter with the Union Contract, Borough employee(s) must be present when volunteers are performing scheduled work details.</p> <p data-bbox="718 300 917 839">Mary Wickenheiser noted that CEDC requested a six month extension for due diligence. The Borough will continue to be paid \$3,000 per month during this time period.</p> <p data-bbox="917 300 1061 839">Mary Wickenheiser noted that this is still in arbitration.</p>