



*Leo S. Lutz, Mayor
Kelly Murphy, Borough Council President*

*Robert L. Pfannebecker, Solicitor
Greg Sahn, Borough Manager*

**FINAL AGENDA
COLUMBIA BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
November 28, 2016
6:00pm**

- I. Opening of Meeting**
 - 1. Call to Order and Roll Call**
 - 2. Invocation/Moment of Silence**
 - 3. Pledge to the Flag**
 - 4. Citizen Comments. (Agenda Items Only)**
 - 5. Consider approval to contract with AIM Advisors and project partner Rettew Associates at a cost of \$75,800 for a study to determine the feasibility of adaptive reuse of the current Columbia Borough Wastewater Treatment Facility into a natural gas production facility and user endpoint facility for vehicles.**
 - 6. Other Borough Business**
- II. Adjournment**

**Columbia Borough Council Special Meeting
November 28, 2016
Paul W. Myers Council Chambers**

Council President Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Councilpersons present: Berntheizel, Murphy, Novak, Welsh, FitzGerald and Williams.
Councilwoman Weisser and Mayor Lutz were absent.

Council President Murphy held a moment of silence.

Council President Murphy led the pledge to the Flag.

Council President Murphy informed all present that the purpose for tonight's special meeting was to decide on entering into a contract for a feasibility study for the adaptive reuse of the Wastewater Treatment plant building.

Citizen Comments (Agenda Items Only)

Ron Fritz

Read from a previous newspaper article regarding alternative uses for the Wastewater Treatment Plant building being utilized for bio-gas production, which was not approved by Borough Council or the Municipal Authority. He talked about his properties located in the Borough and the fact that his property values have decreased. He also expressed concerns about the railroad tracks. Mr. Fritz asked Council not to spend the money on this study and put a hold on this project.

Council President Murphy explained why Council did not approve the previous proposal. Ron Miller added they did not want to demolish the building and wanted to research alternative uses for the plant. Councilwoman FitzGerald asked about the cost of demolition. John Bender explained his cost analysis, which would include involvement with DEP.

Dave Nikoloff – AIM Advisors

Reiterated that Council looked at an electric plant reuse for the building but couldn't make that work. He stated AIM and a representative from Rettew Associates met with Council regarding reusing the plant for natural gas production. Dave said they ran the numbers, reviewed the information and presented to Borough Council a contract to perform a feasibility study for this adaptive reuse. Dave explained the study would take 3 months to complete with Council then having the option to issue RFP's or review a list and make contact on their own. He added that by partnering with Rettew Associates they had the tools to get this study completed but would need approval from Borough Council to move forward. There was discussion regarding state and federal grant programs. Council President Murphy explained there was previous discussion about this issue at the November Borough Council meeting. There were questions from all Councilmembers regarding the contract and information they would receive from the completed study.

Frank Doutrich

Asked that Councilmembers visit other sites to get an idea of this type of operation before entering into a contract. He talked about the possibility of solar panel use for the plant. Frank stated the Wastewater Treatment Plant should be sold.

Motion: Approval to enter into a contract with AIM Advisors and project partner Rettew Associates at a cost of \$75,800.00 for a study to determine the feasibility of adaptive reuse of the current Columbia Borough Wastewater Treatment Facility into a natural gas projection facility and user endpoint facility for vehicles.

Motion: F. FitzGerald 2nd: C. Berntheizel Roll Call Vote: Novak, Williams, FitzGerald, Welsh, Berntheizel and Murphy voted yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Murphy adjourned this Special Borough Council meeting at 7:10 p.m.

MOTIONED AND APPROVED this 12th day of December 2016, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

By: 
Kelly Murphy, Council President

ATTEST: 
Gregory Sahd, Secretary/Treasurer

