

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held April 5, 2017, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President L. James Roberts, Vice President Donald Rosenberger, Council members Lisa Gaier, Michael Johnson, Douglas Propst, Jon Roth, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt. Jann Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of March 1, 2017 be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following check registers be approved for payment:

March 3, 2017	-	\$	5,758.38
March 10, 2017	-		26,093.54
March 17, 2017	-		691,596.13
March 24, 2017	-		15,711.06
March 29, 2017	-		1,146,665.00
March 31, 2017	-		15,740.22

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Roth. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the Financial Statement, Police Department, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector reports be received and filed. Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

President Roberts introduced Ernest Reich from Quakertown who won a gold medal in March in the Alpine Skiing event for the 2017 Special Olympic World Winter Games which took place in Austria.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 46-17, acknowledgement of Ernest Reich's first place gold medal win at the Special Olympic World Winter Games, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 46-17

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics is a global movement that unleashes the human spirit through the transformative power and joy of sport, every day around the world. Through sports, health, education and community programming, Special Olympics is tackling inactivity, intolerance, isolation and injustice that people throughout the world face, especially people with intellectual disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Special Olympic World Winter Games were held in Austria from March 14th through March 25, 2017 and Ernest Reich of Quakertown competed in the Alpine Skiing event and won a Gold Medal.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown recognizes Ernest Reich for his accomplishments and dedication to the human spirit in the 2017 Special Olympic Games and presents this Resolution to him.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 41-17, appointment of members to the Quakertown Area Planning Commission, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 41-17

Whereas, the Quakertown Area Planning Committee (the "QAPC") is a regional planning committee comprised of members from the Townships of Haycock, Milford and Richland and the Boroughs of Quakertown, Richlandtown and Trumbauersville; and

Whereas, the QAPC shall consist of twelve appointed members, two from each member municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED, That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown hereby appoints Jon R. Roth and Michael Orzel to represent the Borough on the Quakertown Area Planning Committee.

Motion of Councilman Roth, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 38-17, DCNR grant application for the Quakertown Skate Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 38-17

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown ("Applicant") desires to undertake the project of the Quakertown Action Park and is committed to its redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the applicant desires to receive from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources ("Department") a grant in the amount of \$250,000 for the purpose of carrying out this project; and

WHEREAS, the application package includes a document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant" and a document entitled "Grant Agreement Signature Page"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant understands that the contents of the document entitled "Terms and Conditions of Grant", including appendices referred to therein, will become the terms and conditions of a Grant Agreement between the applicant and the Department if the applicant is awarded a grant; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That:

1. The "Grant Agreement Signature Page" may be signed on behalf of the applicant by the Official who, at the time of signing, has TITLE of Quakertown Borough Council President.
2. If this Official signed the "Grant Agreement Signature Page" prior to the passage of this Resolution this grant of authority applies retroactively to the date of signing.
3. If the applicant is awarded a grant, the "Grant Agreement Signature Page", signed by the above Official, will become the applicant/grantee's executed signature page for the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee will be bound by the Grant Agreement.
4. Any amendment to the Grant Agreement may be signed on behalf of the grantee by the Official who, at the time of signing of the amendment, has the TITLE specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will be bound by the amendment.

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 43-17, GTRP grant application for the Quakertown Skate Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 43-17

Be it RESOLVED, that the Borough of Quakertown of Bucks County, hereby request a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Quakertown Action Park.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Quakertown does hereby designate the Borough Manager as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Quakertown and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 42-17, concert contracts for Blood, Sweat & Tears and Chubby Checker, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 42-17

WHEREAS, three concert contracts have been received for two events to be held this summer one on Thursday, July 20, 2017 and one event on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at the Park @ 4th ampitheater; and

WHEREAS, the contracts are for Blood, Sweat & Tears for the amount of \$32,500 plus ground transportation and meal buyout, Charlie Thomas' Drifters for the amount of \$7,000 plus ground transportation and meal buyout and Chubby Checker for the amount of \$22,500 plus \$1,500 for the artist to provide his band for Charlie Thomas of the Drifters plus ground transportation and meal buyout.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contracts on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 31-17, McCoolle's request to hold a Beerfest, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 31-17

WHEREAS, McCoolle's Arts & Events Place will be holding a Beerfest on April 29, 2017 between 12:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m., at the location of 10. S. Main Street and requests the closing of Main Street between West Broad Street and Juniper Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of McCoolle's Arts & Events Place to close off S. Main Street between West Broad Street and Juniper Street on April 29, 2017 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Councilman Johnson mentioned that the Borough Manager did send out letters to neighbors letting them know S. Main Street will be closed off and McCoolles will provide a volunteer to allow local traffic to enter at Juniper Street to S. Main Street.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 37-17, disposal of accumulated Police Department evidence, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 37-17

WHEREAS, evidence/property have accumulated in the Police Department evidence storage facility collected from police operations from years 2014, 2015 (one case) and 2017 (one case) and;

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Police Department will follow appropriate protocol by burning the drugs and drug paraphernalia listed on the attached inventory lists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown, Pennsylvania directs the Quakertown Police Department to appropriately dispose of the evidence/property attached.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Roth. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 39-17, Police Department's filing of the Unclaimed Property Report to the PA Dept. of Treasury, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 39-17

WHEREAS, unclaimed valuables have accumulated in the Police Department storage facility from 2007 through and including 2013 and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Disposition of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Act, requires law enforcement agencies to annually file an unclaimed property report with the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown Pennsylvania directs that the necessary annual unclaimed property report be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Gaier stated that there are not any items for action under the Public Utilities Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

President Roberts stated that there are not any items for action under the Public Utilities Committee in Chairperson Paulovitz's absence.

Councilman Johnson commented that the new trees planted downtown are blooming and look very nice.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 32-17, East Swamp Church's request to hold a pool party, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 32-17

WHEREAS, a request was received from Missy Fuentes from East Swamp Church requesting permission to hold a pool party for their church families and their neighbors at the Borough's public pool on Friday, July 7, 2017 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of East Swamp Church to use the public pool on July 7, 2017 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. providing they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 33-17, Quakertown Alive!'s request to hold an Arts Alive Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 33-17

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Upper Bucks YMCA requesting use of Memorial Park's baseball field (Tennis Court area) to hold a youth tee-ball league.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the YMCA youth tee-ball league to use the baseball field in Memorial Park (Tennis Court area) every Monday night (except Memorial Day), starting April 24 – June 12, 2017 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm, provided the YMCA adds the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 34-17, United Methodist Church's request to hold a music event in the Park at 4th, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 34-17

WHEREAS, a request was received by Quakertown United Methodist Church to use the Park at 4th's amphitheater for a community festival including music, food, speakers and vendors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown United Methodist Church to use the amphitheater for a community festival on June 10, 2017 from 11:00 am to 8:00 pm (raindate July 8, 2017) provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Roth. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 35-17, request to hold the annual Relay for Life event at the Park at 4th, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 35-17

WHEREAS, a request was received from Julie Williams to hold the annual Relay for Life event in the Park at 4th.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request to hold a Relay for Life in the Park at 4th on May 6, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. and to use the amphitheater, provided that Relay for Life agrees to enter into the previous Council approved Facilities Agreement relating to liability to the Borough of Quakertown and adds the Borough as additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 36-17, Fire Department's request to hold the annual carnival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 36-17

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Quakertown Fire Department to use the Quakertown Memorial Park between the tennis courts and Panther Playground for a Fire Department Carnival to be held August 1 - 5, 2017 and use of the Borough's band shell and dunk tank for this event; and

WHEREAS, fireworks would be held on Friday, August 4, 2017 following Borough codes and proper permits are obtained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Fire Department to use Memorial Park between the tennis courts and the Panther Playground for a carnival and the use of the band shell and dunk tank, fees waived as per adopted Resolution 19-06 for certain civic or charitable events, and also to hold fireworks provided that the Borough is added as additional insured on the insurance.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 40-17, First United Church of Christ's request to hold a concert at the amphitheater, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 40-17

WHEREAS, a request was received by First United Church of Christ to use the Park at 4th's amphitheater for a three night community event including music and Christian testimonies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of First United Church of Christ to use the amphitheater for a Christian community event on August 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 2017 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

President Roberts mentioned that when Council grants approval it does not mean the applicant is getting it for free, the applicable fees are being paid.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 45-17, Quakertown Fellowship of Christian Athletes High School Club's request to use the Main Street Skate Park for 2017 events, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 45-17

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Quakertown Fellowship of Christian Athletes High School Club and the Quakertown Network of Churches to use the Main Street Skate Park for 2017 Free Fall events and programs .

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Fellowship of Christian Athletes High School Club and the Quakertown Network of Churches to use the Main Street Skate Park for the following dates for their 2017 events and programs, which includes skateboarding and BMX competitions, recorded music and food provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Saturday, April 22	10 am Spring Cleanup & Cookout
Saturday, April 29	12-5 pm Jimmy Fritz Memorial BMX
Sunday, May 7	3 pm Summer Series – Round 1
Sunday, June 4	3 pm Summer Series – Round 2
Sunday, July 2	3 pm Summer Series – Round 3
Sunday, August 6	3 pm Summer Series – Round 4
Saturday, September 9	10 am Fall Cleanup & Ramp Repair
Saturday, September 23	12 – 5pm Free Fall Final

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 44-17, setting Quakertown Clean-Up Day, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 44-17

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to declare April 22, 2017 as Quakertown Clean-up Day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown declares April 22, 2017 as Quakertown Clean-up Day in which a group of volunteers will spend time beautifying Borough owned properties.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

The Borough Manager announced all Borough events can be listened to on 1620 AM Radio.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary