

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held March 5, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President L. James Roberts, Vice President Donald Rosenberger, Councilmembers David Erwin, Michael Johnson, Douglas Propst, Edward Scholl and Daniel Williams, Junior Councilperson Joy Zheng, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt.

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of February 5, 2014, be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Erwin. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

January 24, 2014	-	\$866,779.81
January 31, 2014	-	12,063.77
February 7, 2014	-	255,928.71
February 14, 2014	-	83,793.26
February 21, 2014	-	61,215.92
February 25, 2014	-	10.00
February 28, 2014	-	1,199,036.28
March 6, 2014	-	263,415.65

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Scholl.

President Roberts stated that he will abstain from voting as a purchase was made from the Friendly Book Store.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. (President Roberts abstained).

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

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilman Scholl stated that there are not any items for action under the Planning & Zoning Committee.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 22-14, establish an Economic Development Consultant Position, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-14

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown is desirous of promoting the Borough of Quakertown as an ideal location for business growth, investment and job creation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to accept the Economic Development Consultant Description and desires to fill the position of the Economic Development Consultant to aid with the revitalization and economic development of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 20-14, A Statement of Understanding regarding economic improvements, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-14

RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania adopt A Statement of Understanding regarding certain economic improvements to the downtown area;

A STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF QUAKERTOWN REGARDING CERTAIN ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DOWNTOWN AREA

1. Borough Council is committed to exploring various means of expanding the economic vitality of the general area of the Borough that is commonly known as "the downtown".
2. Borough Council is receptive to the concept that possible changes in traffic and parking patterns may be conducive to obtaining our goals of economic improvement.
3. Borough Council is receptive to the possibility of allowing some building development in the area commonly known as "the triangle".
4. Borough Council is expecting to invest funds already budgeted for the professional and legal help needed in obtaining our goals.
5. Borough Council is aware that certain financial grants or awards may depend on or are pending actions taken by this Council.
6. Borough Council therefore authorizes the Borough Manager and others whom he may enlist, to acquire information which will allow the Manager to make recommendations for the consideration of Borough Council regarding these matters and to do so in a timely manner.

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Scholl. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 23-14, furnish bamboo information to the Planning Commission, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-14

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown is aware that bamboo is a fast spreading plant and can become a nuisance to adjoining neighbors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, that Council directs the Borough Manager to provide the Planning Commission with information received by the Borough Solicitor regarding bamboo planting and legislation.

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

RESOLVED, That, the reading of Ordinance 1202, amending General Parking Regulations, be waived. Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1202, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Quakertown, Chapter 15, Part 4, revising §408 and adding §409 through §412, General Parking Regulations be passed.

Manager McElree stated that the penalty phase for this section of the Code of Ordinances puts the fine to \$50. A vehicle code for a similar violation is only \$25; for example, a violation of current inspection on the vehicle which would permit the police to invoke this ordinance. All fines will be established through the Borough's fee schedule.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 19-14, disposition of Police Department unclaimed property, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-14

WHEREAS, evidence/property have accumulated in the Police Department evidence storage facility collected from police operations from 2011-2013, some of which was evidence and some was recovered lost or stolen property, and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Police Department has partnered with PropertyRoom.com, an online auction site that assists law enforcement agencies with selling their unclaimed property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown Pennsylvania directs the Quakertown Police Department to release the listed items to Propertyroom.com;

- (16) bicycles
- (1) D-Link router
- (1) Pentax digital camera
- (7) Kodak digital cameras
- (1) Stauer men's watch
- (1) Dolce & Gabbana cologne
- (1) Pair of Birkenstock sandals, size M9
- (1) Pair of Nike flip flops, size 10
- (1) Stauer watch case
- (5) pairs of men's shorts, size 34
- (10) Tommy Hifiger shirts

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Scholl. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Johnson stated that the Citizen Police Academy started March 3, 2014 and will be an eight week session. Twenty-two borough residents attended and graduation will be held on April 21, 2014.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 21-14, modifications to Standards of Good Practices, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 21-14

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Municipal Electrical Association's (PMEA) purpose is to encourage every member municipality to make modifications to the Standards of Good Practices to standardize to some extent, the practices that all of the Pennsylvania municipalities with an electric utility are guided by, to strengthen their position when proposed legislation of PUC rule is considered by the state legislators.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to accept the Pennsylvania Municipal Electrical Association's concept to standardize the Standards of Good Practices and authorizes the Borough Manager to proceed with the Ordinance process to make this part of the Borough's Codification.

Motion of Councilman Erwin, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Propst stated that there are not any items for action under the Public Works Committee.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Williams stated that there are not any items for action under the Parks & Recreation Committee.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Manager