

April 21, 2014

A continued meeting from the adjourned April 2, 2014 regular scheduled Borough Council meeting was held on April 21, 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, Daniel Williams, Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Assistant Borough Secretary Kris Barndt.

Borough Manager McElree swore in Fire Policeman Michael Randell.

President Roberts asked if there was anyone who wanted to speak on a matter that was on the adjourned session agenda other than the triangle matter.

Stephen Biddle indicated he wanted to speak on traffic improvements under Health, Safety & Welfare.

President Roberts asked for visitors who wanted to speak regarding the triangle matter.

Sandy Shelly, 712 Juniper Street, Quakertown
Deborah Weiner, 5521 Clymer Road, Quakertown
Ralph Moyer, III, 444 Heller Road, Richlandtown
Virginia Reiss, 919 Golf Course Road, Quakertown
Michael Clysham, 1048 Brookfield Circle, Quakertown
Stephen Biddle, 130 S. Main Street, Quakertown
Scott Soost, 322 W. Broad Street, Quakertown
Ralph Moyer, Jr, 215 W. Broad Street, Quakertown
John Schlupp, 324 Forest Avenue, Quakertown
Doug Mohr, 302 W. Broad Street, Quakertown
Michele Majoros, 410 S. 10th Street, Quakertown

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Rosenberger stated the item on the agenda is Council's consideration of transferring the downtown triangle property to the Quakertown General Authority. The Borough would be agreeing to transfer the property to the Authority which then would most likely be sold for development. Presently the buyer would be David Halliday of Village Center Properties Company. Councilman Rosenberger mentioned the subject of development has been discussed at previous Work Sessions.

Councilman Rosenberger mentioned that Mr. Halliday has had several meetings with downtown merchants. Over time Council has had information presented to them concerning the

revitalization by Delta Development Group. Delta could not make the meeting, but did provide a summary on the triangle matter.

Mr. Halliday gave an overview of the project. The one way traffic with two lanes on either side of town, Mr. Halliday explained, gives the feeling you are going through one side of Quakertown and going out the back of Quakertown, which is how outsiders look at it. The idea is to create a core, classic downtown that will draw consumers in to spend money.

The building will be three stories and 30,000 square feet. The four sides of the building will be finished so it will not have a back or a front. The sidewalks will be extended on the Broad Street side to approximately 15 feet deep to place eating tables.

The first floor is proposed to be a brew pub restaurant. The second floor is planned to be set up as executive suites for individuals or regional directors that need a small office or shared conference room. The third floor is planned to be conventional office space. Mr. Halliday pointed out there should be approximately 60 new office workers for the downtown.

Mr. Halliday explained it should take approximately 2 days to install water and sewer lines. The equipment including trailers and a crane would be staged on one lane on Branch Street and also along Third Street. Construction workers would have a designated parking area. Tenants of the building would also have a designated parking area.

Mr. Halliday mentioned to help with the downtown revitalization, he is proposing to Council that a certain amount of funds from his triangle property purchase goes to revitalization efforts such as promoting, marketing and gateway signage.

Mr. Halliday read an article called "Finding a Place for Parking by Project for Public Spaces (PPS)", a nonprofit planning, design and educational organization. Their findings in completing projects in over 50 states and 43 countries is that nobody goes to a place solely because it has parking and the realization that creating a place where people want to come and spend time is more important.

Chris Sipes of Keystone Architecture, Inc. showed some architecture from projects they completed, taking old buildings and converting them into a new use. He pointed out that they try to leave as much of the original building as possible along with providing modern conveniences for the tenants. Mr. Sipes explained in the borough's instance, there is no existing building to work with. Messrs. Halliday and Sipes want to hear the resident's voices and want to work together to create a design. Mr. Sipes stated the two way traffic pattern was recommended by the Delta Group and Council has preliminary PennDot approval.

Councilman Rosenberger mentioned that the Delta Group sent Council a memorandum on their thoughts of the revitalization process.

REVITALIZATION PLAN AND PROGRESS TO DATE:

In 2010, Delta Development Group, Inc. (Delta) presented the Revitalization Plan for review and adoption by the Quakertown Borough Council. The Plan noted a number of issues to be addressed including the configuration of Broad Street from North 4th Street to Front Street. It was noted in the Plan that the current configuration of one way traffic threatened Quakertown's goal for a walkable downtown for the following reasons:

- It created an environment for excessively fast vehicular and truck traffic;
- The architectural quality of the buildings was diminished by the oppressive presence of traffic
- The single-minded mission to maintain traffic flow detracts from the pedestrian experience. People should be able to shop or stroll along Broad Street without the overwhelming intrusion of vehicles.

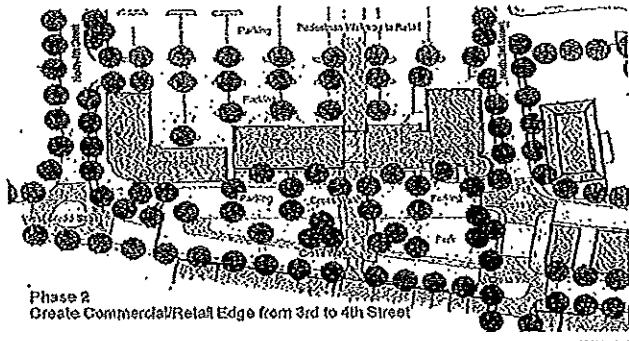
The Plan recommended that Quakertown officials work with PennDOT to determine what steps can be taken to convert traffic to two-way. The Borough officials should be commended for taking this first important step in creating a walkable downtown that focuses on the pedestrian, and seeks to improve the safety for pedestrians and cyclists in downtown Quakertown.

Other Implementation Steps Taken to Date:

- Establishing LERTA Program – ordinances/resolutions adopted by all three taxing bodies in 2010.
- Adopting Pedestrian Overlay Ordinance – ordinance prepared by Delta and refined by the Bucks County Planning Department.
- Working with developers in creating opportunities for new development, infill development, and rehabilitation of older buildings.

THE PROPOSED REVITALIZATION PROJECT (GATEWAY PROJECT)

First of all, it should be noted that Delta has no affiliation with the developer of the Gateway development project, and does not derive any benefit from the proposed development. We have been asked by the Borough to review the merits of the project, and how it ties into Quakertown's Revitalization Plan.



The proposed Gateway Development Project is located in what was referred to as the Phase 2 area within the Revitalization Plan. (see figure to the left). Note: Phase 1 dealt with changing the traffic pattern on Broad Street, removing the parking lot, and creating a town center on the proposed development site. The Revitalization Plan was completed

prior to Quakertown Alive's project which actually created the pocket park on the lot adjacent to site being discussed. The creation of the public space creates the opportunity for a higher and better use for the public parking area; a use that will actually create an anchor for this core area of Downtown Quakertown.

The Gateway development project provides an excellent opportunity for new infill development that will serve as this critical anchor to help strengthen and support the retail establishments located from N 4th Street to 2nd Street. The proposed restaurant with outdoor seating will provide the street life and activity envisioned with the Revitalization Plan. It should also be noted, that although this project is an important first step in Quakertown's revitalization process, it is only one piece of the revitalization process. The Borough should continue to engage developers, property owners and businesses in creating new and exciting projects that work to attract the untapped consumer market that resides within the 5-15 mile radius.

In order to ensure a successful project, the following steps should be taken:

1. Change the flow of traffic on Broad Street from one-way to two-way. This is the first and most important step in changing the environment in downtown Quakertown. The fact that the traffic configuration enables 2-way traffic patterns on the blocks west of N. 4th Street, and east of Front Street, greatly minimizes the argument that the proposed changes within this core area will negatively impact businesses located in this area. In fact, for those new to Quakertown, these current traffic patterns are very confusing.
2. Maximizing the core area for on-street parking. Creating additional on-street parking within the area from N. 4th Street to Front Street should become a top priority for the Borough. Working with a transportation consultant, the Borough should seek to maximize the street for consumer parking. The on-street parking will actually serve the merchants more efficiently, by providing greater visibility and access to available parking spaces.
3. Create 30 minute loading zones for merchants located from N. 4th Street to Front Street. These should be strategically placed in order to provide important deliveries to merchants, without impeding the flow of traffic.
4. Implement a way-finding system that provides information on available parking, and other key features of downtown Quakertown. A way-finding signage plan was developed for Quakertown as part of the implementation phase.
5. Enforce 2 hour parking in the area between N. 4th Street to Front Street. Merchants, employees, and apartment dwellers should not be using the parking spaces provided in this area of downtown Quakertown. This parking should be strictly reserved for customers. Parking is an asset, and should be treated accordingly. The Borough should also examine areas close to the downtown to create parking areas for those who work and reside in downtown Quakertown.

Councilman Scholl stated several points made in the memo. With regard to the existing one way traffic on Broad Street, it threatens Quakertown's goal for a walkable downtown for reasons such as; creating an environment for excessively fast vehicular and truck traffic, the architectural quality of buildings is diminished by the oppressive presence of traffic, and the traffic flow detracts from the pedestrian experience of being able to shop and stroll along Broad

Street without the overwhelming intrusion of vehicles. Councilman Scholl continued the fact that the traffic configuration enables 2-way traffic patterns on the blocks west of N. Fourth Street and east of Front Street, greatly minimizes the argument that the proposed changes within this core area will negatively impact businesses located in this area. Councilman Scholl added these current traffic patterns are very confusing for new people to Quakertown.

Councilman Rosenberger told the first visitor they could now speak.

Sandy Shelly indicated her concern is the change to two-way traffic with the tractor trailers coming through town and also trying to back out of diagonal parking spaces. Ms. Shelly explained as a pedestrian it is difficult to cross at Third & Broad Streets, even if you have the right of way, you now would have to deal with traffic coming from both directions. Another concern was about erecting a three story building in the middle of the open space while there is commercial space available currently in town.

Deborah Weiner questioned how many tables would be in the brew pub. Mr. Halliday stated he currently does not have a definite number. She feels there could still be a parking problem if the new parking does not adequately include the customers going to the brew pub. Mr. Halliday replied that the pub would have hours outside the normal office hours with the majority of business being after 5:00 p.m. Ms. Weiner questioned if customers are shopping until 9:00 p.m., as the expectation is, where will those people park. Mr. Halliday replied if the merchants' business doubled, they would not be too concerned where customers are parking. Ms. Weiner asked Mr. Halliday to describe more of the funds available to revitalize existing businesses. Mr. Halliday answered he cannot speak for Council but in his proposal for the purchase of the lot, he stated the funds must be used to revitalize the downtown.

Councilman Rosenberger stated Mr. Halliday can propose how Council will use the proceeds but he cannot dictate that. Councilman Rosenberger indicated the Borough's annual expenditures out of pocket spending is in excess of \$120,000 for marketing and revitalization, approximately \$60,000-\$70,000 a year between Delta, Robert Cormack & Tara King's organizations, beautiful efforts such as the downtown planters and maintaining them, as well as, funds spent for PennDot. Councilman Rosenberger pointed out this does not include the amount of time Borough staff spends on meetings with people like Mr. Halliday.

Ms. Weiner asked what Quakertown Alive is doing and how it fits in with this project. Councilman Rosenberger answered Quakertown Alive is an agency within the Borough that Council has chosen to support for approximately ten years now. Quakertown Alive works with the Borough in developing and marketing to bring attention to downtown, as well as, works on façade improvements and grants.

Ralph Moyer, III, stated the parking lot is across from Moyer's Shoes and is a huge benefit for the downtown businesses. Mr. Moyer stated the triangle lot is nice and he needs that parking for his business. Mr. Moyer mentioned there are other locations within the borough, which the Borough owns, to construct a building.

Virginia Reiss asked how Council could give up land owned by the Borough without seeking the residents input and mentioned Delta Group sounds like they have concern of the intrusion of traffic. Ms. Reiss pointed out when you take all the traffic going west and run it in two lanes particularly by Second Street, the street gets narrower. Ms. Reiss explained sitting by the Carlton Cafe in the open area, is not the same as sitting in front of Sines and constructing a

building on the lot would create the same effect creating noise, dirt and pollution. Ms. Reiss asked if Mr. Halliday sat down by Sines. Mr. Halliday answered he did not sit at Sines but has sat in downtown Doylestown and West Chester. Ms. Reiss replied that they do not have the trucks in Doylestown on a Main Street. Mr. Halliday replied one of the main reasons he feels Quakertown has a traffic issue is the single lane traffic coming east going into town then suddenly widening into two lanes allowing vehicles to pick up speed and pass around trucks. Ms. Reiss asked how are the loading and unloading zones with one lane each way going to work. Mr. Halliday answered that there are issues that have not been fully addressed yet and feels they are resolvable issues, but not everyone is going to be happy with everything. He feels by changing the traffic to one way, the traffic speed will be reduced and calmer. Ms. Reiss asked why the Borough has not tried to do more to put retail stores in next to Tana Kaya which should be part of the revitalization. President Roberts answered that the Borough does not have funds to put into private property.

Michael Clisham agrees Quakertown needs revitalization but is not sure if this is the right project. Regarding the two way traffic, he commented it may not be more traffic but it was a mess in earlier years. He explained the diesel trucks and eighteen wheelers passing back and forth would make parking a nightmare. Mr. Clisham stated one thing Quakertown does not have that other towns have is a way around town for the trucks. Mr. Clisham also mentioned there is other available office space in town and he does not want to see a brand new building vacant. Mr. Clisham pointed out that there is an art gallery on Apple Alley.

President Roberts mentioned that the whole project will depend on PennDot's approval of the traffic plan and if they do not feel the traffic plans are acceptable, the project will not go forward.

Councilman Rosenberger stated that Council did receive Scott Soost's letter and thanked him for it.

Scott Soost stated at this point Council is aware where he stands on this topic and feels he has done about everything he can to get his points across. Mr. Soost pointed out with the letter he gave Council he included a survey that went around and had a list of names who signed the survey. He mentioned he did some parking studies at the businesses downtown which indicate how their existing clients are not likely to walk two or three blocks. Mr. Soost feels changes of this size project which involve the community should be well studied and thought out and believes the Borough should have made an active attempt to engage the public in the decision. He feels the triangle parking lot is part of the businesses greatest asset which allows people to readily see available spaces without having to circle around and go on side streets. Mr. Soost mentioned he did not see the award granted for this project on the Office of Budget website and when Governor Corbett announced the 2013 awards, this project was not listed, but the same day Paul Clymer announced that Quakertown had been given a \$2,000,000 award.

Mr. Halliday replied that he did receive a letter from the Office of Budget on Christmas Eve awarding the grant. Mr. Halliday stated if the grant is not there, then the project will not go forward.

Councilman Scholl explained there was no hiding the project from anyone. It was not really a project to talk about until Mr. Halliday was awarded the grant. Mr. Clymer sent the press release out and it became public.

Councilman Rosenberger mentioned that the article Mr. Soost provided to Council with his view of two way traffic is the same article that Delta provided using it to support a different view.

Ralph Moyer, Jr, indicated he feels the residents should have been spoken to years ago about this subject since they vote for the Councilmembers to represent them and he stated the residents feel they have not been represented. Mr. Moyer feels older vacant buildings would be good projects to convert and the downtown lot should be kept for parking.

Mr. Moyer questioned the limitation on business owners coming to Mr. Halliday's project discussions.

Mr. Halliday explained he had asked Council to hold his meeting in the Borough building because he wanted to have a round table where he could discuss and get constructive feedback. He ended up with a lot more people that wanted to come. The intention was not to hold a public quorum to air grievances but rather talk with the immediate downtown merchants and actually hold a discussion.

John Schlupp explained he is renovating an old building, previously the Palace Theater, for a brew pub or restaurant. He pointed out for over almost two years he has been talking to multiple businesses such as brew companies, restaurants, a barbeque pit, a bakery, etc. but everyone he speaks with told him there is nothing in Quakertown to pull the customers downtown. Mr. Schlupp mentioned he has parking, a good location and the space, but he cannot get a business who wants to be the first one to come into town. In time he feels Quakertown business will be great, but it is taking a lot longer than he anticipated getting tenants for his building. Mr. Schlupp agrees Quakertown needs some type of jump start to get people to come into town.

Stephen Biddle indicated he was a member of the Borough Planning Commission for about 19 years and the Borough has tried hard to get a quality redevelopment plan. He also was on the Board of Quakertown Alive for 10 years and said they as well tried to revitalize downtown. Although a partial traffic study had been done, Mr. Biddle suggested that PennDot do a full study downtown at peak time since that is most likely when the brew pub expects to be busiest. He feels parking should be viewed as a required part of our infrastructure.

Chairman Roberts mentioned that the traffic study is yet to be firmed up.

Doug Mohr feels Mr. Halliday has a good project and it may or may not be in the correct location. He is concerned about parking and visibility of spaces. Mr. Mohr is concerned with more truck traffic as Richland Township is tightening up on truck routes which may create more trucks on borough roads.

Michele Majoris is concerned with angled parking on Branch Street and problems with vehicles backing into one lane traffic on Route 313. She stated since the merchants bought their properties knowing they had public parking for their businesses, she does not feel it is fair now it will be taken from them. She also feels two brew pubs, only steps apart, is too many and does not like the idea of people outside drinking at tables while Quakertown Alive has their events in town. Ms. Majoris wished the Moose building would be of benefit to Mr. Halliday. Ms. Majoris mentioned Delta wants dining places to open in town, but several years ago a restaurant opened up on Front Street and it did not work out.

Linda Pasqua-Blaisse, Psychologist of 245 W. Broad Street, 2nd floor stated she has concerns regarding noise during construction because it will affect her business with her clients. Mr. Halliday answered it is very difficult to control noise from a construction site and he would have to think if there is a way he could minimize the noise. She mentioned when the three story building is constructed it will create a dark, cavernous effect and pointed out that light makes a person feel better. Mr. Halliday replied she will be surprised how much it will not cut the light off going into her window.

Ms. Pasqua-Blaisse explained comparing Doylestown to Quakertown is not the same in that Quakertown has a major route to the turnpike.

Mr. Halliday replied he is not increasing the traffic downtown.

Ms. Pasqua-Blaisse has a concern leaving her office at night in front of a brew pub and crossing through downtown. She stated she currently feels safe but is not sure how it will be coming across patrons who are drinking.

Mr. Halliday answered towns that have numerous restaurants, such as family oriented restaurants and brew pubs which are open into the night, show crime has gone down since they have revitalized.

Kris Fisher of 40 Elm Street asked how Council can vote on a project that has no finalized plans.

President Roberts answered that Council is not voting on the project. He explained Council is turning over the property to an authority that will have an agreement with residuals which will require all to be in place before it is agreed to be transferred to Mr. Halliday.

Sherri Soost of Allentown mentioned that Allentown has struggled for years and said they were bringing in restaurants and businesses to bring business, but that did not work. Allentown is now erecting a hockey arena with the intent that will fix the town. Mrs. Soost asked what Mr. Halliday will do to make sure all the businesses are going to make it through the construction period. Mrs. Soost added she feels most people do not parallel park.

Mr. Halliday replied that the construction should last approximately ten months, with the building being erected in approximately two months. Construction would not start until after the Christmas season.

Joanne Clementoni of 11 Naylor Court asked why PennDot was not contacted to get approval first if the project will not go forward if the plans are rejected.

Borough Manager McElree replied that the Borough contacted PennDot and is in the process of seeking their approval adding this procedure takes some time.

Mr. Sipes showed how the proposed traffic will flow if PennDot approves the plan.

A question was asked if there are any guaranteed tenants for the proposed building because the building could wind up being empty. Mr. Halliday replied there are not any tenants at this time and mentioned construction will not start until they have leases.

Councilman Scholl explained this is not about Council going against all the merchants downtown and mentioned that Council has heard from many merchants who are in favor of this project. He added there is also a group against it and then there is a group that is neutral and waiting for the outcome.

Councilman Rosenberger stated he would like to add the letter from the Chamber of Commerce showing strong support behind this project.

UPPER BUCKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Quakertown Borough Council
35 North 3rd Street
Quakertown, PA 18951
Attn: L. James Roberts, President

Dear Mr. Roberts,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce, I would like to address the proposed expansion of the downtown by utilizing the current parking facility, known as the Triangle lot, into a new retail and office center. The proposed center will increase the current foot print by 30,000 square feet.

The Chamber believes that to create a successful downtown for now and the future is to provide new opportunities for business growth and this project has the ingredients to do just that. The Borough has developed short and long term strategies through recommendations made in the Delta Development Group's Revitalization plan, embracing incentive programs to entice new business expansion through the LERTA program, encouraging building improvements through the Commonwealth's Façade program, and has garnered support with the backing of the Governor's office for this particular development project through the RACP program.

The Chamber has participated in the borough's revitalization plan process and is encouraged by Borough Council's proactive attitude and approach to support new growth in the downtown district. We believe the success in Quakertown means success in our region. The Gateway project will transform the downtown with new class A office and retail space, and with the addition of new traffic patterns will create a more comfortable pedestrian environment, will increase property values, attract new shop owners and provide borough residents with a diverse shopping experience that currently is not available to them.

The Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce is pleased to have been included in the process and fully supports the Borough's vision.

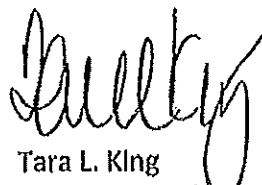
Sincerely,



John M. Olson
President



Robert F. Cormack
Chairman
Economic Development Committee



Tara L. King
Executive Director

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 49-14, entering into an agreement with Quakertown General Authority, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 49-14

WHEREAS, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania is committed to expanding the economic vitality of the general area of the Borough that is commonly known as "the downtown"; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council is receptive to allowing development in a portion of the area commonly known as "the triangle".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, authorizes the proper Borough officials to enter into an agreement with the Quakertown General Authority to sell and convey the property as described in the document title the Economic Development Agreement.

Councilman Rosenberger mentioned that the Economic Development Agreement was worked through earlier at public Council sessions.

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Scholl.

Councilman Erwin asked if there is a chance that PennDot will require a more in depth traffic study than what was submitted.

Borough Manager McElree answered that there could be a chance more information would be required, but the Borough will not know for approximately thirty days.

Councilman Williams stated he has some mixed feelings, but this project is going to raise property values downtown and create jobs. He added this project will hopefully bring other developers in and other people who want to purchase property downtown to open more shops.

Councilman Erwin stated he has some fear and hopes this decision made tonight is the right one, but only time will tell. He mentioned when he looks at the information that Council has been given, it shows the economy in downtown Quakertown has stayed the same or gone down in four years. Councilman Erwin feels a change needs to be made which will fill other store fronts and will also give the opportunity for the historic buildings to be redeveloped.

President Roberts stated he was informed by the Borough solicitor to abstain from voting since he has a part interest, having property directly across from the proposed project.

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

President Roberts declared a ten minute recess.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE

Chairman Johnson indicated that Mr. Biddle could speak at this time.

Mr. Biddle feels that the two way traffic pattern will calm the traffic. Mr. Biddle asked Council to consider requiring the developer to have an in depth traffic study completed.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 38-14, McCool'es request to close Main Street between W. Broad Street and Mill Street and also Main Street from Broad Street and Juniper Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 38-14

WHEREAS, McCoole's Red Lion Inn will be holding a Whiskey, Wine and Home Brew Festival on May 3, 2014 between 3:00 pm and 7:00 pm, at the location of the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce and requests the possible closing of Main Street between West Broad Street and Mill Street as well as closing Main Street from Broad Street to Juniper Street on April 26, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the McCoole's Brew Fest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of McCoole's Red Lion Inn to close Main Street, if deemed necessary, between West Broad Street and Mill Street on May 3, 2014 and Main Street between Broad Street and Juniper Street on April 26, 2014 for the McCoole's Brew Fest during the times specified above.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 48-14, appointing Officer Paul Houseknecht to permanent status, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 48-14

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2013, Paul Houseknecht was appointed as a Probationary Officer in the Quakertown Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Paul Houseknecht has completed his probationary status.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, That, effective May 1, 2014, Paul Houseknecht is appointed as a permanent officer in the Quakertown Police Department.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Councilman Erwin stated that there are not any items for action under the Public Utilities Committee.

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.

Councilman Scholl made an announcement that he is resigning his seat on Borough Council, effective April 28, 2014, to pursue the Borough's recently announced position of an independent Economic Development Consultant. Councilman Scholl explained that the subject of economic development has been one of his greatest areas of concern and involvement since becoming a Borough Council member in 2008. He realizes there may be many other applicants to be considered, but is eager to present his qualifications for consideration as a candidate for the position.

Councilman Scholl expressed his great satisfaction in working with all his fellow members of Council, as well as, each of the members of the Borough staff and administration.

Councilman Scholl was wished the best of luck in his future and was told he will be missed by the Councilmembers.

President Roberts stated a new Councilmember will be chosen before the next Council meeting to fill Councilman Scholl's remaining unexpired term which ends December 31, 2015.

President Roberts announced the Work Session will start right after tonight's Council meeting.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Manager

