

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held July 2, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That the Minutes of June 4, 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:

May 30, 2014 -	\$ 10,089.78
June 6, 2014 -	91,467.14
June 13, 2014 -	28,337.60
June 20, 2014 -	884,661.89
June 24, 2014 -	245,024.29
June 25, 2014 -	13,634.08

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

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.

Visitors:

Scott Soost, 322 W. Broad Street, Quakertown indicated he had a question regarding the Gateway project.

Douglas Wilhelm was presented with a FEMA Advanced Certificate Award by Harry Crohe, Training Officer for Emergency Management and was commended for all the work he does for the community.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 77-14, pertaining to an Honor Flight donation, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 77-14

WHEREAS, an average of 800 veterans from WW II are dying per day, many whom never have visited the Washington, D.C. monuments that honor their service and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, a minimum donation request of \$100.00 was received from Bucks County Recorder of Deeds, Joseph Szafran to contribute to an organization called Honor Flight which is a 501.c.3 organization recognized for transporting veterans to "their" monuments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Joseph Szafran to make a \$100.00 contribution to the organization called Honor Flight to aid in transportation costs for Bucks County veterans to visit Washington, D.C.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 78-14, regarding renovations at the Historical Society barn facility, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 78-14

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown and the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Historical Society in the use of the building; and

WHEREAS, continued work on the barn building facility is desirous including renovations to the museum area and the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request to continue the work on the Historical Society barn facility.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the renovations must go through the permit issuance process even though Council authorizes waiving the permit fee, which does not include plan review or other miscellaneous costs.

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 79-14, pertaining to funding for renovations at the Historical Society barn facility, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 79-14

WHEREAS, continued work on the Historical Society barn building facility is desirous including renovations to the museum area and the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce Office; and

WHEREAS, a quotation has been received for renovations from Lewis Brothers, Quakertown, Pennsylvania dated April 18, 2014 in the total amount of \$66,438.00; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 Quakertown Borough budget has allotted \$40,000.00 for this renovation with the remaining balance to be funded by the Historical Society from other means such as donations, a grant opportunity or low interest loan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the Historical Society barn renovations.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 80-14, pertaining to an application for a Transportation & Community Development Initiative Grant (TCDI), be adopted:

RESOLUTION 80-14

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Consultant ("Applicant") for the Borough of Quakertown desires to receive from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission a Transportation & Community Development Initiative Grant (TCDI) for the amount of \$100,000 with a \$25,000 Borough match for year 2015; and

WHEREAS, the grant would be used for the purpose of transportation and parking planning.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown hereby authorizes the submittal of the grant application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for the purpose of a (TCDI) grant in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for transportation and parking planning.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown hereby authorizes matching the Transportation & Community Development Initiative Grant (TCDI) for \$25,000 which would be allocated from the 2015 budget.

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

Councilman Rosenberger indicated that Mr. Soost could speak at this time.

Mr. Soost asked for traffic/PennDot status on the downtown triangle project. Manager McElree stated that a meeting is being scheduled soon with PennDot regarding proposed down town traffic changes. Mr. Soost replied that the business owners should be included in the PennDot meetings.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 81-14, regarding the resignation of Sergio Rodriguez, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 81-14

WHEREAS, a letter of intent to resign was received from Sergio Rodriguez, Probationary Police Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts the resignation of Sergio Rodriguez, effective June 30, 2014.

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 82-14, regarding the selection of a Probationary Police Officer, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 82-14

WHEREAS, replacement for a vacancy is needed in the Quakertown Police Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to proceed with the selection process from the existing eligibility list for the position of Probationary Police Officer.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Erwin. 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

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 76-14, regarding Quakertown Bike Night, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 76-14

RESOLVED, That, September 13, 2014. from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., (rain date September 14, 2014 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) has been established as "Quakertown Bike Night" for the Borough of Quakertown. This will necessitate the closing of the following streets:

- Mill Street from Fourth Street to Ninth Street;
- Fourth Street from Erie Avenue to the New Park Dead End;
- Including: Quakertown Community Pool parking lot, the skating shelter parking lot, Memorial Park and parking lot.

These roads will be closed two hours prior to the start of Bike Night and also two hours after the end of Bike Night.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 75-14, regarding the Quakertown Fire Department Carnival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 75-14

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 5 - 9, 2014 and use of the Borough's band shell and dunk tank for this event; and

WHEREAS, fireworks would be held on August 8, 2014 following Borough codes and proper permits are obtained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough 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 and also to hold fireworks provided that the Borough is added as additional insured on the insurance.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown waives the fee for the use of the band shell.

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

Councilman Williams announced on Thursday, July 4th, the pancake breakfast will be starting at 8:00 am to 11:00 am for Community Day and will be ending with fireworks later at night.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary