

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held April 1, 2015, 7:28 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 58-15, approval of Ryan Hawke as Probationary Police Officer, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 58-15

WHEREAS, Borough Council has authorized the Borough Manager to proceed with the selection process for the hiring of a police officer; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Hawke successfully completed the process for the position of Probationary Police Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, That, effective April 1, 2015, Ryan Hawke is appointed as a Probationary Officer in the Quakertown Police Department.

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

President Roberts read a brief biography of Ryan Hawke. District Justice C. Robert Roth swore in Probationary Policeman Ryan Hawke.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of March 4, 2015 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:

March 6, 2015	-	\$	118,061.18
March 13, 2015	-		10,212.83
March 20, 2015	-		849,213.50
March 26, 2015	-		332,425.30
March 27, 2015	-		12,923.25

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

Visitors:

Stephen Biddle, 130 S. Main Street, Quakertown indicated he would like to speak in reference to the parking survey.

David Lynch, 281 N. West End Boulevard, Quakertown indicated he would like to discuss a Youth Outreach program.

Bill Licopoli, previous resident of Quakertown now residing in Central Bucks, indicated he would like to discuss building a hockey court in the borough.

Borough Manager McElree swore in Fire Policeman Matthew Minarcik.

### **HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 52-15, recognizing Nurse's Week, be adopted:

#### *RESOLUTION NO. 52-15*

***WHEREAS**, the nearly 2.9 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and*

***WHEREAS**, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and*

***WHEREAS**, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care service provided by nurses will be an ever more important component of the U. S. health care delivery system in the future; and*

***WHEREAS**, along with the American Nurses Association, the Borough of Quakertown has declared the week of May 6 - 12 as National Nurses Week with the theme Nurses Building a Healthy America in celebration of the ways in which nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system.*

***NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown asks that all residents of the Borough of Quakertown join in honoring the nurses who care for all of us.*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That, Borough Council and the residents of the Borough of Quakertown join in honoring the professional nurses who care for all of us, and that we express our appreciation to the nurses, not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.*

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 57-15, treating and trapping mosquitos, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 57-15**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown is desirous of helping to reduce the spread of the West Nile Virus.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants permission to the Bucks County Department of Health allowing a mosquito treatment

program by dusting impacted water basins and implementing mosquito traps.

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 60-15, McCoole's request to close a portion of Main Street for Beefest, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 60-15

WHEREAS, McCoole's Arts & Events Place will be holding a Beerfest on April 25, 2015 between 11:30 a.m. and 9:00 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 McCoole's Arts & Events Place to close off S. Main Street between West Broad Street and Juniper Street on April 25, 2015 from 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.  
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Councilman Johnson advised to amend previously passed Resolution 22-15 for the Upper Bucks Brewfest which will now be held August 29, 2015 instead of August 15, 2015

### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 56-15, establishing a downtown parking inventory, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 56-15

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Coordinator in planning the revitalization of downtown Quakertown, has recommended Borough Council to consider a parking inventory be completed so as to determine the available parking, as well as, the highest and best parking opportunities throughout the downtown section; and

WHEREAS, the relationship the Borough has established with the Bucks County Planning Commission permits this service without any fees or costs to the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to have the Bucks County Planning Commission complete a downtown parking inventory which would provide general recommendations.

President Roberts indicated that Mr. Biddle could speak at this time. Mr. Biddle questioned the cost and scope of the parking inventory. President Roberts answered that there would be no cost to the Borough. Borough Manager stated he would provide Mr. Biddle a copy of the Counties letter to Council providing the scope and rough plan of the boundary study area. Mr. Biddle also mentioned coordinating the new park opening with the ribbon cutting of the

Highland Trail in September or October since the trail is coming through the park.

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

### **REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 50-15, accepting proposal for park picnic tables, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 50-15**

WHEREAS, a proposal dated February 18, 2015 has been received from Boyce Associates, Trexlertown, Pennsylvania regarding four octagon picnic tables for the concession stand in the new park; and

WHEREAS, fundraising donations have been received to cover the cost and installation of these picnic tables.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts the proposal of Boyce Associates, dated February 18, 2015, in the amount of \$3,920.48 for four picnic tables, one to be ADA accessible and three tables with an added cost of \$200.00 each for one additional bench seat per table to total \$4,520.48. Borough Council hereby authorizes the Borough Manager to execute the said proposal on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 51-15, accepting proposal for engineering costs for the sallyport, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 51-15**

WHEREAS, an engineering proposal regarding the police department sallyport addition was received from Cowan Associates, Inc. dated February 16, 2015 in the amount of \$33,142.00 which includes design, structural engineering, qualified plans, construction engineering and structural inspections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown does hereby accept the proposal from Cowan Associates, Inc. and hereby authorizes the Borough Manager to execute the said proposal 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 59-15, approving plans for the Police Department addition and authorize proceeding with the project, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 59-15

WHEREAS, Cowan Associates, Inc. has prepared elevation and floor plans for the Police Department's addition project; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager will keep Council informed of any changes to the plans, as well as, the progress of the project on a regular basis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown approves Cowan Associates drawings and authorizes the Borough Manager consent to proceed with construction.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 55-15, authorizing the auction of equipment and vehicles, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 55-15

WHEREAS, the Borough has equipment and vehicles which are readied for disposition; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Borough Code, Section 1201,2a provides rules to sell property through the bidding or auction process.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown permits the auction of the attached inventory listing police equipment, vehicles and highway equipment through Equipment One which meets all requirements of the Borough Code.

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

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 53-15, authorizing the Green Light-Go Agreement, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 53-15

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Bucks County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same that the Borough Manager of the Borough of Quakertown is authorized and directed to submit the appropriate Green Light-Go Agreement to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and to sign the appropriate application on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 61-15, advertisement for sewer interceptor project, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 61-15

WHEREAS, the Borough has undertaken a program for the replacement of over four miles of aging, undersized sanitary interceptor sewers; and

WHEREAS, this extensive project is necessary to eliminate public health concerns and to comply with state requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to place a bid advertisement with specifications for the sewer interceptor project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to proceed with advertising for sealed bids for the sewer interceptor project in accordance to law as provided by the Pennsylvania Borough Code, Section 1402 (a).

Councilman Erwin mentioned that an engineering estimate for the total project is \$6.6 million which will be paid by Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority. Quakertown Borough owns the interceptors and will maintain ownership but Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority is out of capacity causing the need to do the improvements. Quakertown Borough will allow the Authority to discharge into the borough's treatment plant.

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

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Ordinance 1210, prohibiting truck traffic on Tohickon Avenue, be adopted:

Motion of Councilwoman Paulovitz, seconded by Councilwoman to waive the reading of Ordinance 1210. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

#### ORDINANCE 1210

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN, AMENDING QUAKERTOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 15, DEALING WITH MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC TO ADD A SECTION OF TOHICKON AVENUE TO THE LIST OF STREETS WHERE TRUCK TRAFFIC IS PROHIBITED

WHEREAS, Quakertown Borough adopted the Borough of Quakertown Code of Ordinances on July 6, 1994; and

WHEREAS, a traffic study prepared by Gilmore & Associates, Inc. recommends that truck traffic be prohibited along a section of Tohickon Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of said traffic study, and the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Borough of Quakertown and the users of Tohickon Avenue that the Quakertown Code of Ordinances be and is hereby amended as recommended in the Gilmore & Associates, Inc.'s report (See Exhibit A, which is attached hereto, made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference, and displayed on Exhibit B, which is similarly attached hereto, made a part hereof and incorporated herein by reference).

NOW THEREFORE BE AND IT IS ENACTED AND ORDAINED, the Borough of Quakertown's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Part 2, Traffic Regulations is amended as follows by the addition of the following:

At the following locations, truck traffic is limited or prohibited in accordance with traffic signs posted therein.

§214. Tohickon Avenue (S.R. 0212) and Heller Road (T-45):

1. Northeast corner, facing south.
  - a. NO TRUCK (R5-2) sign (24" x 24").
  - b. EXCEPT RESIDENTIAL DELIVERIES (R5-2-3) sign (24" x 18").
2. Southwest corner, facing west.
  - a. NO TRUCK (R5-2) sign (24" x 24").
  - b. EXCEPT RESIDENTIAL DELIVERIES (R5-2-3) sign (24" x 18").
  - c. NO LEFT TURN (R3-2) sign (24" x 24").
3. Northeast corner, facing east.
  - a. NOT TRUCK (R5-2) sign (24" x 24").
  - b. EXCEPT RESIDENTIAL DELIVERIES (R5-2-3) sign (24" x 18").
  - c. NO RIGHT TURN (R3-1) sign (24" x 24").

Motion of Councilwoman Paulovitz, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier to adopt Ordinance 1210. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 54-15, setting Bike Night, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 54-15

RESOLVED, That, September 19, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., (rain date September 20, 2015 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 Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

President Roberts indicated that David Lynch could speak at this time. Mr. Lynch introduced a new youth community outreach program in the area which includes high adventure, career workshops and missions including community service. President Roberts asked Mr. Lynch to forward to the Borough Manager the names of the Board of Directors and a list of the involved sponsoring groups.

Manager McElree mentioned that he met with Mr. Lynch and feels it is an exciting program, and is an opportunity that the Youth Aid Panel can engage.

President Roberts indicated that Bill Licopoli could speak at this time. Mr. Licopoli is a resident from Central Bucks and is involved in a youth hockey program. Mr. Licopoli is asking for the possibility of the construction of a hockey court or multi sports rink in Memorial Park for the use of adults and youth. President Roberts suggested Mr. Licopoli meet with the Borough Manager and Councilman Propst to see what the possibilities would be.

Councilman Propst mentioned the Egg Hunt was a huge success with the help of East Swamp Church and support from local businesses.

President Roberts announced that there will be an executive session following this meeting for the matter pertaining to a personnel contract.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

#### BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

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L. James Roberts, Jr.  
President of Council

Attest:

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Scott C. McElree  
Borough Secretary