

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held July 1, 2015, 7:30 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 Minutes of June 3, 2015 be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

June 3, 2015 -	\$ 2,000.00
June 5, 2015 -	125,663.49
June 11, 2015 -	2,333.95
June 19, 2015 -	670,173.78
June 24, 2015 -	151,065.79
June 26, 2015 -	443,064.43

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Rosenberger questioned a check to the Bucks County Economic Development Corp. for a consulting fee and the length of the contract. Manager McElree stated the \$10,000 fee was for the last quarter and that it is an annual contract budgeted for year 2015.

President Roberts stated that he will abstain from voting as several purchases were 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 Erwin, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Visitors:

Sharon Goodin, 613 W. Broad Street indicated she is having issues with cars driving over the bridge at the park entrance since the prior pole preventing entrance is missing. Ms. Goodin also stated vehicles, as well as, pedestrians cross into her yard. Ms. Goodin also is concerned of smokers in the park throwing their butts in the mulch. Ms. Goodwin suggested possibly replacing mulch with stones. Ms. Goodwin also questioned the parking rules on Broad Street.

Carolyn Krajcsir, 1000 Mill Street questioned the procedure to obtain a report on a domestic incident.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 86-15, Skiffington, Inc's request to demolish a garage/apartment complex at 101 E. Broad Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 86-15

WHEREAS, Skiffington, Inc. has submitted to the Borough of Quakertown a request for approval to demolish a garage/apartment complex to the rear of the main housing structure at 101 E. Broad Street, parcel number 35-008-416 for the purpose of constructing eight townhomes.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 88-15, membership in the Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia Cooperative Marketing Program, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 88-15

WHEREAS, the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) has created a regional community marketing and assistance program known as the Classic Towns of Greater Philadelphia Cooperative Marketing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Classic Towns Program works toward determining communities' marketing and community development needs, promoting social, economic, institutional, and aesthetic amenities; defining the target markets for residential and commercial investment; creating a marketing strategy that promotes a positive image of the region's classic communities; and encouraging municipal participation; and

WHEREAS, DVRPC may designate a Classic Town after the community has achieved the Classic Town criteria established by DVRPC; and

WHEREAS, the Classic Town criteria include: (1) a medium-high or high transit score; (2) population loss between 2000-2010; (2) forecasted to lost population between 2005 and 2040; (3) a designated Main Street; (4) Philadelphia core city or regional center; and

WHEREAS, once a municipality has been identified as a Classic Town, DVRPC will provide that municipality with (1) access to the regional campaign website; (2) Marketing Design toolkits; (3) participation in workshops; (4) DVRPC staff assistance; (5) access to special information meetings, educational programs, and research information; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Quakertown Borough desires to apply to become a Classic Town of the Greater Philadelphia region and make the required two-year participation commitment at the cost of \$2,500 per year;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the governing body of Quakertown Borough, in the county of Bucks, State of Pennsylvania, that Quakertown Borough requests participation in the Classic Town program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of Quakertown Borough is committed to marketing and is willing to promote our community's social, economic, institutional, and aesthetic amenities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of Quakertown Borough hereby commits to the implementation of the marketing campaign and the vision presented by the DVRPC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the governing body of Quakertown Borough has identified Scott McElree, Borough Manager who is knowledgeable in planning, development, and the community, to be the primary contact person to DVRPC throughout the duration of the two-year commitment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if designated, the governing body of Quakertown Borough will strive to (1) retain and attract new downtown businesses; (2) build new relationships with local media outlets; (3) improve connectivity to transit; (4) preserve historic and architectural integrity of the community; (5) offer a diversity of housing choices; and (6) provide opportunities for community members to participate and attract new visitors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that DVRPC determines that a designated Classic Town no longer complies with the program requirements and criteria, the Classic Town may suspend or withhold program benefits.

Councilman Rosenberger questioned who is actually going to keep an eye on the Classic Town program since Manager McElree is busy throughout the year. Manager McElree stated there will be a collaboration of people including Quakertown Alive, the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce and consultant Edward Scholl.

Councilman Rosenberger would like to hear an assessment of this program halfway through the term.

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

Councilwoman Gaier stated that the Borough is seeking to bring a Senior Center/Community Center back into town. A steering committee will be formed in the near future to research the possibilities of establishing a community center which will serve all of Upper Bucks County.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Rosenberger stated that there are not any items for action under the Revenue & Finance Committee.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Councilman Johnson read an article on Edwin Shearer who was a native of Quakertown and also a Quakertown Borough police officer for nine years. On July 20, 1936 Officer Shearer died in the line of duty responding to a fire call. He was 56 years old.

Officer Shearer's two great grandsons Judge James Anthony and Jeff Anthony were present at the meeting.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 87-15, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's request to add previous Officer Edwin Shearer, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 87-15

WHEREAS, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Washington DC has requested authorization to add former Quakertown Police Officer, Edwin W. Shearer to their memorial; and

WHEREAS, Officer Edwin W. Shearer died in the line of duty on July 20, 1936 suffering a fatal heart attack while running to clear an intersection so responding fire trucks could traverse the roadway while responding to a fire at a farm outside of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the addition of former Police Officer Edwin W. Shearer to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 84-15, accept and award bids for the Sewer and Water Department's painting of tanks, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 84-15
ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS
FOR TANKS PAINTING

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the following bids for painting of various tanks in the sewer and water departments be accepted and contracts awarded to:

Pro-Spec Industrial Painting Services for		
2 – Primary Clarifier Tanks	\$ 81,980.00	@ \$ 40,990.00 each
2 – Gravity Thickener Tanks	\$ <u>87,940.00</u>	@ \$ 43,970.00 each
	Total	\$169,920.00

G.C. Zarnas & Co., Inc. for		
4 – 13,000 gallon Water Tanks	\$ 67,000.00	@ \$ 16,750.00 each

The bids to paint the fiberglass air stripper will be rejected and that work will be done in house by Borough forces.

The contracts are awarded in accordance with bids opened June 1, 2015. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contracts on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 85-15, request by Crossroads Pregnancy Care to hold a Walk/5K Run for Life, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 85-15

WHEREAS, Crossroads Pregnancy Care has applied for a public gathering permit to conduct a "Walk/5K Run for Life" through Quakertown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit request of Crossroads Pregnancy Care for their "Walk/5K Run for Life" through Quakertown beginning and ending in Memorial Park on October 10, 2015, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. provided they add any vendors to their insurance certificate along with adding 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.

Councilman Propst mentioned Community Day will be held Saturday, July 4, 2015.

President Roberts announced after the meeting Council will be going into an executive session on the matter of personnel.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary