

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held August 5, 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 July 1, 2015 and July 27, 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:

July 1, 2015 -	\$ 13,964.40
July 10, 2015 -	205,285.23
July 17, 2015 -	708,644.86
July 24, 2015 -	8,231.14
July 30, 2015 -	386,564.48
July 31, 2015 -	6,853.17

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

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:

Dave Hammerschmidt, 63 Essex Court stated he is concerned about the wildlife in Memorial Park. President Roberts indicated he could speak at the Parks & Recreation portion of the agenda.

Jeff Geiser of the Quakertown Soccer Club, stated the club was awarded the Eastern Pennsylvania Soccer Club of the Year for the 2nd time out of over 330 clubs in that region. In addition, the State House of Representatives acknowledged the soccer club. Mr. Geiser thanked Council for aiding with the achievement and success of the club.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 101-15, appointing an AdHoc Committee to study the feasibility of a Senior/Community Center, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 101-15

RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, appoint an AdHoc Committee comprised of three Council Members for the purpose of studying and exploring the feasibility of providing for a facility which could house a Senior and/or Community Center within the Borough.

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

President Roberts appointed Councilwoman Gaier, Councilman Johnson and Councilman Propst as members to the AdHoc Committee.

Motion of Councilman Erwin, seconded by Councilwoman Paulovitz to ratify Lisa Gaier, Michael Johnson and Douglas Propst as members of the AdHoc Committee. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. President Roberts abstained from voting since he made the appointment.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 92-15, Dunkin Donut's request for a conditional use for 224 W. Broad Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 92-15

WHEREAS, Quakertown Retail Foods (Dunkin Donuts) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, submitted an application to establish their business at 224 W. Broad Street, Tax Map Parcel 35-008-285; and

WHEREAS, this site is located in the Town Center District and also in the Pedestrian-Oriented Mixed Use Overlay District which requires a conditional use approval from Council for a fast food restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Planning Commission at their meeting on July 9, 2015, had presented their recommendation to Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the conditional use of Parcel 35-008-285 for a fast food restaurant.

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

RESOLVED, That the following Resolution 94-15, Bucks Preservationists, LP's request to raze building at 1009 Juniper Street townhome project, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 94-15

WHEREAS, Bucks Preservationist, L.P. of Perkasio, Pennsylvania, submitted an application to raze the structure at 1009 Juniper Street, Tax Map Parcel 35-004-198 for a development project consisting of constructing five townhomes; and

WHEREAS, Tax Map Parcel 35-004-198 is included on the Quakertown Historic Building Inventory and demolition requires the Borough Planning Commission's recommendation and Borough Council's approval; and

WHEREAS, Bucks Preservationist, L.P. is requesting a conditional use from the provisions of Zoning Ordinance Chapter 27, §319.1.A - demolition of historically and architecturally significant buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the conditional use of Parcel 35-004-198 to raze the structure for the purpose of a townhome project.

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

RESOLVED, That the following Resolution 95-15, Bucks Preservationists, LP's request for a waiver for minimum sewer easement at 1009 Juniper Street townhome project, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 95-15

WHEREAS, Bucks Preservationist, L.P. of Perkasie, Pennsylvania, submitted an application for a development project consisting of constructing five townhomes at 1009 Juniper Street, Tax Map Parcel 35-004-198; and

WHEREAS, preliminary plans were approved by the Planning Commission on March 12, 2015 and reviewed by the Borough Engineer on July 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Bucks Preservationist, L.P. is requesting a waiver from the provisions of The Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) Chapter 22, §508.1 requiring a minimum sewer easement width of 15 feet to allow for a 10' 9" easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request to waive the requirement of SALDO Chapter 22, §508.1 for the townhome project at 1009 Juniper Street.

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

RESOLVED, That the following Resolution 96-15, Bucks Preservationists, LP's request for a waiver for minimum street width of 36 feet at 1009 Juniper Street townhome project, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 96-15

WHEREAS, Bucks Preservationist, L.P. of Perkasie, Pennsylvania, submitted an application for a development project consisting of constructing five townhomes at 1009 Juniper Street, Tax Map Parcel 35-004-198; and

WHEREAS, preliminary plans were approved by the Planning Commission on March 12, 2015 and reviewed by the Borough Engineer on July 2, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Bucks Preservationist, L.P. is requesting a waiver from the provisions of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) Chapter 22, §506.1.A. requiring a minimum street width of 36 feet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request to waive the requirement of SALDO Chapter 22, §506.1.A for the townhome project at 1009 Juniper Street.

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 90-15, replacing the Police Department's Harley Davidson Motorcycle, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 90-15

WHEREAS, as a result of a fire which initiated in a garage building at the Borough Hall complex, the Borough lost the 2004 Police Harley Davidson motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, the appraised value of the motorcycle and associated equipment totaled \$12,400.00 and the estimated cost to replace it with a 2015 Model Harley Davidson Electra Glide along with the associated equipment totals approximately \$21,142.10 for a difference of \$8,742.10; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 budget will support the expenditure of approximately \$8,742.10 for the replacement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the Borough Manager authority to pursue the purchase of a 2015 Police Model Harley Davidson Electra Glide with the required equipment.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

President Roberts indicated that Mr. Hammerschmidt could speak at this time.

Mr. Hammerschmidt stated a committee was formed, including his wife Karen, through social media with concerns of the wildlife at Memorial Park. The committee would like to create a presence at the park and be available as a resource to the Borough's Park and Recreation. The committee is requesting signage along the pedestrian path encouraging people not to harm the wildlife.

President Roberts suggested Mr. Hammerschmidt, along with his wife meet with Councilman Propst.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 89-15, Trinity Lutheran Church's request to close Erie Avenue for Peach Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 89-15

WHEREAS, a request was received from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to close Erie Avenue for their Peach Festival.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to close Erie Avenue from Hellertown Avenue to the entrance of the church parking lot on August 12, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for their Peach Festival provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 100-15, Perkasio Borough's request to use bandshell, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 100-15

WHEREAS, a request was received from Perkasio Borough to use the bandshell for their "Under the Stars Car Show" event on August 15, 2015 (raindate August 16, 2015) and to waive the fee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Perkasio Borough to use the bandshell for their event on August 15, 2015 and also to waive the fee provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Councilman Johnson stated that there are not any items for action under the Health, Safety & Welfare Committee.

Councilman Johnson mentioned that National Night Out was held last night and it was very well received. He thanked Ryan Sevenski, Doug Wilhelm, Detective Boehm and Officer Newman for doing a great job organizing the event. There were five different sites in town along with the Memorial Park site.

Councilman Johnson also announced on August 9, 2015 at 5:00 pm on channel PCN, for the show, Inside PA Boroughs, the topic is "Drug Epidemics in PA Communities" and Sergeant Josh Mallory will be one of the guest speakers.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 93-15, accept bid and awarding contract for the Sewer Interceptor Replacement project, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 93-15 ACCEPTING BID AND AWARD CONTRACT

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the following bid in the amount of \$6,296,572.00 for the sewer interceptor replacement project be accepted and contract awarded to Almeida & Hudak, Plymouth Meeting, PA.

The contract is awarded in accordance with bids opened July 2, 2015 . The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contract 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.

RESOLVED, That the following Resolution 91-15, accepting bid and awarding contract to insulate the Electric Department's Pole building, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 91-15 ACCEPT BID AND AWARD CONTRACT

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the following bid be accepted and contract awarded to:

Accoustical Spray Insulators, Inc. of Allentown, Pennsylvania for:
Spray insulation for the Electric Department Pole Barn @ \$37,808.00

The contract is awarded in accordance with the bid opened July 3, 2015. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contract on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

Motion of Councilman Erwin, seconded by Councilwoman Paulovitz. 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.

Councilwoman Paulovitz mentioned next week thirty four trees will be taken down by Asphlundh Tree Company in town. Seventeen trees will be planted in the spring and eleven flower pots will be removed from the sidewalks.

Manager McElree stated that down town businesses were given a letter informing them of the tree removal along with a diagram of the new sidewalk design.

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