

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held March 2, 2016, 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, Douglas Propst, Solicitor John Gross, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt. Councilwoman Jann Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of February 3, 2016 be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Erwin. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

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

February 5, 2016 -	\$ 6,806.34
February 12, 2016 -	138,438.72
February 19, 2016 -	793,022.21
February 25, 2016 -	480,246.78

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

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. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

Visitors:

Sandy Shelly, 712 Juniper Street, questioned the Moose transaction. Manager McElree stated when the Moose building was acquired there was an appraisal done by Indian Valley Appraisal Company which came in at \$370,000. The Borough acquired the property directly from the bank for \$280,000, who obtained it back from a short sale. Ms. Shelly mentioned the advertisement states the Borough can reject any bids and she assumed the Borough received several bids other than the \$110,000 bid. President Roberts stated the Borough did receive one other bid which was lower than the accepted bid. President Roberts added inside building conditions were terrible which lowered the bid.

Councilman Rosenberger mentioned the Borough also received the proceeds from the contents auctioned from inside the Moose building.

Manager McElree added there was a lot of thought put into the purchase of the Moose building which a developer has purchased and will be renovating into business uses. The Borough should see a return on its investment from the sale of electric, water and sewer over a period of time. The renovated building will bring vibrancy to that part of Broad Street.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following amended Resolution 32-16, traffic design proposal from Traffic Planning and Design, Inc., be adopted:

RESOLUTION 32-16

WHEREAS, a new engineering proposal regarding the downtown traffic design was received from Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. dated January 27, 2016, in the amount of \$5,800.00; and

WHEREAS, this proposal indicates a scope of work comprised of four tasks; a prepared Pavement Marking Plan, a Final Traffic Study, Traffic Signal Plans and two meetings to include meeting with borough staff and the submittal meeting with PennDot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown does hereby accept the proposal from Traffic Planning and Design, Inc. and hereby authorizes the Borough Manager to execute the said proposal on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 34-16, authorization to advertise for Chapter 27, Zoning Ordinance medication, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 34-16

RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to advertise for a proposed ordinance to modify the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27 which would better incorporate the material from the Pedestrian Oriented Mixed Use Overlay (PMOU).

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

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 31-16, Quakertown Alive!'s request for donation, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 31-16

WHEREAS, a request from Quakertown Alive! has been received for a donation from Quakertown Borough; and

WHEREAS, Quakertown Alive!'s required independent auditor's report has been received as required by the Borough's Donation Policy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the release of \$70,000 for a donation to Quakertown Alive!.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 22-16, Phoebe Richland Health Care Center's request to co-sponsor Upper Bucks Forum on Aging event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 22-16

WHEREAS, a request was received by Phoebe Richland Health Care Center regarding the co-sponsoring of the Upper Bucks Forum on Aging to be held May 5, 2016 at First United Church of Christ, 4th Street, Quakertown and to share this information on the Borough's website and bulletin boards; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council supports the concept of the event and encourages the Borough's residents 55 years and older to participate and make an effort to attend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request for the posting of the Upper Bucks Forum on Aging event on the Borough's website and bulletin boards.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 35-16, bicycle donation to Boy Scout Troop 55, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 35-16

WHEREAS, every year the Quakertown Police Department obtains a number of bicycles/scooters that cannot be identified and returned to owners; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Boy Scout Troop 55 could use funds obtained by their refurbishing and auctioning of the bicycles to fund their expenses for sending their scouts to camp during the summer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Quakertown Police Department to release the bicycles/scooters to Boy Scout Troop 55.

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

Councilman Johnson suggested to advertise the troop's bicycle auction on the Borough's website and facebook to give them more advertising for their event.

Councilman Johnson mentioned the building at 101 E. Broad Street by the railroad tracks was being demolished and did not collapse. There were no injuries.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

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 23-16, American Legion’s request to hold the Memorial Day Parade, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 23-16

WHEREAS, a request was received for a public gathering permit from the Quakertown American Legion to hold the annual Memorial Day Parade with street closings of 9th Street, Broad Street, 4th Street and Mill Street between 9th and 4th Streets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit to the Quakertown American Legion for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on May 30, 2016 beginning at 9:00 am, and the use of the bandshell provided they add the Borough as an 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 bandshell.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 24-16, setting Quakertown Borough’s Clean Up Day, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 24-16

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to declare April 16, 2016 as Quakertown Clean-up Day.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown declares April 16, 2016 as Quakertown Clean-up Day in which a group of volunteers will spend time beautifying Borough owned properties.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 25-16, setting the Borough's Concerts in the Park Series, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 25-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Parks and Recreation Coordinator of the Borough of Quakertown to hold the Borough's annual Concerts in the Park for six weeks starting Sunday, July 10, 2016 and ending Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Park at 4th amphitheater with the rain dates to be the following Monday of each concert from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts the request to hold the Borough's Concerts in the Park at 4th starting each Sunday from July 10, 2016 to August 21, 2016 with the rain date to be the following Monday of each concert starting at 6:30 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 26-16, Quakertown Alive!'s request to hold Arts Alive Street Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 26-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold their Arts Alive Street Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and to close Broad Street from Fourth Street to Hellertown Avenue including 3rd Street, Branch Street to Juniper Street on Front Street, and from Broad Street to Erie Avenue on Belmont Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on May 21, 2016 (rain date of May 28, 2016).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to use the bandshell, waive the fee, and close portions of West Broad Street for their Arts Alive Street Festival provided approval is received from PennDOT to close the roadways and 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. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 27-16, Quakertown Alive!'s request to hold a Brew Fest, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 27-16

WHEREAS, Quakertown Alive! will be holding their Brew Fest on August 20, 2016 and has requested to close Front Street from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Broad Street to Juniper Street and to waive the fee for use of the bandshell; and

WHEREAS, Council, in the adoption of Resolution 19-06, reserved the right to waive these fees for certain civic or charitable events, which they deem beneficial to the betterment of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to close Front Street from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Broad Street to Juniper Street and also to waive the fee for the use of the bandshell provided the Borough is added 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. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 28-16, Quakertown Alive!'s request to hold an Autumn Alive Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 28-16

WHEREAS, a request was received for a public gathering permit from Quakertown Alive! to hold their Autumn Alive Festival on October 15, 2016 (rain date October 22, 2016) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with street closings of Broad Street from Fourth Street to Hellertown Avenue, Branch Street to Juniper Street, Front Street from Broad Street to Juniper and Belmont Avenue and to waive the fee for use of the bandshell; and

WHEREAS, Council, in the adoption of Resolution 19-06, reserved the right to waive these fees for certain civic or charitable events, which they deem beneficial to the betterment of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to hold their Autumn Alive Festival on October 15, 2016 (rain date October 22, 2016), to waive the fee for the bandshell, and to close Borough streets provided approval is received from PennDOT to close Broad Street and also that the Borough is added 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. Councilwoman Paulovitz absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 29-16, setting the Borough's Tree Lighting Ceremony, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 29-16

WHEREAS, a tree-lighting ceremony will be held on Friday, December 2, 2016, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, it is felt, in the interest of safety, that portions of Broad Street from Fourth Street to Front Street and Third Street should be closed during the ceremony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, Council approves the closing of Broad Street from Fourth Street to Front Street and Third Street during the tree-lighting ceremony for the time needed to accommodate the ceremony provided the Borough is added as an additional insured on the insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 30-16, Quakertown Alive!s request to hold a Christmas House Tour, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 30-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold a Christmas House Tour of various homes in the community on December 4, 2016 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to hold a Christmas House Tour on Sunday, December 4, 2016 starting at 3:00 p.m.

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

President Roberts read a letter from a resident thanking the Public Works Department for plowing Franklin Street during the storm last week.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary