

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held April 6, 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, Jann Paulovitz, Douglas Propst, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt.

President Roberts introduced the new K-9 dogs to Council and to the public. Patrolman Paul Houseknecht is the handler of Fury and Patrolman Bryan Lockwood is the handler of Jax. President Roberts also announced and thanked contributors for their generosity and support for the K-9 program which helped facilitate the opportunity to acquire two K-9 dogs. Several of the contributors were the Quakertown Veterinarian Clinic, Tractor Supply, Quakertown School Districts Teacher's Association, Andy Young and Abby Glenn Pet Memorial Services.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of March 2, 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.

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

February 26, 2016 -	\$ 147,077.11
March 4, 2016 -	137,665.49
March 8, 2016 -	5,472.50
March 9, 2016 -	7,823.36
March 18, 2016 -	745,876.89
March 21, 2016 -	1,000.00
March 28, 2016 -	8,117.59
March 30, 2016 -	281,885.26

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Propst.

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.

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, indicated he would like to speak under several topics.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 47-16, Lynn Kraft's proposal for downtown planter maintenance, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 47-16

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown has received a proposal from Lynn C. Kraft of Center Valley, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$18,795.00 for foliage, watering and fertilizing maintenance for 130 concrete containers located downtown and at the Chamber of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown to accept the proposal dated March 20, 2016, in the amount of \$18,795.00 by Lynn C. Kraft for planting services and maintenance of 130 concrete planters. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documentation.

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

Councilwoman Gaier indicated that Mr. Biddle could speak at this time.

Mr. Biddle stated a great job was done with regard to the Zoning Ordinance revisions and would take up any questions he has with the Bucks County Planning Commission or Zoning Officer.

Mr. Biddle thanked Manager McElree for the letter notifying the neighbors of McCoole's temporary road closings which will be coming up in the next few months. Manager McElree indicated that notifying neighbors or businesses might be made a procedure in the future for any none Quakertown Alive events.

Mr. Biddle suggested sending a swift reach message out to Borough residents for road closings.

Mr. Biddle questioned what the distance should be of signage to a closed intersection. Manager McElree stated he would research that with PennDot.

RESOLVED, That, reading of Ordinance 1215, an Ordinance amending the Quakertown Borough Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27, be waived. Motion of Councilwoman Gaier, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1215, an Ordinance amending the Quakertown Borough Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 27 of the Codification of Ordinances) by amending Chapter 27, Part 2, §201; Part 3, §305, §306, §307, §308, §309, §310, §311, §312, §313, §314, §314.1, §315, §316, §317, and §318; TABLE 3.1 SCHEDULE OF USES AND ZONING DISTRICTS. Motion of Councilwoman Gaier, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 44-16, disposition of municipal records, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 44-16
DISPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL RECORDS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown declares its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved July 16, 1993, and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968, each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the following:

Payroll Earnings & Deductions Registers	2008
Bank Statements & Reconciliations	2008
Liquid Fuels, Electric Escrow, Water Escrow, PLGIT, Utility Payment, General Account	
Daily Cash Receipts	2012
Pool 2011 & Pool 2012	
Tax Collector's Monthly Report to Taxing Districts	2008
Accounts Payable Files & Ledgers	2008
Utility & Paid Service Receipts	2008
Check Registers	2008
Deposit Slips	2008
Accounts Receivable Files & Ledgers	2008

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 45-16, John Schlupp's approval request of his LERTA application, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 45-16

WHEREAS, a request was received by John Schlupp to approve his Borough of Quakertown LERTA Request Application for reconstruction of first floor tenant space and second floor two apartment project located at 117 W. Broad Street, parcel number 35-008-420; and

WHEREAS, the property and project would qualify as a mixed use and qualifies for the 10 year LERTA program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants approval of the Borough of Quakertown LERTA Request Application for John Schlupp.

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 48-16, Park at 4th Committee's request to purchase signs to recognize donors, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 48-16

WHEREAS, a request for the purchase of donor recognition signs was received by the Park at 4th Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Park Committee would like to acquire the following signage with the anticipation to be installed prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday, May 1, 2016:

12" x 12" Bronze sign with rosettes to read "The Brown Family" - (Gazebo donor) \$400.00

6" aluminum discs to be hung on hitching posts above donor bricks (Friend of the Park)
Currently 15 donors, approx. \$100.00 each with a possible set up fee.

Temporary Sign to read "Future Site of the Water and Pet Fountain", donated by
Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh

Temporary Signs listing all donors thanking them. At least (2) signs. No cost provide at this time.

WHEREAS, items #1 and #2 have been covered by the donation of the gazebo and donations and items #3 and #4 are temporary signs at a nominal cost.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown approves the Park at 4th's request to acquire the above signage.

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 49-16, revision of the Fee Schedule for Child/Senior Citizen pool membership, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 49-16

WHEREAS, Resolution 114-12 was first adopted on December 5, 2012, and established the fees associated with Borough services; and

WHEREAS, a request was received by the Finance Director to revise the pool membership fee for child/senior citizens to \$65.00 resident/\$80.00 non-resident.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to amend the 2016 Fee Schedule to reflect the pool membership fee for child/senior citizens to \$65.00 resident and \$80.00 non-resident.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 37-16, recognizing National Nurse's Week, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 37-16

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 Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 36-16, Bucks County Department of Health's request to treat for mosquitoes to control West Nile Virus, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 36-16

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 to treat Borough owned properties for mosquito control.

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 40-16, McCooles' Arts & Events Place's request to hold a Beerfest, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 40-16

WHEREAS, McCooles' Arts & Events Place will be holding a Beerfest on April 30, 2016 between 12:00 p.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 McCooles' Arts & Events Place to close off S. Main Street between West Broad Street and Juniper Street on April 30, 2016 from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 43-16, YMCA's request to hold a Cinco De Mayo 5K Walk/Run event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 43-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from the YMCA to conduct a Cinco de Mayo 5K Walk/Run on Borough streets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the YMCA to hold a Cinco de Mayo 5K Walk/Run on Borough streets Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m., provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

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 50-16, McCooles Red Lion's request to hold a car show, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 50-16

WHEREAS, a request from McCoolle's Red Lion Inn was received to hold a car show on September 17, 2016 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm at the location of the Red Lion Restaurant and is also requesting permission to close Main Street from Broad Street to Juniper Street for the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of McCoolle's Red Lion Inn to hold a car show and also to close Main Street from Broad Street to Juniper Street for the event.

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

Councilman Johnson mentioned April 16, 2016 is Quakertown Clean Up Day. Anyone interested in volunteering can meet at Memorial Park at 8:30 a.m.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 52-16, accept and award bid for lawn maintenance to Rahn Lawn & Landscape, Inc., be adopted:

RESOLUTION 52-16
ACCEPT BID AND AWARD CONTRACT

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the following bid be accepted and contract awarded to Rahn Lawn & Landscape, Inc. of Quakertown for lawn maintenance which includes the addition of the New Park at 4th lawn and pond maintenance for years 2016 through 2018 in the amount of \$108,755.00 per year.

The contract is awarded in accordance with bids opened March 22, 2016. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contracts on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 54-16, Economic Development Steering Committee's request to replace several trees downtown and accept the proposal by Dave's Services, LLC. for trees, planting, root barrier system and grading.

RESOLUTION 54-16

WHEREAS, approval was granted to the Economic Development Steering Committee on June 3, 2015 for removal of thirty four trees planted along the sidewalk and curb line in the (TC) Town Center District to prevent further sidewalk damage; and

WHEREAS, a request from the Economic Development Steering Committee was received to replace seventeen trees, which were designated in the Downtown Tree & Sidewalk sketch presented at the Council meeting of June 3, 2015, with Accolade Flowering Cherry trees that require relatively low maintenance; and

WHEREAS, a bid was received from Dave's Services, LLC., Quakertown, PA in the amount of \$8,245.00 which includes seventeen cherry trees, root barrier system, planting of the trees and initial grading until the sidewalks are completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Economic Development Steering Committee to replace seventeen trees downtown with Accolade Flower Cherry trees and also accepts the bid from Dave's Services, LLC. in the amount of \$8,245.00 for the trees, planting, root barrier system and initial grading. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contract on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

Councilman Rosenberger asked if there is a guarantee on the trees if they should die. Doug Wilhelm replied they will be guaranteed for a year and one half.

Councilman Erwin asked if the tree wells will be enlarged. Mr. Wilhelm replied the well will remain the same size at 3' by 3'.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 53-16, Quakertown Youth Wrestling Club's request to hold a family swim party for their organization's members, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 53-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from Tisha Ziegler from the Quakertown Youth Wrestling Club requesting permission to hold a pool party for their club families at the Borough's public pool on Saturday, August 6, 2016 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Youth Wrestling Club to use the public pool on August 6, 2016 from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. providing they add 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 46-16, Access Services' request to hold an employee field day in Memorial Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 46-16

WHEREAS, a request was received by Gavin Neese of Access Services, a non-profit organization that serves adults and children with development disabilities, to hold an employee field play and team building event in Memorial Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Access Services to use Memorial Park for their employee event on Friday, May 13, 2016 (rain date May 20, 2016) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. provided the Borough is 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 38-16, Quakertown Slow Pitch League's request to use Memorial Park's field for men's slow pitch league, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 38-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Quakertown Slow Pitch League requesting use of Memorial Park (Tennis Court area) baseball field for a men's slow pitch league.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Slow Pitch League to use the baseball field in Memorial Park (Tennis Court area) two games per night, Monday through Thursday starting in mid-May through August 2016, with games starting at 6:15 pm and the second game starting immediately upon conclusion of the first game, provided each of the five teams adds the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 39-16, Pride of Quakertown's request to hold a 5K Dash and Dip, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 39-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Pride of Quakertown to hold a 5K Dash and Dip starting at the Borough's Pool parking lot, looping through Memorial Park and out to Broad Street and end at the Pool parking lot.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Pride of Quakertown to hold a 5K Dash and Dip on Saturday, July 30, 2016, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council grants the use of the Borough Swimming Pool by the participants following the event.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 41-16, Kristin King's request to hold a Healthy Kids Running Series in Memorial Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 41-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from Kristin King, 11 Essex Court, Quakertown, PA to use Memorial Park to host a Healthy Kids Running Series for children ages three to twelve.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Kristin King to use Memorial Park in the grassy area by the volleyball court to hold a Healthy Kids Running Series for five Sundays, April 10, April 17, April 24, May 1 and May 8, 2016 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. provided proof of insurance adding the Borough as an additional insured is received before the start of the series.

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 42-16, Jessica Haas' request to hold a 5K Walk/Run to Heal event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 42-16

WHEREAS, Jessica Haas, Emmaus PA has applied for a public gathering permit to conduct a 5K Walk/Run to Heal on the perimeter of the sports fields.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit request of Jessica Haas for a 5K Walk/ Run to Heal beginning and ending on the perimeter of the sports fields on May 22, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 51-16, Julie Williams' request to hold a Relay for Life event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 51-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from Julie Williams to hold the annual Relay for Life event in the Park at 4th.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request to hold a Relay for Life in the Park at 4th on June 4 & 5, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and also to use the amphitheater, provided that Relay for Life agrees to enter into the previously Council approved agreement relating to liability to the Borough of Quakertown.

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

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary