

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held August 3, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

District Justice C. Robert Roth administered the Oath of Office to new Councilman Jon Roth who will fill David Erwin's remaining term which expires December 31, 2017.

The following members and officers were present: President L. James Roberts, Vice President Donald Rosenberger, Council members, Lisa Gaier, Michael Johnson, Jann Paulovitz, Douglas Propst, Solicitor Jack Gross, Manager Scott C. McElree.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of July 6 and July 25, 2016 be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilman Roth abstained.

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

July 1, 2016	-	\$ 167,708.59
July 8, 2016	-	128,206.88
July 15, 2016	-	794,818.71
July 28, 2016	-	24,841.13
July 28, 2016	-	815,083.23

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier.

President Roberts stated that he will abstain from voting as 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 Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Naomi Naylor from Quakertown Alive along with the Design Committee presented a check to the Borough in the amount of \$5,000, which came from a portion of the Department of Community and Economic Development Cascade Grant, to honor the sallyport addition.

Councilwoman Paulovitz stated on August 20, 2016 at the Brewfest, Quakertown Alive will be presenting a wall mural to the Borough which will be painted on the building wall at 209 W. Broad Street.

President Roberts announced that after tonight's meeting Councilwoman Gaier will be Chairperson of Utilities and Councilman Roth will be the Chairperson for Planning and Zoning.

### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Gaier made known that on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough and the Quakertown Community School District regarding the electronic sign, there has been a sentence added. It will now read "The Borough reserves the right to alter this agreement within reason for the purposes of improving the conditions related to public safety

but in no event shall further reduce or eliminate Quakertown Community School District's approval for an electronic sign.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 85-16, Memorandum of Understanding with the Quakertown Community School District pertaining to an electronic sign, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 85-16

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2016 a Public Hearing was held for the Quakertown Community School District's Conditional Use for an electronic sign to be placed at 600 Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, on July 6, 2016 Borough Council granted a Conditional Use for Quakertown Community School District's electronic sign contingent upon a Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to conditions regarding public safety for the area near the pedestrian crossing in front of the High School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to accept the presented Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Quakertown and the Quakertown Community School District related to the proposed electronic sign to be located in front of the Quakertown Community High School and authorizes the Borough Manager to sign the Memorandum.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 86-16, authorizing to proceed with advertising of a Maintenance and Abandoned Properties Ordinance, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 86-16

WHEREAS, numerous vacant and abandoned properties have accumulated throughout the Borough creating property maintenance, utility billing and ownership issues; and

WHEREAS, a Registration Maintenance and Security of Abandoned Real Property Ordinance has been created to assist the Borough in acquiring property ownership information allowing the Borough to have contact information for any property issues.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to proceed with the required advertising for the Registration Maintenance and Security of Abandoned Real Property Ordinance.

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

#### **REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 83-16, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church's request to hold an annual peach festival, be adopted:

### **RESOLUTION 83-16**

WHEREAS, a request was received from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to close Erie Avenue for their annual 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 Wednesday, August 10, 2016 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 Johnson, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 84-16, Calvary Chapel of Quakertown's request to hold a block party, be adopted:

### **RESOLUTION 84-16**

WHEREAS, a request was received from Nate Schill of Calvary Chapel of Quakertown to hold a block party at 347 New Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the request of Nate Schill of Calvary Chapel to hold a block party on Saturday, September 24, 2016, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm, and to close New Street between Ambler and the dead end of New Street provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

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

Councilman Johnson mentioned that National Night Out was very well attended and thanked the Borough for holding the event.

Councilman Johnson also mentioned a letter was received from the Navy Yard Security thanking the Borough for sending Mario Cabrera to help work the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia.

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Councilman Roth 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 Works Committee.

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 87-16, Moon Dog's request to use the amphitheater for a class, be adopted:

### **RESOLUTION 87-16**

WHEREAS, a request was received by Moon Dog Yoga to use the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Park amphitheater for an evening yoga class on September 14, 2016 from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Moon Dog Yoga to use the amphitheater for a class on September 14, 2016 provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

Councilman Rosenberger asked if there is a fee for the use of the amphitheater. Manager McElree stated the amphitheater fee will be addressed with Council for the 2017 budget. At present, the fee is the same as a pavilion rental fee.

Councilman Propst mentioned the Fire Company Carnival is going on now through August 6<sup>th</sup>.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 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