

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held October 5, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

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, Jon Roth, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of September 7, 2016 be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Gaier mentioned October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month. Erik Weiner and the Bucks County Down Syndrome Interest Group was present. The group consists of parents and family members who provide information to the public and advocate for individuals that have Down Syndrome. Councilman Johnson read a proclamation stating Quakertown will recognize October as Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

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

September 2, 2016	-	\$ 121,336.36
September 9, 2016	-	24,759.16
September 16, 2016	-	851,030.66
September 23, 2016	-	4,164.74
September 29, 2016	-	1,156,920.45

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Roth. 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 Propst, 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 regarding the facade grant.

Kevin Wright, 28 N. Ambler Street, indicated he would like to speak on the solar panel proposal.

### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilman Roth stated that there are not any items for action under the Planning & Zoning Committee.

## REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Rosenberger announced the Borough's Municipal Minimum Obligations for the year 2017. Police pension \$563,010, Non-uniform pension \$368,018 and Money Purchase plan (401A) \$72,800, for a total of \$1,003,828.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 97-16, Quakertown Fire Department's disbursements for emergency services apparatus replacement and airpack replacement, be adopted:

### RESOLUTION 97-16

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Fire Department has requested the disbursement of \$80,000 for the acquisition of emergency services apparatus replacement and \$10,000 for airpack replacement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the release of \$80,000 to the Quakertown Fire Department from the Electric Fund (7) to be used for emergency services equipment and \$10,000 for airpack replacement.

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 101-16, accept bid and award contract for towing to Bucks County Auto Care, be adopted:

### RESOLUTION 101-16

#### ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO BUCKS COUNTY AUTO CARE

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the bid of Bucks County Auto Care of Dublin, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$58.00/vehicle for 2017, \$60.00/vehicle for 2018, \$60.00/vehicle for 2019 and \$62.00/vehicle for 2020 for towing of vehicles as per bid opened September 16, 2016, is hereby accepted with a potential two year extension. The contract is awarded to Bucks County Auto Care. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contract on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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 106-16, accept bids for Borough equipment and vehicles, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 106-16

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the following bids for sale of equipment and vehicles be accepted and awarded to:

Jersey One Auto of Jersey City, NJ for:  
2008 Ford Sedan @ \$919.00

Jersey One Auto of Jersey City, NJ for:  
1987 Backhoe @ \$1,181.00

Joseph Murgia of Nazareth, Pennsylvania for:  
1996 Chevy Truck @ \$2,600.00

The contracts are awarded in accordance with bids opened September 16, 2016. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contracts on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

Councilman Rosenberger stated Mr. Biddle could speak at this time. Mr. Biddle asked if the facade grant is for the new fiscal year. Councilman Rosenberger stated the Borough will be filing a grant application for \$60,000 for next year. Mr. Biddle thanked the Borough for sponsoring and receiving this grant for several years now and suggested to publicize the grant. Councilman Rosenberger suggested publishing the grant information in the Borough's quarterly newsletter.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 107-16, filing for a DCED facade grant; be adopted:

RESOLUTION 107-16

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN AUTHORIZING  
THE FILING OF A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (DCED), COMMONWEALTH  
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown is desirous of obtaining funds from the Department in the amount of \$60,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Quakertown will assume the provision of the full local share of project costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Borough of Quakertown will reimburse the Commonwealth for the state's share of any expenditures found by DCED to be ineligible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Borough of Quakertown is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and

to furnish a copy of the Resolution to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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 99-16, proclamation in honor of Down Syndrome Awareness Month, be adopted:

### RESOLUTION 99-16

#### PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

It is about celebrating abilities and accomplishments.

National Down Syndrome Awareness Month provides us a unique opportunity to raise awareness, reduce misunderstanding, and encourage inclusion.

More than 400,000 Americans have Down Syndrome. People with Down Syndrome are active participants in educational, social, and recreational activities. They are included in the typical education system and take part in sports, music, art programs, and any other activities in our community. People with Down Syndrome are valued members of their family and our community, and make meaningful contributions to society.

The National Down Syndrome Society has nearly 375 local affiliates, providing new parents support and education, family meetings, recreational activities, conferences, help lines, and training for medical professionals and educators.

One of the awareness programs are the Buddy Walks held throughout the country. There are nearly 250 taking place this year with the Lehigh Valley Buddy Walk taking place on September 24<sup>th</sup>, the Philadelphia Buddy Walk on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the West Chester Buddy Walk on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

WHEREAS, Our community is stronger for the contributions made by our residents with Down Syndrome, and individuals with Down Syndrome should have equal opportunity to achieve the universally desired goals of self-fulfillment, pride in their achievements, inclusion in their community and reaching their fullest potential; and,

WHEREAS, We are committed to a community embracing children and adults that offer all abilities and accomplishments.

NOW THEREFORE, I call upon all residents to honor and support our friends, family, and neighbors with Down Syndrome and help create opportunities and raise awareness.

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 103-16, approving the Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 103-16

BUCKS COUNTY 2016  
HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, is most vulnerable to natural and human-made hazards which may result in loss of life and property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA-2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds; and

WHEREAS, the Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Bucks County Emergency Management Agency and the Bucks County Planning Commission in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of the Borough of Quakertown; and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards that face the County and its municipal governments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body for the Borough of Quakertown:

- The Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough of Quakertown; and
- The respective officials and agencies identified in the implementation strategy of the Bucks County 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them.

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

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Gaier indicated that Mr. Wright could speak at this time. Mr. Wright is President of ProtoGen, Inc. which is an energy and electrical systems specialty firm serving utilities, municipalities and institutions with energy project development and asset management. Mr. Wright stated he feels the American Municipal Power's (AMP) proposal is not the right decision for Quakertown and handed information to Council clarifying his opposition to Quakertown's participation in the AMP Solar project.

Councilwoman Gaier stated she feels Mr. Wright brought up some good points.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 104-16, entering into an agreement with American Municipal Power for solar project, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 104-16

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to participate in a solar generation project as proposed by American Municipal Power (AMP).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown to authorize the Borough Manager to enter into the proposed agreement with American Municipal Power.

Motion of Councilwoman Gaier, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken. The vote was 6 – 1 with Councilwoman Gaier voting no.

Councilwoman Gaier stated her vote is not because she has objection, but there is a dead line and she has more questions.

President Roberts announced the motion was passed.

#### **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 100-16, setting the Borough's Fall Festival, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 100-16

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Borough Parks & Recreation Coordinator has requested conducting a Fall Festival on Friday, October 21, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request to hold a Fall Festival on October 21, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Park at 4th with a rain date of Saturday, October 22, 2016.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 102-16, accepting the proposal from American Ramp Company for conceptual design services for ramps at the new Action Park at Main Street & 9<sup>th</sup> Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 102-16

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal in the amount of \$5,000.00 from American Ramp Company, Missouri for conceptual design services for ramp designs being considered at the new Action Park at Main Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street; and

WHEREAS, the conceptual design services will include a community meeting with local skaters to formulate ideas for the design, site review, design webinar revision, a DVD of the approved concept design created to send to local social media sites, cost estimate for construction of approved skatepark design, prove breakdown of material types and quantities to construct skatepark and large poster size prints of final design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to accept American Ramp Company's proposal in the amount of \$5,000.00 and authorizes the Borough Manager to execute the said proposal on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 105-16, St. Isidore School's request to hold a 5K run, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 105 -16

WHEREAS, a request was received from St. Isidore's School to hold a Halloween themed 5K Run.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of St. Isidore's School to hold a Halloween themed 5K Run through the Quakertown park trails on Saturday, October 22, 2016, starting at 4:00 p.m., 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 108-16, setting Trick or Treat night, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 108-16

RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown establishes October 31, 2016, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., as Trick-or-Treat night in 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 adjourned the meeting until October 24, 2016, at that time Council will reconvene this Council meeting for any matter that comes before Council.

Councilman Roth announced several borough events coming up within the next several weeks.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 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