

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held November 2, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President L. James Roberts, 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. Vice President Donald Rosenberger absent.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of October 5, 2016 be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Vice President Rosenberger absent.

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

September 30, 2016 -	\$ 6,773.17
October 7, 2016 -	1,084,979.20
October 14, 2016 -	703,019.78
October 21, 2016 -	10,788.67
October 26, 2016 -	1,000.00
October 27, 2016 -	526,397.69

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

RESOLVED, That, the Financial Statement, Police Department, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector reports be received and filed. Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilwoman Gaier. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Vice President Rosenberger absent.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 118-16, authorization to proceed with a Phase I study for the SEPTA Freight House, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 118-16

RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to proceed with a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment study for the Septa Freight House property located at 15 Front Street and also authorizes Cowan Associates, Inc. to perform the study not to exceed the cost of \$2,900.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 119-16, William Feigley's request for subdivision at 34 S. 10th Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 119-16

WHEREAS, William P. Feigley has filed a subdivision plan to subdivide 34 S. 10th Street which consists of two single family dwellings, a garage and accessory shed into (2) two lots with no new construction proposed ; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission have reviewed and recommended approval of the plan dated August 31, 2016 with the following waiver:

1. Waiver requiring the street abutting a subdivision be widened to the cartway width. South Tenth Street is designated as a local street and has a required cartway width of 36 feet, which currently has a width of 31 feet. (Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances Section 506.1A).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown that the plan dated August 31, 2016, including the above waiver, is approved. The plan must be recorded in Bucks County within ninety (90) days.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 120-16, Michael Brent's request for subdivision at 425 S. West End Boulevard, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 120-16

WHEREAS, Michael F. Brent, Sr. and Michael F. Brent, Jr. have filed a minor subdivision plan for 425 S. West End Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Zoning Hearing Board and the Quakertown Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval of the plan dated August 18, 2016 with the following variances of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance:

1. Section 312.6 - Lot Area – 15,000 square feet per dwelling unit is required; The plan proposes 12,192 square feet per dwelling unit for Lot 1 and 5,890.5 square feet per dwelling unit for Lot 2.
2. Section 404.2B – Lot Frontage – 70% of the 100 foot lot width is required; The plan proposes 36 feet for Lot 2.
3. Section 312.7 – Side Yard – 20 foot minimum is required; the plan proposes 13 feet for Lot 2.

4. Section 312.7 – Rear Yard – 45 foot minimum is required; the plan proposes 13 feet for Lot 1 and 24.9 feet for Lot 2.
5. Section 312.6 – Impervious Surface Coverage – 40% maximum is allowable; the plan proposes 61.5% for Lot 2.
6. Deed Restriction on Lot 2 (rear lot) – Lot restricted to residential use only.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown that the Brent subdivision plan dated August 18, 2016, including the above variances and restriction, is approved. The plan must be recorded in Bucks County within ninety (90) days.

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

RESOLVED, that, the following Resolution 110-16, Tim Snyder's request for curb cut on vacant lot on S. Main Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 110-16

WHEREAS, Tim Snyder is the owner of record of a vacant lot on S. Main Street, Quakertown, Tax Map Parcel #35-004-403; and

WHEREAS, Tim Snyder made application for a curb cut which would be in conjunction with construction of a new single family dwelling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the application for a curb cut on parcel #35-004-403 provided it is paid for by Mr. Snyder.

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

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 116-16, the sale of old parking meters in stock, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 116-16

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to dispose of old parking meters and housings which are no longer needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, authorizes the Borough Manager to execute the sale of old parking meters and housings in stock to Richard W. Scholl for the amount of \$300.00.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 112-16, Communities for Peace request to hold a Prayer Walk for Peace and Unity, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 112-16

WHEREAS, a request was received for a public gathering permit from the Communities for Peace organization to hold a Prayer Walk for Peace and Unity; and

WHEREAS, the group will walk to the hospital, high school, borough building, food pantry, police station and fire station to pray and sing and conclude at the fountain in the downtown triangle which will include lighting luminaries.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit to Communities for Peace to hold a walk to the various locations and end at the fountain to light luminaries and sing on November 6, 2016, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 111-16, Quakertown Alive's request to hold a Garden Marketplace event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 111-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold a Garden Marketplace event consisting of garden related vendors at the Park at 4th from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, Quakertown Alive! is requesting use of the park restrooms and concession stand.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to hold a Garden Marketplace event at the Park at 4th on July 9, 2017 with access to the restrooms and concession stand 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. Vice President Rosenberger absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 113-16, Quakertown Football Team's request to hold a bon fire, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 113-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from George Banas, Jr., the Coach of the Quakertown Senior High School Football Team to conduct their 2016 Bon Fire and Pep Rally at the Borough's skating pond parking lot.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Senior High School Football Team to conduct their 2016 Thanksgiving Day Bon Fire and Pep Rally on November 22, 2016 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Borough's skating pond parking lot, provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

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

Councilman Johnson mentioned in October he was overseeing the Fire Department's elections and the results were Fire Chief, Brian Guent and Deputy Fire Chief, Scott Cassel.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 109-16, Douglas Hutchinson's request for water service on Cemetery Road, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 109-16

WHEREAS, a request for Borough water service for Douglas Hutchinson on Cemetery Road, Quakertown was received from Richland Township Water Authority; and

WHEREAS, this property is located in Richland Township and the Richland Township Water Authority has indicated that the property is not located near any existing or proposed Richland Township Water Authority distribution facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Richland Township Water Authority to provide water service to the property of Douglas Hutchinson on Cemetery Road. The Borough Manager is directed to make the necessary arrangements.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 114-16, accepting bid and awarding contract to All Reliable Services, Inc. for power line right of way clearance and tree trimming, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 114-16
ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO
ALL RELIABLE SERVICES, INC.

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the bid of All Reliance Services, Inc. of St. Augustine, Florida, for power line right-of –way clearance and tree trimming, in the following amounts

Year 2017	—	\$ 32,414.00
Year 2018	—	36,312.00
Year 2019	—	24,912.00
Year 2020	—	24,611.00

as per bids opened October 19, 2016 is hereby accepted. The contract is awarded to All Reliance Services, Inc. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contract on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 115-16, accepting bid and awarding contract to Lawn Specialties for lawn care and vegetation control, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 115-16
ACCEPT BID AND AWARD CONTRACT TO
LAWN SPECIALTIES

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

Lawn Specialties of Hazleton, Pennsylvania for lawn care and vegetation control:

Year 2017	\$34,690.00	- Includes soil analyzing and lime application.
Year 2018	\$30,730.00	
Year 2019	\$30,730.00	

The contract is awarded in accordance with bids opened October 19, 2016. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contract 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. Vice President Rosenberger absent.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Propst stated that there are not any items for action under the Parks & Recreation Committee.

President Roberts announced that there will be an executive session to consult with the solicitor regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary