

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held December 7, 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 Sarah Jolly in for Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of November 2, 2016 be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Prost. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

October 28, 2016 -	\$ 10,514.99
November 4, 2016 -	137,604.13
November 11, 2016 -	26,732.63
November 18, 2016 -	630,313.62
November 23, 2016 -	9,714.99
December 1, 2016 -	1,143,072.28
December 2, 2016 -	11,531.06

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, Quakertown indicated he would like to speak in reference to the Closed Loop Traffic Signal Project.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 123-16, authorization to execute PennDot traffic signal forms for Closed Loop Traffic Signal Project, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 123-16

RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to execute the required Pennsylvania Department of Transportation TE-160 forms for the seven traffic signal locations included in the Closed Loop Traffic Signal project.

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

Councilman Roth indicated Mr. Biddle could speak at this time. Mr. Biddle questioned the scope of the Closed Loop Traffic Signal project. Manager McElree stated this has been a Richland Township/PennDot project not a Quakertown Borough project in place for several years and has changed a number of times delaying the project. The Borough presently is in the arduous process of obtaining easements from property owners at the different intersection locations.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 117-16, approval of Council and Work Session dates for 2017, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 117-16

RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown will conduct regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesdays, January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6, 2017. The meetings will be held in Council Chambers on the second floor of Borough Hall, commencing at times listed on said dates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown will hold Work Sessions on the following dates: Monday, January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25, October 23 and November 27, 2017. The meetings will be held in Council Chambers on the second floor of Borough Hall commencing at 7:30 p.m. on said dates.

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 121-16, approval of the 2017 budget, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 121-16

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown has reviewed and held public meetings on the consideration of the proposed 2017 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the 2017 Budget be adopted as presented.

Councilman Rosenberger mentioned there will not be an increase in the Borough's utility rates or taxes.

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

Councilman Rosenberger stated the next item was not on the agenda. The Borough is interested in changing insurance carriers for all insurances other than medical and health insurance to Delaware Valley Insurance Trust (DVIT). With similar or better coverage than what the Borough has currently, the price with (DVIT) will be approximately \$95,000.00 less. If interested, the Borough would have to change companies before January 1, 2017.

Councilman Rosenberger made a motion for a Resolution to move forward with the insurance company change and if adopted an Ordinance would need to be passed. Councilman Rosenberger asked President Roberts to adjourn this meeting to later this month so there is time to advertise the Ordinance and vote on it.

President Roberts added the Ordinance is required to establish the Borough Manager as a trustee which is required for each participating municipality in the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust.

RESOLVED, That the following Resolution 128-16, participation in the Delaware Valley Workers' Compensation Trust, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 128-16

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager has researched various insurance providers relative to the Borough's General Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager has made the determination to change the insurance provider to Delaware Valley Workers' Compensation Trust.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown directs the Borough Manager to enter into a two year contract with Delaware Valley Worker's Compensation Trust.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Borough Manager is directed to advertise Ordinance 1218, an Ordinance authorizing the participation of Quakertown Borough in the Delaware Valley Workers' Compensation Trust in accordance with the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act and the Pennsylvania Inter-Governmental Cooperation Law

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 127-16 installing a stop sign at N. Penrose Street & Forrest Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 127-16

WHEREAS, Chapter 15, Section 105 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Quakertown permits Borough Council to enact temporary, specific traffic and/or parking regulations for up to 90 days; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager/Chief of Police is recommending to Borough Council that multi-way stop signs be added to N. Penrose and Forrest Streets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown to place multi-way stop signs on N. Penrose and Forrest Streets for up to ninety days.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 125-16, rescinding Resolution 104-16 to enter into a proposed agreement with AMP, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 125-16

WHEREAS, Borough Council passed Resolution 104-16, authorizing the Borough Manager to enter into a proposed agreement with American Municipal Power (AMP); and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Electric Engineer Consultant has reviewed additional material regarding a second proposal from AMP; and

WHEREAS, the Borough's Electric Engineer Consultant now recommends that Borough Council not enter into the agreement Council formerly approved on October 5, 2016, therefore, be it.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 104-16 is hereby rescinded.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 124-16, accepting bids and awarding contracts for Water Department and Wastewater Department chemical bids, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 124-16 ACCEPTING BIDS AND AWARDING CONTRACTS

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

Buckman's Chemical of Pottstown, Pennsylvania, for:
Sodium Hypochlorite @ \$1.31/gallon effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017.

Main Pool & Chemical Co, Inc. of Avoca, Pennsylvania, for:

Sodium Bisulfite @ \$1.92/gallon effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017,
Sodium Bisulfite @ \$1.92/gallon effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018,
Sodium Bisulfite @ \$1.92/gallon effective January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

Main Pool & Chemical Co, Inc. of Avoca, Pennsylvania, for:

Liquid Ferric Chloride @ \$2.34/gallon effective January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017,
Liquid Ferric Chloride @ \$2.34/gallon effective January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018,
Liquid Ferric Chloride @ \$2.34/gallon effective January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

The contracts are awarded in accordance with bids opened November 15, 2016. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contracts on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 126-16, accepting bid and awarding contract for Public Works' garage heating system replacement, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 126-16

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the bid of Schoeller's Electrical/Mechanical Contractors of Perkasio, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$27,472.80 for the Public Works' garage heating system replacement, per bid opened November 22, 2016, is hereby accepted. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 122-16, Michael Cygan's request to hold Amy's Ride/Walk Against Pancreatic Cancer, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 122-16

WHEREAS, a request was received from Michael Cygan of Quakertown, Pennsylvania to hold a bike ride and walk event called Amy's Ride/Walk Against Pancreatic Cancer to benefit pancreatic research and treatment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Michael Cygan to hold Amy's Ride/Walk on Saturday, May 20, 2017 starting at 7:00 a.m. at the amphitheatre and ending at 12:00 p.m. provided he adds the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

Michael Cygan stated pancreatic cancer is one of the primary causes of cancer death in the United States, 46,000 people a year are diagnosed and only 6% of those will survive over 5 years. This fund raising event in the last two years has raised \$56,000 for pancreatic cancer research at Jefferson Hospital.

Councilman Propst asked Council if they had questions or feedback on the proposed trail signs from the Appalachian Mountain Club. Borough Manager McElree stated he was anticipating the updated design but has not received it. President Roberts replied this will be discussed further when the information is received.

Borough Manager McElree mentioned on December 15, 2016 the police will be hosting the 6th annual Shop With A Cop at Walmart. This year \$25,000 has been raised and the program has been expanded adding additional police departments and increasing the number of children participating to sixty. Borough Manger McElree thanked all the sponsors, businesses, police officers and Julie Bender who help make this event successful.

Councilwoman Gaier stated this is a fantastic night and special event.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm. until December 21, 2016 at 5:30 pm.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary