

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held August 2, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President Dennis A. Hallman, Vice President L. James Roberts, Councilmembers Elfriede Werner, Daniel Williams, David Wilsey, David Zaiser, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager David L. Woglom and Asst. Borough Secretary Phyllis R. Ewing.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of July 5 and 24, 2006, be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilman Williams. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

RESOLVED, That, the financial reports be approved and vouchers drawn in payment of the bills listed thereon be ratified. Motion of Councilwoman Werner, seconded by Councilman Zaiser. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

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\$2,139,651.33

RESOLVED, That, the Treasurer's Report for July 2006 be received and spread on the minutes. Motion of Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilwoman Werner. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

<p>Treasurer's Report July 31, 2006</p>

Fund	Savings/Checking	PLGIT	CD	Total
Electric Fund	\$ 30,821.22	\$ 4,932.88	\$ 785,000.00	\$ 820,754.10
Water	670,490.47	4,555.64	250,000.00	925,046.11
Sewer	406,435.15	4,031.11	250,000.00	660,466.26
General	10,544.10	2,062.28		12,606.38
Payroll	200.00			200.00
Payroll Withholding	19,194.29			19,194.29
Debt Service Reserve		1,955.17		1,955.17
Fire Equipment		24,992.48		24,992.48
Recreation Fund	22,680.59			22,680.59
PA Motor License	152,685.38	589.72		153,275.10
Sinking Fund	281,038.34	3,652.64		284,690.98

1999-01 Equipment Replacement	290,797.17			290,797.17
Totals	\$1,884,886.71	\$ 46,771.92	\$1,285,000.00	\$3,216,658.63

RESOLVED, That, the Police Department, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector reports be received and filed. Motion of Councilman Wilsey, seconded by Councilman Zaiser. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

Manager Woglom swore new Fire Police person Donald Wenhold into office.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilman Wilsey stated that a public hearing was advertised on a proposed amendment to the Quakertown Zoning Ordinance concerning a change in the Light Industrial District and asked if anyone present wishes to speak in this regard. There being no response, the public hearing portion of the meeting was closed.

RESOLVED, That, reading of proposed Ordinance 1123 concerning a change to the Quakertown Zoning Ordinance be waived. Motion of Councilman Wilsey, seconded by Councilman Roberts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1123, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Quakertown, Chapter 27, Sections 201, 314(2)(x), 601 Table 6.1, and 604 Table 6.4, creating a use for a YMCA, permitting that use in the Light Industrial District, amending the off street parking requirement for the YMCA use, and amending the off street loading requirements for the YMCA use be passed finally. Motion of Councilman Wilsey, seconded by Councilman Roberts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 40-06 concerning a two lot subdivision on Tohickon Avenue be adopted:

RESOLUTION 40-06

WHEREAS, Donald and Rose Marie Vargo, owners of tax parcel 35-9-111, have filed a minor subdivision plan for 334 Tohickon Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission have reviewed and recommended approval (with conditions) of the plan dated May 8, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown that the plan dated May 8, 2006 is approved subject to the following conditions:

1. That the plan is to be revised to comply with all comments of the Borough Engineer in his letter dated June 27, 2006.
2. That Borough Council grants waivers to sections 506.4.G(2) and 506.4.11 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance of the Borough relating to curb radius and right-of-way radius that were pre-existing to the creation of the subdivision.

The plan must be recorded in Bucks County within ninety (90) days.

Motion of Councilman Wilsey, seconded by Councilman Roberts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

RESOLVED, That, the request from Quakertown Alive! to change the off-street parking requirements for some uses in the Town Center District be forwarded to the Quakertown Planning Commission for review. Motion of Councilman Wilsey, seconded by Councilman Roberts.

President Hallman asked if this should also go to the Bucks County Planning Commission? Manager Woglom answered as follows:

An ordinance has not yet been prepared for submission to the Bucks County Planning Commission.

The Manager, Zoning Officer Ken Fretz and the Quakertown Planning Commission will draft an Ordinance.

After the Ordinance is drafted, it will then be forwarded to the Bucks County Planning Commission for their review.

Richard Desko, 18 Front Street, suggested that Council open to all uses and not place restrictions.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That the following Resolution 41-06 concerning the re-establishment of a Junior Councilperson be adopted:

Resolution 41-06

WHEREAS, Borough Council seeks to educate and involve the youth of the Borough in their local government, and to reach out to involve possible future members of Council, to benefit both the youth and all residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Council Person Program as established and fostered by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB), seeks to encourage Boroughs to have high school age Borough residents participate in the workings of their local government by appointing Junior Council Person(s); and

WHEREAS, Borough Council intends to seek assistance from High School faculty members and guidance counselors to recommend prospective Junior Council candidates to Council, and Council plans to select a student to serve as Junior Council Member during the school year; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to extend to the youth of Quakertown Borough a voice in the operation of this Borough and this Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

3. The Council of the Borough of Quakertown hereby creates the position of "Junior Council Person".
4. The term of office shall be during the school year, from September through May.
5. Candidates for the office shall submit a written application to Borough Council with a one-page cover letter highlighting the applicant's interest in the position. After considering all submissions, Borough Council shall appoint a student at a regularly scheduled meeting.
6. The Junior Council Person shall be a resident of Quakertown Borough and a student in his/her junior or senior year of high school.

7. The Junior Council Person shall be sworn in upon appointment and take an “oath of office”.
8. The Junior Council Person shall be permitted to attend all meetings of Council and all committee meetings and shall be permitted to participate fully in those proceedings, except that he/she shall not be afforded the right to vote and shall not be permitted to attend executive sessions.

Motion of Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilwoman Werner. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, Council designates October 31 from 6 to 9 p.m. as Trick or Treat Night. Motion of Councilwoman Werner, seconded by Councilman Wilsey. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

RESOLVED, That, Council grants the request of Trinity Lutheran Church to close Erie Avenue from Hellertown Avenue to the alley on August 9, 2006 from 5 to 10 p.m. (rain date August 10) for their Peach Festival. Motion of Councilwoman Werner, seconded by Councilman Zaiser. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

RESOLVED, That, Council grants the request of the Breaking the Cycle organization to conduct a bike ride through the Borough on September 16, 2006. Motion of Council-woman Werner, seconded by Councilman Williams.

Councilwoman Werner asked if the insurance information has been received. Chief McElree indicated that we have received the insurance certificate.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

Councilwoman Werner questioned an anonymous hand-letter sign on South Main Street, which expresses displeasure with the speeding of a neighboring Police Department. Chief McElree stated that he has spoken to Richland Township Police Chief Cerami and he indicated that he will look into it and will address it with his department. Chief McElree stated that neither Quakertown nor Richland Police have received any complaints about speeding police cars or any close calls involving children. Councilman Wilsey indicated that he feels it is a serious problem as he has seen, at least once a week, Richland patrol cars speeding on Main

Street. It was pointed out that police officers responding to emergency calls may exceed the speed limit as long as they activate the siren and flashing lights.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

In Councilman Rosenberger's absence, Councilman Roberts chaired the Public Utilities Committee portion of the Agenda.

RESOLVED, That, Council authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare an agreement with the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority concerning the provision of water meter readings. Motion of Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilman Williams. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

RESOLVED, That, Council grants the request of St. John's Church for the Borough to erect three banners on Borough utility poles on Tenth Street. Motion of Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilwoman Werner. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Zaiser indicated that there aren't any items for consideration under the Public Works Committee.

President Hallman stated that a letter went out to Broad Street residents, within the next two weeks the work should be completed on Broad Street.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, Council approves the proposed improvements to Cedar Grove Park as explained in the Borough Manager's Memo of July 18, 2006 (excerpt below). Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilwoman Werner. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

(Excerpt from Manager's Memo of July 18, 2006 — "...improvements we are considering are shown on the attached plan and include:

1. The installation of a new slide and jungle gym toward the entrance to the park;
2. The moving of the existing playground from the back of the park to the area along side the road coming into the park;
3. The installation of a new stone walking path in the back part of the park;
4. The provision of new picnic tables in the back of the park; and

5. The installation of new grinding rails for rollerbladers and skateboarders on one side of the basketball courts.”)

RESOLVED, That, Council grants the request of the Upper Bucks YMCA to conduct a tennis tournament in Memorial Park on July 24 to 29. Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Roberts.

President Hallman commented that this request was not received in time for the Work Session, nor in time for our regular Council meeting, and asked that the Borough Manager write to the YMCA and ask for them to forward their requests in a more timely fashion (prior to the Work Session) in the future or it will not be granted.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried by majority vote with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Roberts, Werner, Williams, Zaiser and Hallman; and the following Councilmember voting against: Wilsey (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

RESOLVED, That, Council grants the request of the Relay for Life organization to conduct their annual event in Memorial Park on May 5 to 6, 2007. Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Wilsey. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

President Hallman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Dennis A. Hallman
President of Council

Attest:

Phyllis R. Ewing
Asst. Borough Secretary