

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held November 7, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President Dennis A. Hallman, Vice President L. James Roberts, Councilmembers Donald Rosenberger (7:35 p.m.), Elfriede Werner, Daniel Williams, David Wilsey, and David Zaiser, Junior Councilperson Katelynn Klinkert, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Phyllis R. Ewing.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of August 27, September 5, September 24, October 3 and October 22, 2007, be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Zaiser. 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 Councilman Zaiser, seconded by Councilman Roberts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Rosenberger — absent).

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RESOLVED, That, the Treasurer's Report for September 2007 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).

Treasurer's Report September 30, 2007
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Fund	Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Electric Fund	\$1,065,957.12	\$1,212,126.00	\$1,339,583.06	\$ 938,500.06
Water	1,231,331.46	141,244.31	59,855.15	1,312,720.62
Sewer	1,284,661.31	462,785.30	112,755.05	1,634,691.56
General	75,739.40	393,584.66	403,193.05	66,131.01
Payroll	28,018.97	353,926.57	365,735.07	16,210.47
Restricted Funds	3,422,810.41	171,525.59	1,193,706.89	2,400,629.11
Sinking Fund	19,425.11	50,695.80	26,694.89	43,426.02
<b>Total Available Funds</b>	<b>\$7,127,943.78</b>	<b>\$2,785,888.23</b>	<b>\$3,501,523.16</b>	<b>\$6,412,308.85</b>

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

Visitors:

Steve Biddle, 130 S. Main Street, asked to speak with regard to the following: the Front Street Parking Ordinance, the time frame for the Krupp site Park Committee and how Council plans to pursue consideration for a household energy audit. President Hallman indicated that Council hasn't discussed the time frame on those two projects. Mr. Biddle indicated that he will come in and discuss them with the Manager.

Dick Mindler, Quakertown Train Station Historical Society, asked to speak during the Public Works portion of the Agenda. President Hallman indicated that he could speak during the Public Works Committee.

President Hallman thanked everyone that came out to vote and congratulated newly-elected and re-elected Councilmembers.

#### PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilman Wilsey stated that there aren't any items for action under the Planning & Zoning Committee.

President Hallman reported that a memo regarding stand-alone signs was received from Zoning Administrator Fretz and also from the Solicitor. President Hallman stated that these signs will be discussed at the next Work Session.

#### REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Roberts explained the requirements regarding purchasing amounts in Ordinance 1134.

RESOLVED, That, reading of Ordinance 1134 revising purchasing amounts as per approved "Quakertown Borough Purchasing Policy Manual 2007" be waived. Motion of Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1134, an Ordinance amending the Administrative Code of the Borough of Quakertown, Part 2, Administrative Regulations; Personnel Rules, §204 purchases, be passed finally. Motion of Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 54-07 regarding change to DVIT health care coverage be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 54-07

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to change the health care insurance carrier for Borough employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the employees health care insurance carrier be changed to Delaware Valley Insurance Trust (DVIT) health care coverage effective January 1, 2008.

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

Councilman Roberts indicated that at the meeting on the budget, Council will discuss the possible imposition of a Local Services Tax. The first meeting for discussion on the Budget will be held on November 15 at 6:00 p.m. In order to enact an LST Tax it must be enacted by November 30. This tax would apply to all persons working in the Borough.

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

Councilwoman Werner read Ordinance 1135 in full.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1135, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Quakertown, Chapter 15, Section 211(1), adding a 4- way stop at the intersection of Hellertown Avenue and Mill Street be passed finally. Motion of Councilwoman Werner, seconded by Councilman Zaiser.

Councilman Zaiser asked if this Ordinance now makes the 4-way stop permanent? Manager McElree indicated that it does. Councilman Williams asked if the two lanes on Mill Street could be changed to one lane? Manager McElree indicated that it must stay the way it is due to PennDOT approval was given on the current structure, patterns and flow.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilwoman Werner read Ordinance 1136 in full.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1136, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Quakertown, Chapter 15, Section 406, with regard to ten minute parking

at Juniper and Front Streets, be passed finally. Motion of Councilwoman Werner, seconded by Councilman Roberts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 56-07 regarding the request from Grace Bible Fellowship Church, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 56-07

WHEREAS, a request was received from Grace Bible Fellowship Church to utilize a Quakertown Fire Police officer for their "Live Nativity" on the parking lot of the Quakertown Wal Mart;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Grace Bible Fellowship Church to utilize a Quakertown Fire Police officer to help with traffic control on Saturday, December 8, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 59-07 regarding the request from the Borough of Pennsburg be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 59-07

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Borough of Pennsburg to utilize Quakertown Fire Police for their Hometown Christmas Parade;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Borough of Pennsburg to utilize the Quakertown Fire Police to help with traffic control on Sunday, December 2, 2007.

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

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 55-07 regarding the request from Mark Somers for a water connection at 1548 West Broad Street, Quakertown, be adopted:

## RESOLUTION NO. 55-07

WHEREAS, the Borough Council received a request from Mark Somers for a water connection at 1548 West Broad Street, Quakertown, Richland Township; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council wishes to grant the water connection request upon receipt of a letter from Richland Township indicating their approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, upon receipt of a letter from Richland Township indicating their approval of the Borough granting this water connection, the Borough Council grants a water connection to 1548 West Broad Street, Quakertown.

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Roberts. Under discussion, it was pointed out that a letter of approval was received from Richland Township. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Manager McElree gave a brief presentation on alternative energy sources. Manager McElree indicated that as soon as he gathers more information, he will present it to Council. Mr. Biddle asked for a time frame. Councilman Rosenberger indicated that once Council receives the information, they will review and make a decision. Councilman Rosenberger answered that possibly by the end of the first quarter of 2008. Mr. Biddle gave Council some ideas as to how an audit could be accomplished.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

Dick Mindler, on behalf of the Quakertown Train Station Historical Society, publicly commended Joe Murgia and his work crew for the great job they did in putting the wall up by the train station.

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 57-07 regarding the request from RASA Softball be adopted:

## RESOLUTION NO. 57-07

WHEREAS, a request was received from RASA Softball to use the softball field in Memorial Park and a field in Main Street Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of RASA Softball to use the softball field in Memorial Park this Spring and also to use a field in Main Street Park from April 1, to July 30, 2008 (Monday to Thursday nights).

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 58-07 awarding the bid for a baseball scoreboard be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 58-07  
ACCEPTING BID AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO  
THOMAS L. HOFFMAN COMPANY, INC.

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the bid of Thomas L. Hoffman Company, Inc. of Allentown, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$44,164.00 for a Baseball Scoreboard as per bid opened October 23, 2007, is hereby accepted. The contract is awarded to Thomas L. Hoffman Company, Inc. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said contract on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Wilsey.

Under discussion, Councilman Roberts asked if the insurance company is covering the cost? Manager McElree indicated that they are except for the \$1,000 deductible. Councilman Williams pointed out that the other two bids did not meet the criteria of the specifications in that they would not fit into the frame.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

A Park Committee was formed to look at the Foundry. Alan Whitaker gave a report to Council with regard to the Committee's thoughts and findings to date. Mr. Whitaker indicated that their preliminary ideas include: a recreational area with walking trails, gardens with an incorporated gazebo, a water retention area, a bandshell, restroom facilities, parking including handicap parking and possibly a playground for small children. He indicated that matching grants and other funding is available.

George Banas pointed out that parking is needed behind the substation. John Smoll indicated that another possibility would be independent living. Councilman Roberts asked if the report will indicate several suggestions or a single suggestion? Mr. Whitaker indicated

that it would be narrowed down to a single suggestion.

President Hallman adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Dennis A. Hallman  
President of Council

Attest:

Phyllis R. Ewing  
Asst. Borough Secretary

November 26, 2007

A special meeting of the Borough Council was held on November 26, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President Dennis A. Hallman, Vice President L. James Roberts, Councilmembers Donald Rosenberger, Elfriede Werner, Daniel Williams, David Wilsey and David Zaiser, Junior Councilperson Katelynn Klinkert, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, and Manager Scott McElree.

President Hallman called the meeting to order and turned the meeting over to Revenue & Finance Chairman, Councilman Roberts.

#### REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Roberts indicated that tonight's meeting has been advertised for consideration of a Local Services Tax and explained the tax.

Councilman Roberts opened the floor for public comment. There being none, the following motions were made:

RESOLVED, That, reading of Ordinance 1137, establishing a Local Services Tax, be waived. Motion of Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1137, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Quakertown Chapter 24, §401 through 414, establishing the enactment of a Local Services Tax, be passed finally. Motion of Councilman Roberts, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

At 7:39 p.m., President Hallman adjourned the special meeting of Council.

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Dennis A. Hallman  
President of Council



Attest:

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Scott C. McElree  
Borough Secretary