

October 1, 2008

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held October 1, 2008, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President L. James Roberts, Vice President Donald Rosenberger, Councilmembers Michael Johnson, Michelle Scarborough, Edward Scholl, Daniel Williams, and David Zaiser, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Phyllis R. Ewing.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of September 3, 2008, 2008, be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Zaiser. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

September 2, 2008	—	\$ 3,289.00
September 5, 2008	—	\$ 13,376.67
September 11, 2008	—	\$ 13,374.68
September 19, 2008	—	\$119,417.46
September 30, 2008	—	\$956,920.23
October 2, 2008	—	\$ 5,027.99

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

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

Visitor:-

Erik Brannaka, 1121 Park Avenue, indicated that he wished to speak with regard to flooding problems at his property. Mr. Brannaka was told that he could speak during the Public Works Committee portion of the agenda.

Fire Policeman Matthew Pearson of 129 E. Broad Street, Quakertown, was sworn-in by Borough Manager McElree.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilman Scholl indicated that there aren't any items for action or report under the Planning & Zoning Committee.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 126-08, regarding Senate Bill 1491, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 126-08

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania SB 1491 “Amending the act of February 1, 1966 (1965 P.L. 1656, No. 581), entitled an act concerning boroughs, and revising, amending and consolidating the law relating to boroughs, further providing for regulation of contracts; and providing for additional contracting authority for electric power and energy” was recently introduced and referred to the Senate Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown has provided this municipal service for a number of years, under the existing authority in the Borough Code and views no need for the proposed provisions of this legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown opposes the enactment of SB 1491 and directs the Borough Manager to convey the opposition to the Senate Local Government Committee.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 127-08, regarding the Borough of Pennsburg’s request for Quakertown Fire Police assistance, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 127-08

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennsburg has requested the assistance of the Quakertown Fire Police, with traffic control, for their Halloween Parade.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown approves the request of the Borough of Pennsburg for assistance of the Quakertown Fire Police for their Halloween Parade on October 16, 2008, with a rain date of October 21, 2008.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 128-08, amending Resolution 2-08 appointing individuals as Fire Policemen, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 128-08

WHEREAS, Act 122 of 1980 (P.L. 5580, No. 122) requires that Quakertown Borough Council appoint individuals as Fire Policemen and state the scope of their responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council adopted Resolution 2-08 on January 7, 2008, appointing individuals as Fire Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown to amend Resolution 2-08 by removing the name of Peter Graziano from the list of appointed individuals as Fire Policemen for the Quakertown Fire Department and the Borough of Quakertown for 2008.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 129-08, regarding the Quakertown Fire Department and Companies, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 129-08

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown has certain responsibilities and authority granted by Act 8 of 2008 and Article X, Section 1041B, of the PA Borough Code relative to Fire Departments and Companies; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown is seeking to ascertain financial facts necessary for the inclusion of the financial needs of the Quakertown Fire Department and Companies in the Borough's 2009 Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Borough for the Quakertown Fire Department and Companies to operate with fiscal responsibility and efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Manager be instructed to meet with representatives of the Quakertown Fire Department and Companies in order to review with them their financial conditions, and plans for future development and acquisitions, and their organizational structure and further, to report his recommendations to Borough Council in a timely fashion prior to the adoption of the Borough's 2009 Budget.

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

Councilman Zaiser asked that Resolution 129-08 be conveyed to the Fire Department in writing.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Councilwoman Scarborough indicated that there aren't any items for action or report under the Public Utilities Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Zaiser indicated that there aren't any items for action under the Public Works Committee. Mr. Brannaka was told that he could speak at this time.

Mr. Brannaka told Council that when Park Avenue was re-paved, there was a center crown put in and it is causing the stormwater to back up on his property. It was pointed out that there are a few issues contributing to flooding on his property — his property is below the street level and there are large trees in his yard. Mr. Brannaka was told that the Borough's engineer had recommended a curb box and this will be placed to the left of his driveway and his current drain is on the east of the driveway. Mr. Brannaka was told that with flooding there are no absolutes, and while this is not a cure, it will hopefully help to solve the problem. Manager McElree told Mr. Brannaka that before the curb box is installed, a signed agreement is required from Erik and his family.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Williams indicated that there aren't any items for action or report under the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Manager McElree told Council that the Borough is placing pink candles in the windows of Borough Hall because it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

At 8:15 p.m., President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Phyllis R. Ewing
Asst. Borough Secretary

October 27, 2008

A special meeting of the Borough Council was held on October 27, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President L. James Roberts, Vice President Donald Rosenberger, Councilmembers Michael Johnson, Michelle Scarborough, Edward Scholl, Daniel Williams, David Zaiser, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, and Manager Scott C. McElree.

President Roberts stated that this meeting was advertised for the consideration of a proposed resolution regarding the use of the baseball stadium.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 131-08, regarding the approval of the use of the baseball stadium, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 131-08

WHEREAS, the Republican National Committee plans on hosting a political rally in the baseball stadium of Memorial Park on Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, that Council approves the use of the Quakertown Memorial Park Baseball Stadium on October 28, 2008 for a Republican Rally.

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

President Roberts declared the special meeting adjourned.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary