

September 1, 2010

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held September 1, 2010, 7:30 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of August 4, 2010, be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Erwin. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

August 8, 2010	-	\$ 84,584.88
August 13, 2010	-	70,905.41
August 20, 2010	-	898,903.46
August 25, 2010	-	205,148.94
September 1, 2010	-	1,651.99

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Williams.

Councilman Rosenberger questioned the payment of \$22,500 to Plantique for a bid contract. Manager McElree stated that is for the playground mulching.

A roll call vote was taken on the above motion 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 Williams, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, Resolution 92-10, regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the Bucks County Conservation District and the Borough of Quakertown, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 92-10

WHEREAS a Memorandum of Understanding has been proposed by the Bucks County Conservation District; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown is in agreement with the Memorandum of Understanding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the proper Borough official is authorized to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Quakertown and the Bucks County Conservation District.

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

RESOLVED, That, Council directs the Borough Manager to advertise proposed Ordinance 1173, change to Town Center off-street parking for consideration at the October 6, 2010 Council meeting. Motion of Councilman Scholl, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Rosenberger made the following announcement: The Borough's Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Borough pension plans will be submitted in September for a total of \$670,632.05.

Councilman Rosenberger pointed out that the Borough received news from the State that the State indicated that the portion they pay of the MMO will increase by 3.4% next year.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 89-10, request of Ovarian Cancer Foundation to place ribbons along Broad Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 89-10

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation to place teal ribbons on trees in the downtown public property area of the Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Sandy Rollman Ovarian Cancer Foundation to place teal ribbons on trees in the downtown public property area of the Borough to be displayed from August 29th to September 30, 2010.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 88-10, request of John Stahl to engage in a

HOG Toy Run, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 88-10

WHEREAS, a request was received from John Stahl to engage in a HOG Toy Run.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the request of John Stahl to engage in a HOG Toy Run on Saturday, October 9, 2010, provided the proper route is followed: Giant Shopping Center to Mill Street, from Mill Street to 9th Street, from 9th Street to Broad Street, then east on Broad Street.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 91-10, request of YMCA for a 5 mile run through Quakertown, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 91-10

WHEREAS, a request was received from the YMCA to use Fairview Avenue for a Kids Fun Run and to use Borough streets for a Fitness 5 Mile Run.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the YMCA to hold a Kids Fun Run on Fairview Avenue and a 5 mile run on Borough Streets on Saturday, October 2, 2010, provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Erwin.

Councilman Johnson questioned why they don't also use Penrose Street so that they will continually be going with the flow of traffic. Manager McElree stated that is a great idea and indicated that he will call them and make that suggestion.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 93-10, public gathering permit and Borough street closure for Quakertown Alive's Autumn Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 93-10

WHEREAS, a request was received for a public gathering permit from Quakertown Alive! to hold their Autumn Alive Festival on October 23rd with street

closings of W. Broad Street from Fourth Street to Hellertown Avenue and to waive the fee for use of the bandshell; and

WHEREAS, Council, in the adoption of Resolution 19-06, reserved the right to waive these fees for certain civic or charitable events, which they deem beneficial to the betterment of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to hold their Autumn Alive Festival on October 23, 2010, to waive the fee for the bandshell, and to close Borough streets provided approval is received from PennDOT to close Broad Street and also that the Borough is added as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

President Roberts, on behalf of Council, expressed sympathy to the family of Bill Peischel. President Roberts indicated that Council is considering doing some kind of a memorial for Mr. Peischel to properly note his service.

Councilman Scholl suggested that Council consider recognizing outstanding volunteers and suggested creating an award named after Bill.

President Roberts stated that an executive session with the Borough Solicitor regarding pending litigation and a personnel matter will be held following tonight's meeting.

President Roberts announced that a special meeting of Council will be held on September 13th at 5:30 p.m. regarding an application for a Community Development Block Grant and any other matters that may come before Council.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Phyllis R. Ewing
Asst. Borough Secretary

September 13, 2010

A special meeting of the Borough Council was held on September 13, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President L. James Roberts, Councilmembers David Erwin, Michelle Scarborough, and Edward Scholl and Manager Scott C. McElree.

President Roberts announced that tonight's meeting was advertised as a public hearing regarding an application to the Bucks County Community Development Grant Program in the amount of \$116,000, and also with regard to the PennDOT maintenance agreement.

President Roberts asked if anyone in the audience wishes to express an opinion on the usage of the Community Development Grant funds? There was no response.

President Roberts adjourned the public hearing portion of the meeting.

President Roberts stated that the Borough Manager has suggested replacement of the pedestrian bridge at Penrose Street and structural repairs to the Main Street bridge. Councilman Scholl asked if there is a possibility that the pedestrian bridge could handle emergency vehicles? Manager McElree answered that it may, according to how the bid is structured, have the capabilities to support a vehicle, but it will not be open to vehicles. President Roberts asked the Manager whether the \$116,000 would go towards the projects or would cover the projects? Manager McElree indicated that it will cover the two projects.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 94-10, authorizing submission of an application to the Bucks County Community Development Block Grant Program, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 94-10

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown is a legal entity as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as “the Applicant”); and,

WHEREAS, the Applicant intends to submit an application for assistance to the 2010 Bucks County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and

THE APPLICANT hereby authorizes the Manager/Secretary to submit an application for funding assistance to the 2010 Bucks County Community Development Block Grant Program.

THE APPLICANT also agrees to notify the Bucks County Department of Community and Business Development in writing if any of the information contained in this application changes and to execute a written agreement with the County of Bucks before commencing any work or expending any funds on any project.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 96-10, regarding the Bucks County Community Development Block Grant Program funds, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 96-10

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown is a legal government entity as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (hereinafter referred to as “the Applicant”); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant intends to submit an application for assistance for the 2010 Bucks County Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown that the Borough Manager is authorized to submit an application for funding assistance in the amount of \$116,000 from the 2010 Bucks County Community

Development Block Grant Program for repair or replacement of the following bridges:

- a. Replacement of the pedestrian bridge at Penrose Street (crosses the Licking Run Creek); and
- b. Structural repairs to the Main Street bridge (just south of the Borough Skate Park).

The Applicant also agrees to notify the Bucks County Department of Community and Business Development in writing if any of the information contained in this application changes and must execute a written agreement with the County of Bucks before proceeding/continuing with the project.

Motion of President Roberts, seconded by Councilwoman Scarborough.

Councilman Erwin asked the time line with receiving the funds and moving ahead with the projects. Manager McElree answered that he would anticipate sometime in the early part of 2011.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 95-10, regarding a Winter Traffic Services 5-year agreement with the PA Department of Transportation, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 95-10

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Bucks County, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that the Borough Secretary and Manager of the said Municipality be authorized and directed to sign the attached Agreement on its behalf.

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

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary.