A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held May 2, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President Donald Rosenberger, Vice President, James Roberts, Council members Douglas Propst, Michael Johnson, Jon Sell, David Wilsey, Mae Wear, Manager Scott C. McElree, and Solicitor John Gross. Absent Solicitor Charles Fonzone and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt.

RESOLVED, That, the minutes of April 4, 2018 and April 23, 2018 be approved as written. Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

April 6, 2018 - $ 277,719.60

April 13, 2018 - 694,402.52

April 20, 2018 - 12,097.88

April 26, 2018 - 238,965.88

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Vice President Roberts. 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 Johnson, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

There were no visitors wishing to address Council.

**PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilman Sell stated that there are not any items for action under the Planning & Zoning Committee.

**REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 47-18, John Rivers Memorial VFW Post 11322 request for annual funding, be adopted:

Resolution 47-18

WHEREAS, a request for financial support was received from John Rivers Memorial VFW Post 11322.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the VFW’s request to contribute $500.00 for the year 2018, to be used towards their rent expenses.

Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Sell. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

**HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 52-18, Police Department’s filing of Unclaimed Property report to the PA Department of Treasury, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 52-18

WHEREAS, unclaimed valuables have accrued in the Police Department from year 2015; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania’s Disposition of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Act, requires law enforcement agencies to annually file an unclaimed property report with the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury.

Items To Be Reported:

$119.00 US Currency - Unknown Owner Activity Date 3/20/2015

$540.00 US Currency - Unknown Owner Activity Date 9/28/2015

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Quakertown Pennsylvania directs that the necessary annual unclaimed property report be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 48-18, Bucks County Department of Health’s request to treat for mosquitoes to control West Nile Virus, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 48-18

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown is desirous of helping to reduce the spread of the West Nile Virus.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants permission to the Bucks County Department of Health allowing a mosquito treatment program by dusting impacted water basins and implementing mosquito traps.

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

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RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 49-18, recognition of National Nurse’s Week, be adopted:

**RESOLUTION NO. 49-18**

**WHEREAS,** the nearly 2.9 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation’s largest health care profession; and

**WHEREAS,** professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

**WHEREAS,** the cost-effective, safe and quality health care service provided by nurses will be an ever more important component of the U. S. health care delivery system in the future; and

**WHEREAS,** along with the American Nurses Association, the Borough of Quakertown has declared the week of May 6 – 12 as National Nurses Week with the theme Nursing: the Balance of Mind, Body and Spirit in celebration of the ways in which nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown asks that all residents of the Borough of Quakertown join in honoring the nurses who care for all of us.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That, Borough Council and the residents of the Borough of Quakertown join in honoring the professional nurses who care for all of us, and that we express our appreciation to the nurses, not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 55-18, recognition of Police Officer’s Week, be adopted:

Police Week / Peace Officers’ Memorial Day

RESOLUTION 55-18

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the Borough of Quakertown play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Quakertown; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of

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our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the Borough of Quakertown unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, call upon all citizens of Quakertown and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13 – 19, 2018, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Quakertown shall observe Tuesday, May 15, 2018, as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

Councilman Johnson stated as of year to date in the United States there have been 48 police officers have died in the line of duty and 5 K-9 dogs have died.

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

Councilman Johnson thanked all the services and agencies which were called in for the recent Bush House fire. They are – Fire Departments from Quakertown Co. #1, Quakertown West End, Richlandtown, Trumbauersville, Richland Township Fire & Rescue, Milford, Perkasie, Sellersville, Pennsburg, Coopersburg, Haycock, Ottsville, Silverdale, Dublin, Tylersport, Souderton, Telford, Springtown, East Greenville, Delaware Valley, Montgomery Township. Emergency Management Services - St. Luke’s, Upper Bucks Regional, Upper Saucon, Souderton and Bucks County. North Penn Goodwill Services provided food for the fire companies. The Train Station opened their doors and allowed residents inside until several housing arrangements were made. Penn Foundation representatives arrived to help residents with mental crisis’ at that time. Food donations from Dunkin Donuts, Yum Yum Donuts, Gateway Kia delivered pizzas for affected residents and Tom Skiffington provided pizza and hoagies. Cases of water were donated from an anonymous volunteer. Chick fila also was going to donate food but the Borough turned them down since all the other food arrived.

Councilwoman Wear mentioned Celia Malmad from Chiropractic Healing Arts Center was going to order pizzas but the pizzeria stated they just delivered pizzas for the Bush House.

Manager McElree stated several Council members provided assistance at the scene which was extremely thoughtful and helpful.

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 53-18, recalculating the application of EDUs (Equivalent Dwelling Units), be adopted:

RESOLUTION 53-18

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to modify the application of Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs), which is the unit of measure by which the periodic User Charge for sewer services provided by the Borough Sewer System is calculated and imposed upon each improved property served by the Sewer System, as determined in accordance with the schedules contained in the applicable rate resolution or any subsequent rate resolutions of the Borough of Quakertown, from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Equivalent Dwelling Units would stay the same as currently calculated except for Multi-Family Dwellings, per each family unit up to 6 units – 1 EDU,

High-Rise, Multi Apartment Complex & Apartment Houses, more than 6 units including facilities containing Condo Units and Studio Apartments calculated as follows based off of number of apartments; Two or more Bedroom Apartment – 1 EDU and One Bedroom or Studio Apartment - .5 EDU.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown adopts the recommended change to the calculation process for Equivalent Dwelling Units.

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

Councilman Wilsey mentioned the Energy Committee has met twice. Mr. Jim Freihaut from Penn State will be attending the next meeting and discuss doing an assessment for the Borough.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 56-18, recognizing Public Works Week, be adopted:

National Public Works Week

RESOLUTION 56-18

WHEREAS, Since 1960, American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across the nation, more than 29,000 APWA members use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and building the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, APWA has selected “The Power of Public Works” as its theme for 2018’s National Public Works Week. The theme celebrates the vital role Public Works plays in connecting us all together; and

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WHEREAS, the cornerstone of civilization, Public Works provides, maintains, and improves the structures and services that assure a higher quality of life for our communities; and

WHEREAS, its streets, roads, bridges, and public transportation keep us linked together from coast to coast, and its clean water and sanitation services keep us healthy and allow our communities to grow and prosper; and

WHEREAS, American Public Works Association proudly salutes and thanks the tens of thousands of Public Work professionals who work tirelessly throughout North America every day to strengthen the bond that keeps us all connected.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council to proclaim the week of May 20 -26, 2018 “The Power of Public Works” in the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Council calls upon businesses, organizations and citizens to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works services and to recognize the outstanding contributions which our Public Works employees make every day to ensure the health, safety, comfort, and quality of life in the Borough of Quakertown.

Motion of Councilwoman Wear, seconded by Vice President Roberts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 46-18, setting the date for the Police Department’s Bike Safety Rodeo, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 46-18

RESOLVED, That, a request was received from the Police Department to hold the Borough’s annual Bike Safety Rodeo on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Memorial Park Pool lot with the rain date to be May 19, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts the request to hold the Borough’s Bike Safety Rodeo on May 12, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 54-18, Fire Department’s request to hold the annual carnival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 54-18

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Quakertown Fire Department to use the Quakertown Memorial Park between the tennis courts and Panther Playground for a Fire Department Carnival to be held August 7 - 11, 2018 and use of the Borough’s band shell and dunk tank for this event; and

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WHEREAS, fireworks would be held on Friday, August 10, 2018 following Borough codes and proper permits are obtained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Fire Department to use Memorial Park between the tennis courts and the Panther Playground for a carnival and the use of the band shell and dunk tank, fees waived as per adopted Resolution 19-06 for certain civic or charitable events, and also to hold fireworks provided that the Borough is added as additional insured on the insurance.

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

RESOLUTION 51-18

WHEREAS, a request was received from Neidig Elementary School to hold Field Day, where students will perform physical activities and play sports in Memorial Park.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Neidig Elementary School to hold Field Day in Memorial Park on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

President Rosenberger thanked Steve Stoneback, Police Sergeant for his excellent planning and preparation of the Citizens Police Academy.

Councilman Propst announced upcoming events in the Borough.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

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Donald E. Rosenberger

President of Council

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Scott C. McElree

Borough Secretary