

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held September 5, 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, Mae Wear, Solicitor Sarah Murray, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt. Councilman David Wilsey, absent.

RESOLVED, That, the minutes of August 1, 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. Councilman Wilsey, absent.

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

July	27, 2018	-	\$	48,730.73
August	3, 2018	-		13,154.27
August	10, 2018	-		198,719.12
August	20, 2018	-		640,564.54
August	24, 2018	-		17,340.27
August	29, 2018	-		277,461.30

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

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

There were no visitors that wished to speak.

President Rosenberger mentioned following the August 27, 2018 Council Work Session, an Executive Work Session was held for purposes of an employment contract and litigation.

### **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 80-18, Quakertown Community Center's request to use the skating shelter, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 80-18

WHEREAS, a recently organized community effort is being established for the purpose of focusing on the needs of our area youth who are struggling with addictions and other behavior difficulties; and

WHEREAS, this organization has a Director and an intended program in place and has titled this new effort as "The Community Center"; and

WHEREAS, the program is seeking a permanent location but is now in need of a temporary facility in which to offer their services and has requested the Borough for permission to use our skating shelter building as a temporary home.

RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request to allow "The Community Center" to use the skating shelter for a fee of \$50.00 per month for their monthly outreach efforts and further, that the Borough Manager be authorized to arrange the necessary details of dates of occupancy, liability insurance and any other legal matters concerning this endeavor.

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

**HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 82-18, Lion's Club request to hold the annual Halloween parade, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 82-18

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Quakertown Lions Club, for the annual Quakertown Halloween Parade, to waive the fee for the use of the bandshell and to approve the closing of the streets for the parade route. The requested street closings are:

Juniper Street from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to 11<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Eleventh Street between Juniper and Broad Street,  
Broad Street  
3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Broad and Juniper  
Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Streets between Broad and Park Avenue; 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 the Quakertown Lions Club Halloween Parade to close Borough streets and waive the fee for the use of the bandshell for their event on October 21, 2018, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm with the rain date of October 28, 2018.

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

## **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

President Rosenberger stated that there are not any items for action under the Public Utilities Committee. Councilman Wilsey, absent.

Councilman Propst stated that Councilman Wilsey wished to pass along an update on the Utilities Sub Committee which was recently created. There have been several monthly meetings held and on August 27<sup>th</sup> there was a meeting which several local businesses attended along with Perkasio, Hatfield and Lansdale Boroughs, boroughs which also have their own electric companies. A presentation was held by Kevin Wright to show several concepts that are being looked into and to see if there is interest with local businesses who would be asked to participate in some way. One concept is to combine heat and power which is basically an electric generator that also produces heat.

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 81-18, the VFW's request to consider the Hometown Hero's Banner program, be adopted:

### **RESOLUTION 81-18**

WHEREAS, a request was received from John Rivers Memorial VFW Post 11322 with a proposed plan for implementing a "Hometown Heros Banner" program, a program which is gaining recognition in various towns and cities throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the program involves the hanging of picture identification banners of local community members who have served or are serving in the branches of the United States Military.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown endorses the concept of this form of recognition and authorizes the Borough Manager to oversee the various details of implementation of the program's components in which the Borough Manager determines the Borough can reasonably contribute oversight, help and cooperation. The Borough Manager shall report from time to time to Borough Council the progress or any difficulties concerned with this endeavor.

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

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 79-18, Knights of Columbus request to hold a Jack-O-Lantern 5K-10K race, be adopted:

## RESOLUTION 79-18

WHEREAS, Christopher Piominski of the Knights of Columbus has applied for a public gathering permit to conduct a 5K and 10K race on October 27, 2018 from 7:30 am to 12:00 pm starting at St. Isidore School parking lot and intertwining through the parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit request of the Knights of Columbus to hold a 5K – 10K race on October 27, 2018 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. Councilman Wilsey, absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 78-18, Fureverhomes Doberman Rescue, Inc.'s request to hold a "Doberfest" in Memorial Park, be adopted:

## RESOLUTION 78-18

WHEREAS, a request was received by Marilyn Wynne of Fureverhomes Doberman Rescue, Inc. to use Memorial Park on October 7, 2018 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm for a "Doberfest" event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Fureverhomes Doberman Rescue, Inc. to hold their event on October 7, 2018 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm provided the Borough is added as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 77-18, accepting the Naming Rights Agreement with Univest Bank for the amphitheater, be adopted:

## RESOLUTION 77-18

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown, through its Borough Manager and Solicitor's office has negotiated a Naming Rights Agreement with Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania ("Univest") for naming rights of the amphitheater located in the park area that the Borough has designated as "The Park at Fourth".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to accept the terms and conditions in the presented Naming Rights Agreement between the Borough of Quakertown and Univest Corporation of Pennsylvania and authorizes the Borough Manager to sign the Agreement.

Solicitor Murray stated that Univest made a request to add an Exhibit B which outlines what other Bank functions are currently. The exhibit does not change anything within the agreement as far as substance.

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

Councilman Propst read the upcoming events for next month.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

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Donald E. Rosenberger  
President of Council

Attest:

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Scott C. McElree  
Borough Secretary