

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

RESOLVED, That, the minutes of November 7, 2018 be approved as written. Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Council Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

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| November 2, 2018 | - | \$ | 153,174.70 |
| November 9, 2018 | - | | 22,201.92 |
| November 16, 2018 | - | | 529,930.13 |
| November 21, 2018 | - | | 12,159.11 |
| November 29, 2018 | - | | 140,493.43 |

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. 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.

Visitors:

Michele Majoros, 410 S. 10th Street, indicated she would like to speak regarding the skating pond.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 92-18, Bucks County Free Library and the Borough of Quakertown lot line adjustment, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 92-18

WHEREAS, the Bucks County Free Library has filed a lot-line adjustment plan to be created in the 4th Street Park between the Bucks County Free Library and the Borough of Quakertown dated September 18, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Planning Commission and the Bucks County Planning Commission have reviewed and recommended approval of the plan.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown that the lot-line adjustment plan dated September 18, 2018, be accepted as proposed. The plan must be recorded in Bucks County within ninety (90) days. Motion of Councilman Sell, seconded by Vice President Roberts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 93-18, accepting the proposed 2019 budget, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 93-18

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown has reviewed and held public meetings on the consideration of the proposed 2019 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the 2019 Budget be adopted as presented.

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 Resolution 91-18, appointing Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh for 2018 audits, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 91-18

RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, appoints the firm of Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, to perform the 2018 annual audits of the Borough financial statements at the proposed fee of \$27,000; \$3,500 if a single audit is required and \$100.00 per hour of additional services and the audit of the Quakertown Area Industrial & Commercial Development Authority at the proposed fee of \$1,575 and \$100.00 per hour of additional services as detailed in the Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh engagement letters dated October 31, 2018.

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 Resolution 94-18, approval of interfund operating transfer, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 94 -18

WHEREAS, during the closing of the financial records for the year ended 2018, the Finance Department reviewed fund activity and wish to make the following Interfund Operating Transfer:

From the Electric Fund – 07 To the Park Fund - 10 \$300,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Finance Department to make the requested Interfund Operating Transfer.

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

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RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 96-18, setting the real estate tax for 2019, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 96-18

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown has made the determination to keep the Borough's real estate tax rate fixed at one and five-eighths (1.625) mills on each dollar of assessed valuation for the year 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown directs the Borough Manager to advertise the appropriate ordinance to fix the real estate tax rate for the year 2019.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 95-18, implementing a Parking Permit Program, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 95-18

WHEREAS, Borough Council on March 7, 2018 established fees for our newly installed parking meters; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council wishes to implement a metered Parking Permit Program (PPP) with the following three components:

FEE - \$150.00 per permit per calendar year, per fee schedule. Transferable to any car and only applicable to non-residential use.

LOCATIONS – The locations available for, but not restricted to, permitted parking are;
All of Branch Street
The Branch Street side of the Triangle Parking lot
All of Third Street

TERM – 1 year, predicated on the calendar year and prorated by each month calculated using the 15th of the month as the date for that month's inclusion into the calculation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, does hereby adopt the new Parking Permit Program (PPP).

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

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

Councilman Wilsey mentioned the Energy Committee has been meeting regularly.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Wear stated that there are not any items for action under the Public Works Committee.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Propst stated that there are not any items for action under the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Councilman Propst indicated that Ms. Majoros could speak at this time. Ms. Majoros asked when the skating pond will be flooded. Manager McElree replied the skating pond gets filled in December so next week it most likely will be filled. Manager McElree stated that the Borough budgets approximately \$6,500 a year for skate shelter reoccurring maintenance and improvements.

Ms. Majoros suggested the swimming pool have one hour a day, preferably 12:00 – 1:00 pm, for senior citizens to swim for free.

Councilman Propst stated the tree lighting celebration was successful with over 4,000 attendees.

Councilman Propst mentioned Shop With A Cop will be held December 13, 2018 at Walmart.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary