

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held April 3, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President Donald Rosenberger, Vice President James Roberts, Councilmembers Douglas Propst, Michael Johnson, David Wilsey, Jonathan Sell, Mae Wear, Solicitor Peter Nelson, Manager Scott C. McElree, Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt and Junior Councilmembers Amanda Banes, Riley Boike and Mason Smith.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of March 6, 2019, 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:

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| March 1, 2019 | \$ 165,290.52 |
| March 8, 2019 | 50,233.14 |
| March 11, 2019 | 1,000.00 |
| March 15, 2019 | 601,740.89 |
| March 22, 2019 | 35,752.89 |
| March 25, 2019 | 12,000.00 |
| March 28, 2019 | 193,010.20 |

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

Visitors:

Stephen Biddle, 130 S. Main Street indicated he would like to speak regarding the amendment to the fee schedule, Economic Consultant contract and maybe other topics.

William Drobbins, 96 Fairway Court indicated he would like to speak regarding streets and the Police Department.

Matt Burns from Kompan showed preliminary drawings and did a presentation on the revitalization of the Panther Playground. Drainage and accessibility issues will be addressed with the revitalization.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Vice President Roberts indicated that Mr. Biddle could speak at this time. Mr. Biddle asked which fee is being amended. Vice President Roberts replied it is for holding tank and septic fees.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 33-19, an amendment to the 2019 Fee Schedule, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 33-19

WHEREAS, Resolution 3-19 was adopted on January 2, 2019, and established the fees associated with Borough services for the year 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to add or amend the following fees:

Sewer Department – Sewer Disposal Fees:

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| Holding Tank Per Gallon | \$ 0.025 |
| Septic Per Gallon | \$ 0.035 |

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to amend the 2019 Fee Schedule to reflect the above listed fees.

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

Manager McElree added this is a business opportunity for the Borough. These fees will be part of an enterprise fund which should bring in approximately \$300,000 in year two and after.

Vice President Roberts indicated that Mr. Biddle could speak at this time. Mr. Biddle asked what the compensation of the Economic Development Consultant has been over the years. Vice President Roberts stated the rate of the contract, \$60,000.00 per year, has never changed since 2014 and he is contracted as a 1099 consultant.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 41-19, the Economic Development Consultant contract extension, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 41-19

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Quakertown has resolved to promote the Borough of Quakertown as an ideal location for business growth, investment and job creation; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Quakertown has budgeted funds to obtain the services of an Economic Development Consultant to aid with the revitalization and economic goals desired by the Borough Council; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 2014, biennially entered into a Consulting Agreement with Edward Scholl and whereas the Borough wishes to extend that Consulting Contract;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Borough Council of Quakertown approves a two year extension to the Consulting Agreement between Edward Scholl, LLC. and the Borough of Quakertown at a cost of \$60,000.00 annually.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to sign the agreement between the Borough and Edward Scholl, LLC.

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

RESOLVED, That reading of Ordinance 1225, parking meter hours of operation and fines be waived. Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1225, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 15, Motor Vehicles & Traffic, Part 5 On-Street Metered Parking, Subsections 501-51, be passed. Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

President Rosenberger asked when the Freight Station is finished will it be metered right away. Manager McElree stated, yes the meters are part of that project.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Councilman Johnson indicated that Mr. Drobbins could speak at this time. Mr. Drobbins stated he lives next to Cedar Park off Roan Tree and lately there has been some trouble with kids at the park. He asked if the police would drive through the park area more often.

Mr. Drobbins also stated Fairway Court has the only stop sign at the intersection of Berks and Roan Tree, and the site line for traffic is blocked by parked vehicles. Mr. Drobbins suggests installing stop signs at the other two streets and yellow paint the curbs so there is no parking at the intersection.

Manager McElree replied he would send out the Traffic Safety Officer to go do a site survey.

Mr. Drobbins asked if left turn signals could be installed at the intersection of Route 663 and Hickory Drive.

Manager McElree replied that intersection is part of the Closed Loop System which is a PennDot project relating to the traffic signals on Route 309 and off Route 309. The signals are controlled by computer analysis software.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 34-19, Bucks County Department of Health's request to treat for mosquitoes, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 34-19

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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 35-19, American Legion's request to hold the Memorial Day, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 35-19

WHEREAS, a request was received for a public gathering permit from the Quakertown American Legion.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit to the Quakertown American Legion for the Memorial Day Parade and ceremony to be held on May 27, 2019, and the use of the bandshell provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown waives the fee for the use of the bandshell.

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

Councilman Johnson announced Police Officer Paul Houseknecht handed in his letter of resignation. Officer Houseknecht's last day will be April 14, 2019.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 43-19, selection of a Probationary Police Officer, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 43-19

RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown directs the Borough Manager to proceed with testing and the selection process for one Police Officer.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 44-19, amendment to the Civil Service Rules & Procedures manual, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 44-19

WHEREAS, Borough Council has previously established Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Commission of the Borough of Quakertown; and

WHEREAS Borough Council wishes to make a change regarding the minimal passing written score grade.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown that the Rules and Regulations of the Quakertown Civil Service Commission be amended to read as follows:

Section 503. Written Examination; Passing Grade. On the designated date, the Commission or its designated agent, shall administer a written examination to all eligible applicants, as certified by the Borough Manager. The written examination shall produce a numerical grade on a scale between zero (0) and one hundred (100). The eligible applicants with the top "ten" (10) scores (or more including ties) who have achieved a grade of "eighty-five" (85.0) or greater on the written examination, shall have passed the written examination, and shall be eligible to continue in the testing process. *Applicants scoring less than "eighty-five" (85.0) percent shall be rejected.*

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 38-19, setting the date for the Police Department's Bike Safety Rodeo, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 38-19

RESOLVED, That, a request was received from the Police Department to hold the Borough's annual Bike Safety Rodeo on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Memorial Park Pool lot with the rain date to be May 18, 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 11, 2019 starting at 9:00 a.m.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 37-19, Power and Grace Gymnastics and Dance, Inc's request for use of the public pool, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 37-19

WHEREAS, a request was received from Cindi Gendall from Power & Grace Gymnastics and Dance, Inc. requesting permission to hold a Dance Team banquet at the Borough's public pool.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Power & Grace Gymnastics and Dance, Inc. to use the public pool on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance and pay the pool rental fee per the 2019 fee schedule.

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 36-19, Upper Bucks Alliance for Creative Expression request for use of the amphitheater, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 36-19

WHEREAS, a request was received by Mike Sherman of the Upper Bucks Alliance for Creative Expression (UBACE) to use the amphitheater for a band practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Upper Bucks Alliance for Creating Expression to use the amphitheater for their band practice on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 39-19, Jennifer Koehler, of WaWa, Inc.'s request to use the Quakertown Midget Football field for a fundraising event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 39-19

WHEREAS, WaWa, Inc. has requested use of the Quakertown Midget Football field for a fundraising event in memory of Kathy Fletcher who was a long time WaWa employee, on June 1, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and has obtained approval for use of the field from the Quakertown Midget Football Association.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request for use of the Quakertown Midget Football field on June 1, 2019 provided they add the Borough as an 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 40-19, Faith Covenant Church of Quakertown request to use the amphitheater for a worship concert, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 40-19

WHEREAS, a request was received by Faith Covenant Church of Quakertown to use the Univest Performance Center for a worship music concert to raise awareness for the Quakertown Community Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Faith Covenant Church of Quakertown to use the Univest Performance Center on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 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.

Councilman Propst announced upcoming events for the month.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary