

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held June 5, 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 and Mason Smith.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of May 1, 2019, be approved as written. Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Sell. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

April	26, 2019	\$	42,749.93
May	3, 2019		235,527.07
May	10, 2019		38,917.89
May	17, 2019		518,413.68
May	23, 2019		378,032.67

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.

There were no visitors that wished to speak.

#### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, reading of Ordinance 1226, amending Chapter 27 regarding multiple family dwellings in the HR District, be waived. Motion of Councilman Sell, seconded by Vice President Roberts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1226, an Ordinance of the Borough of Quakertown, amending Chapter 27 of the Quakertown Borough Code revising the definition of Multiple-Family Dwelling; removing building conversion as an allowed use in the HR District; and revising the building conversion use regulations, be passed finally. Motion of Councilman Sell, seconded by Vice President Roberts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 59-19, Lynn Kraft's proposal for plants and planter maintenance, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 59-19

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown has received a proposal from Lynn C. Kraft of Center Valley, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$17,833.00 for foliage, watering and fertilizing maintenance for the concrete plant containers located downtown and at the Chamber of Commerce and an additional \$1,494.15 for foliage and maintenance for the light pole planters in the Park at Fourth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown to accept the proposal dated May 1, 2019, in the amount of \$19,327.15 by Lynn C. Kraft for planting services and maintenance of downtown planters and also the Park at 4<sup>th</sup> light pole planters. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documentation.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 62-19, the Borough's solicitor's attendance at a Zoning Hearing for Council, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 62-19

WHEREAS, the owners of 103 South Main Street in the Borough of Quakertown have filed an application with the Borough Zoning Hearing Board to allow them to establish an indoor storage facility upon the premises; and

WHEREAS, the neighbors of 103 South Main Street are opposed to this application and have requested the Borough authorize its Solicitor to appear at the Zoning Hearing Board hearing on behalf of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, it is unclear at this time whether or not the owners of 103 South Main Street intend to move forward with this indoor storage proposal or instead propose a new proposal for this property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes its Solicitor, Grim, Biehn & Thatcher to appear at the Zoning Hearing Board hearing concerning 103 South Main Street on behalf of the Borough, monitor the proceedings, and provide Borough Council with a report on this proceeding and its outcome.

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

## REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 60-19, 2019 fee schedule amendment under Administration-Copy Fees, be adopted:

### RESOLUTION 60-19

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 fee:

*Administration – Copy Fees:*

Large Format - minimum 24" x 36"           \$ 10.00

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 fee.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 63-19, assignment of RACP Grant proceeds to QNB, be adopted:

### RESOLUTION 63-19

WHEREAS, Quakertown Borough wishes to enter into an Assignment of Grant Proceeds Agreement with Trolleybarn, LLC providing the RACP Grant proceeds, for the purpose of partially funding the Trolley Barn project, go directly to QNB (Quakertown National Bank) and not to Trolleybarn, LLC (the beneficiary).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown does hereby authorize the Borough Manager to execute the Assignment of Grant Proceeds Agreement on behalf of the Borough.

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 65-19, approving traffic signal easement with Richland Township off Pumping Station Road and California Road, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 65-19

WHEREAS, Richland Township has requested that the Borough of Quakertown grant them a 320 square foot easement on the Borough's tax parcel #36-005-060-01, the location of California Road, for the purpose of a joint traffic signal improvement project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown to grant Richland Township a 320 square foot easement across tax parcel 36-005-060-01 for the purpose of traffic signal improvements. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Deed of Easement on behalf of the Borough.

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**

Councilman Johnson stated that there are not any items under the Health, Safety & Welfare Committee.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

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

Councilman Wilsey commended the Borough's Electric Department with the past three days of tornado warnings, high winds and thunderstorms there were many power outages in other areas and if Quakertown had any issues they were minor.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 61-19, Calvary Chapel Quakertown Church's request to have a picnic at the Memorial Park pavilions, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 61-19

WHEREAS, a request was received from Thomas Mazco of Calvary Chapel Quakertown to use all three pavilions in Memorial Park for a picnic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the request of Thomas Mazco of Calvary Chapel Quakertown to hold a church picnic on June 9, 2019, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 64-19, recognizing Parks and Recreation month, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 64-19

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Quakertown Borough; and

WHEREAS, our parks and recreation are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our communities, ensuring the health of all citizens, and contributing to the economic and environmental well-being of a community and region; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and also improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, parks and natural recreation areas improve water quality, protect groundwater, prevent flooding, improve the quality of the air we breathe, provide vegetative buffers to development, and produce habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the United States House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation month; and

WHEREAS, Quakertown Borough recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY the Council of the Borough of Quakertown that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in Quakertown Borough.

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 66-19, granting Richland Township access through borough parcel for continuing trail construction, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 66-19

WHEREAS, Richland Township is requesting approval from the Borough Council of Quakertown Borough for access through Borough parcel #35-007-027-3, located off Pumping Station Road to continue construction of the pedestrian and bicycling trails.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown permits access through parcel #35-007-027-3 for the purpose of continuing the pedestrian and bicycling trails and authorizes the Borough Manager to sign the appropriate documents.

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 7:55 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