

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held October 2, 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. Junior Councilmembers Amanda Banes and Mason Smith were absent.

Councilman Johnson read a short biography on Kevin T. Foster, new Probationary Police Officer.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 94-19, approving Kevin T. Foster as a Probationary Police Officer, adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 94-19

WHEREAS, Borough Council has authorized the Borough Manager to proceed with the selection process for the hiring of a police officer; and

WHEREAS, Kevin T. Foster successfully completed the process for the position of Probationary Police Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, That effective October 3, 2019, Kevin T. Foster is appointed as a Probationary Officer in the Quakertown Police Department.

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

District Justice Lisa Gaier swore in Probationary Policeman Kevin T. Foster.

Councilman Johnson welcomed K-9 Ranger to the Borough's Police Department and read a short profile. K-9 Ranger is the partner of Officer Fahringer.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 97-19, approving K9 Ranger as a member of the Police Department, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 97-19

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown Police Department has created a K-9 unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown recognizes K-9 Ranger as an official member of the Quakertown Police Department, and will be added to the roster of police officers and designated as K-9 Ranger.

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

Doug Wilhelm, Chairman of Community Day, along with Linda Ulrich presented a check in the amount of \$20,000 for a downtown community two-sided digital sign from Community Day proceeds. Council thanked the Community Day Committee for the gift.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of September 4, 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:

August 30, 2019	\$ 118,848.48
September 6, 2019	358,826.43
September 13, 2019	28,303.39
September 20, 2019	1,376,754.74
September 26, 2019	264,839.01

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 Sell. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Visitors:

Audrey Wadsworth, 620 W. Broad Street, indicated she would like to speak regarding social media and trash service complaints. Ms. Wadsworth stated she supported Council on Facebook with resident complaints stating they are not aware of what is happening with Council meetings. Ms. Wadsworth suggested making the minutes on the Borough's website more easily accessible. Manager McElree stated the minutes are posted next to the agendas after they are approved by Borough Council, which is a month delayed until the minutes can be posted. Manager McElree replied he would look into adding Council meeting information on the front page of the website.

### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

### **REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Vice President Roberts announced the Borough's Municipal Minimum Obligations for the year 2020. Police pension \$572,394.00, Non-uniform pension \$181,090.00 and Money Purchase plan (401A) \$109,200.00, for a total of \$862,684.00.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 95-19, switching the employee 457 Deferred Compensation Plan to ICMA-RC, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 95-19**

WHEREAS, the Council of Quakertown Borough wants to have one provider for their employees 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, which is a pre-taxed retirement investment option; and

WHEREAS, Council approves to release Morgan Stanley and RGP Consultants and have ICMA-RC as the exclusive provider for the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown does hereby authorize Scott McElree, Borough Manager to undertake the necessary steps to complete the appropriate documentation to terminate Morgan Stanley and RGP Consultants as providers and select ICMA-RC as the exclusive provider for the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan immediately.

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 96-19, library Land Transfer Agreement, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 96-19

WHEREAS, the County of Bucks agrees to donate to the Borough and the Borough agrees to accept approximately 1.71 acres of that certain tract at the Upper Bucks Library, 401 Mill Street, Tax Map Parcel #35-005-075; and

WHEREAS, the Borough agrees to provide access to the library parking lot by paving a driveway from an already existing curb cut to be used when the 4<sup>th</sup> Street access is blocked.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown does hereby authorize the proper officials to sign the Agreement for the Donation of Real Estate between Bucks County of 55 East Court Street, Doylestown and the Borough of Quakertown.

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.

Councilman Johnson stated he and the Borough Manager are looking into possibly changing the No Smoking In the Park Ordinance, making sure it covers vaping.

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

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

#### **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 93-19, Charles Hafar, Jr. and Larry Serge's request to use Univest Performance Center for a concert to benefit the Quakertown Youth Program and/or Quakertown Community Outreach, be adopted:

### RESOLUTION 93-19

WHEREAS, a request was received by Charles Hafar, Jr. and Larry Serge of Quakertown to use the Univest Performance Center for a concert featuring the "Banks of Doom" with guest performer Craig Thatcher on June 13, 2020. This concert is to benefit the Quakertown Youth Program and/or Quakertown Community Outreach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Charles Hafar, Jr. and Larry Serge to use the amphitheater on Saturday, June 13, 2020 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm with set up and tear down time, provided they add the Borough 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 Propst mentioned the ribbon cutting was held Saturday, September 28, 2019 for the Freefall Energy Center. It was a great turnout with over 1,000 people in attendance.

Upcoming events were announced.

Councilman Sell stated the lights on the walking path in the park closest to Mill Street are not on up to the front and back of the amphitheater. Manager McElree stated he would have the lights checked out.

Ms. Wadsworth mentioned there is a large pothole at 6<sup>th</sup> and Apple Streets and would like to see it fixed. Manager McElree replied he will have it patched.

Councilman Wilsey asked if the bushes which were removed along 9<sup>th</sup> street by the tennis courts will be replaced. Manager McElree answered that they would be replaced. Councilwoman Wear replied that the area looks nice without the bushes.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 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