

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held November 6, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President Donald Rosenberger, Vice President James Roberts, Councilmembers Douglas Propst, Michael Johnson, Jonathan Sell, David Wilsey, 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 October 2, 2019, be approved as written. Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Wilsey. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

September 27, 2019	\$	61,433.40
October 4, 2019		299,341.65
October 11, 2019		33,911.00
October 18, 2019		503,731.57
October 24, 2019		23,591.84
October 30, 2019		321,898.40

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.

There were no visitors who wished to speak regarding any agenda items.

Jann Paulovitz made a presentation on Quakertown Alive!'s annual events which benefit designated community projects. Tom, Jr. & Joann Paulovitz presented a check in the amount of \$2,820.00 to Council from the 50/50 raffles from the Summer Concert series. Linda Ulrich presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 for the K-9 Department from proceeds from the Arts Alive! and Autumn Alive! Festivals.

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

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

#### **REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 105-19, approving Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh for the 2019 audits, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 105-19

RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, appoints the firm of Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, to perform the 2019 annual audits of the Borough financial statements at the proposed fee of \$28,000; \$3,500 if a single audit is required and \$125.00 per hour of additional services and the audit of the Quakertown Area Industrial & Commercial Development Authority at the proposed fee of \$1,625.00 and \$125.00 per hour of additional services as detailed in the Hutchinson, Gillahan & Freeh engagement letters dated October 3, 2019.

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

**HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 102-19, John Rivers Memorial VFW's request for the Borough to participate in the Witting Tree Program, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 102-19

WHEREAS, a request was received from the John Rivers Memorial VFW Post 11322 for the Borough to participate in a program called the "Witting Tree" which pertains to a group of concerned veterans and committed citizens called The Compass Circle who are active in supporting veterans who suffer from the wounds of war; and

WHEREAS, the "Witting Tree" identifies a tree in a public setting and the tree is used to display blank dog tags that represent the loss of veterans to suicide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown permits the John Rivers VFW to participate with the Borough in the Witting Tree program at a predetermined tree on Borough property.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 100-19, Living Stone Baptist Church's request to close part of Seventh Street for a Light the Night ministry block party, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 100-19

WHEREAS, a request was received from Living Stone Baptist Church to block off part of Seventh Street between Broad Street and Apple Alley to hold a "Light the Night" event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the request of Living Stone Baptist Church to block off part of Seventh Street between Broad Street and Apple Alley on October 31, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 104-19, Quakertown High School's request to hold a bonfire and pep rally at the Borough's skating pond parking lot, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 104-19

WHEREAS, a request was received from George Banas, Jr., the Coach of the Quakertown Senior High School Football Team to conduct their 2019 Bon Fire and Pep Rally at the Borough's skating pond parking lot.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Senior High School Football Team to conduct their 2019 Thanksgiving Day Bon Fire and Pep Rally on November 26, 2019 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the Borough's skating pond parking lot, provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

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 under the Public Utilities Committee.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Councilwoman Wear stated Manager McElree will explain the next agenda item which pertains to our current lawn maintenance company. Manager McElree explained the Borough should currently hold off releasing EverCor Facility Management and rebid for this service. Manager McElree will come back to Council with some bid costs and determine some of the options would be in before doing anything with the current contract.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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

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