

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held February 5, 7:33 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 Councilmember Amanda Banes. Mason Smith absent.

RESOLVED, That, Council minutes of January 6, 2020 and continued meeting of January 9, 2020 be approved as written. Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

January 3, 2020	\$ 68,267.47
January 10, 2020	303,198.92
January 17, 2020	24,571.12
January 24, 2020	588,241.58
January 30, 2020	466,978.12
January 31, 2020	14,425.72

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Wilsey. 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:

Pastor David Kratz, East Swamp Church, wished to speak regarding the Skate Park.

### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

Councilman Sell stated that there are not any items under the Planning & Zoning Committee but acknowledged Douglas Wilhelm expressing Council appreciates his service and are happy that he is okay from an injury he received fighting a fire several days prior.

### **REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 6-20, VFW's annual request for funding, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 6-20**

WHEREAS, a request for financial support was received from John Rivers Memorial VFW Post 11322.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the VFW's request to contribute \$500.00 for the year 2020, to be used towards their rent expenses.

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 Resolution 7-20, disposition of municipal records, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 7-20

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown declares its intent to follow the schedules and procedures for the disposition of records as set forth in the Municipal Records Manual approved July 16, 1993, and;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act 428 of 1968, each individual act of disposition shall be approved by resolution of the governing body of the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the attached public records.

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 12-20, eliminating utility escrow/security charge for new customers, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 12-20

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown chooses to discontinue the collection of utility escrow/security charges for new customers effective June 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council directs the Borough Manager to appropriately notify and communicate with landlords and tenants of the new change and also to give the option for landlords to receive duplicate utility bills and notifications of delinquencies for their properties.

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 8-20, Alice Yates' request to hold a Quakertown Bridal Stroll, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 8-20

WHEREAS, a request was received from Alice Yates of 322 W. Broad Street, to hold an event called Quakertown Bridal Stroll on Saturday, April 18, 2020 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This event is to promote wedding planning and will involve customers walking between 302 and 519 West Broad Street visiting shops; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Yates is requesting that half of the triangle parking lot be reserved for the setup of outside vendors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Alice Yates to hold the Quakertown Bridal Stroll and use of the triangle parking for vendors on April 18, 2020.

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 9-20, Chris Samarco's request to hold a car show, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 9-20

WHEREAS, a request was received from Chris Samarco of Quakertown, PA to hold a car show event themed Cars Against Cancer on Sunday, July 19, 2020 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and requesting the closure of Broad Street and Branch Street from Hellertown Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Street from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm along with sections of 3rd Street and Front Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Chris Samarco to close a portion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Front Street and close West Broad Street from Hellertown Avenue to 4<sup>th</sup> Street provided approval is received from PennDOT to close Broad Street and they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Sell. 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 that there are not any items under the Public Works Committee.

#### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 10-20, Cowan Associates, Inc's proposal for engineering services for the revitalization of the Panther Playground, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 10-20

WHEREAS, a proposal was received from Cowan Associates, Inc. with regard to engineering services associated with the revitalization of the Panther Playground in the amount of \$38,800.00 dated November 20, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the quotation includes final designs, permitting, construction bidding, inspections and LWCF (Land and Water Conservation Fund) lot line adjustment engineering of the playground.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts Cowan Associates proposal, dated November 20, 2019, for engineering services for the project at a cost not to exceed \$38,800.00. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documentation.

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 11-20, accept Construction Agreement for the Quakertown Action Skate Park, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 11-20

WHEREAS, a Construction Agreement has been reached between the Borough of Quakertown and the American Ramp Company (ARC) for the purposes of renovation and construction of the Quakertown Action Skate Park located at the Main Street Park, 670 S. Main Street, Quakertown; and

WHEREAS, the contracted price is not to exceed \$590,327.00 plus any applicable taxes subject to additions and deductions for changes as may be agreed upon in writing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the proper Borough officials are authorized to sign the Construction Agreement between the Borough of Quakertown and the American Ramp Company.

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

Councilman Propst indicated that Pastor Kratz could speak at this time. Pastor Kratz expressed his appreciation for the Borough's support and partnership with the new skate park. This endeavor has allowed the youth to get involved with management of the facility, other volunteers the snack stand.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 5-20, Faith Covenant Church's request to use the Univest Performance Center, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 5-20

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

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 Tuesdays, June 9, July 14 and August 11, 2020 and Wednesdays, June 10, July 15 and August 12, 2020 from 10:00 am to set up, with a starting time at 6:30 pm to 10:00 pm 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 13-20, approving digital display signs on Route 309 at Borough boundaries, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 13-20

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Community Day Committee has offered to donate funds for the purchase of two digital display signs to be placed on each of the existing brick "Welcome to Quakertown" signs located at the Borough borders on Route 309.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts the donation in the amount of \$20,000 from the Quakertown Community Day Committee to be used towards the purchase of two digital display signs to be placed on the existing brick structures at the Borough borders of Route 309.

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

President Rosenberger announced there will be an executive session immediately after tonights Council meeting with the Chief of Police for the purposes of receiving police and public safety information that cannot be disclosed to the public.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 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