

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held July 1, 2020, 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, Manager Scott C. McElree, Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt and Junior Councilmember Mason Smith. Absent, Solicitor Peter Nelson and Junior Councilmember Amanda Bane.

RESOLVED, That, Council minutes of June 3, 2020 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:

May	29	2020	\$	28,972.81
June	4,	2020		181,129.09
June	11,	2020		20,571.94
June	18,	2020		19,903.46
June	25,	2020		390,715.83

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:

Kathy Wilt, 135 S. 9th Street, would like to speak regarding fireworks and noise.

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 51-20, amendment to the 2020 Fee Schedule, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 51-20

WHEREAS, Resolution 1-20 was adopted on January 6, 2020, and established the fees associated with Borough services for the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to add the following fees:

Administration – Online Banking Fee:

Credit Card Chargeback Fee	\$ 10.00
ACH Reject Fee	\$ 10.00

Parks & Recreation – Amphitheater Rental:

Dressing Room Trailer Rental-In Town	\$ 75.00
Dressing Room Trailer Rental -Out of Town	\$100.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to amend the 2020 Fee Schedule to reflect the above listed fees.

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 53-20, changing Borough’s utility billing payment system to InvoiceCloud, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 53-20

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to change the Borough’s online utility billing payment system from XpressBillPay to InvoiceCloud which will allow additional services to the resident’s such as a one time payment option, email and text reminder, email and text to pay, autopay/scheduled payments, calendar reminder and statement history of up to 24 months, as well as, provide a savings of approximately \$30,000.00 annually for the Borough.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to proceed with the conversion of online utility billing software to InvoiceCloud.

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 54-20, authorization to submit an application for a PAWalkWorks Grant for development of an active transportation plan be adopted:

RESOLUTION 54-20

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown is a Borough organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to implement an Active Transportation Plan which would realize recommendations from the Quakertown Area Regional Comprehensive Plan (2007); and

WHEREAS, a proposal for a PA WalkWorks \$20,000 Grant to facilitate an Active Transportation Plan be prepared with a \$10,000 Borough match.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to sign on its behalf the attached PA WalkWorks Grant application and letter of support.

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

President Rosenberger asked what makes this study different than the various other studies done in the last twenty years and is each municipality contributing. Manager McElree answered this pertains to the Borough only and will become a transportation component of the Borough's Comprehensive Plan. This study deals with connectivity with bicycles, pedestrians, vehicles and public transportation. The University of Pittsburgh will be creating the Plan. This Plan is the first step to make application for the Grant.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Councilman Johnson indicated that Ms. Wilt could speak at this time. Ms. Wilt stated she has some issues with the level of noise in the Borough lately which is very annoying especially the fireworks going off at all hours of the night. Ms. Wilt explained she knows that it is difficult for police to enforce if they do not see the person setting the fireworks off and that Representative Staats is trying to change the law in Harrisburg to reduce some of the fire power. Ms. Wilt was told fireworks are not allowed to be set off within 150 feet of a structure which can be occupied, leaving only about 5% of the Borough. She heard local municipalities have passed their own ordinances superseding the state ordinance saying you need approximately an acre of land to set off fireworks or that fireworks can only be set off within 5 days of a certain holiday. Manager McElree replied that the State is working on making changes to the fireworks law. A neighbor who witnesses the fireworks being lit can contact the police and the Police can proceed with a violation but that puts neighbors against each other. The Borough has a Noise Ordinance from 10 pm to 7 am.

Councilman Johnson read Ordinance 1228 in full.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1228, an Ordinance of the Borough of Quakertown, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, prohibiting the use of a loudspeaker or other form of sound amplification by Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board Licensees unless otherwise exempted, be passed finally. Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Propst. 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.

Councilwoman Wear thanked Council for the get well card and flowers. President Rosenberger welcomed her back.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 52-20, Power & Grace Gymnastics & Dance's request to use the amphitheater, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 52-20

WHEREAS, Power & Grace Gymnastics & Dance has requested to use the Univest Performance Center and trailer for their school's dance recitals on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 and Thursday August 13, 2020 (rain dates Friday, August 14, 2020) from 8:00 am for set up with shows being from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm provided the Governor's conditions and executive orders are permissible at these dates. A cleaning fee of \$100.00 will be charged for the trailer in addition to the rental fee for the amphitheater.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants Power & Grace Gymnastics & Dance's request for use of the Univest Performance Center and trailer on August 12 & 13, 2020 with the above rain date pending the Governor's restrictions at the specified dates and that the Borough is an additional insured on the insurance.

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

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary