

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held August 5, 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 July 1, 2020 and the Work Session of June 22, 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:

June	26, 2020	\$	464,343.33
July	1, 2020		217,629.78
July	10, 2020		176,589.97
July	16, 2020		16,213.18
July	23, 2020		533,368.83
July	29, 2020		593,913.59

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.

No visitors wished to speak.

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 56-20, disposition of municipal records for the Finance Department, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 56-20 DISPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL RECORDS

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 following:

Finance Department Records	Requirement	Year of Records
Accounts Payable	7 years	2012
Accounts Receivable	7 years	2012
Payroll Registers	7 years	2012
Insurance Policies	6 years	2013
EIT Ledger	7 years	2012
Employment Applications	2 years	2017
Parks and Recreation	2 years	2017
Daily Receipt Records	3 years	2016
Liquid Fuels Financial Records	7 years	2012
Budget Files	7 years	2012

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 57-20, application for Quakertown Alive! to obtain designation as a Keystone Main Street Community, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 57-20

A RESOLUTION of the Borough of Quakertown authorizing the filing of an application for designation as Keystone Main Street, Keystone Elm Street, Keystone Community with the Department of Community and Economic Development (hereinafter "DCED"), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Alive! Main Street Program is desirous of obtaining designation as a Keystone Main Street, Keystone Elm Street, Keystone Community from DCED; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Alive! Main Street Program has prepared an application for designation in conformance with guidelines established by DCED; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown has reviewed said application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown does hereby:

1. Support the request for designation as a Keystone Main Street, Keystone Elm Street, Keystone Community as prepared by the Quakertown Alive! Main Street Program.
2. Support the Vision Statement and Five-Year Action Strategy as prepared by the Quakertown Alive! Main Street Program and as an integral part of the application required by DCED, a copy of each of which are attached to and made part of this resolution.
3. Indicate its willingness to be represented and participate on the board and such committees as appropriate of the Quakertown Alive! Main Street Program by providing representation from any and/or all of the following: the Council, the Borough of Quakertown Planning Commission, and/or the staff of the Borough of Quakertown as current obligations and legal limitations may allow.
4. Indicate its willingness to make an annual financial contribution subject to the legal requirements and limitations imposed by the appropriate Commonwealth law relating to the ability of the Council of the Borough of

Quakertown to commit future years' revenues, to make a similar contribution for the next four years to support the general program operations of the Quakertown Alive! Main Street Program.

5. Authorize the Quakertown Alive! Main Street Program to act as the implementing organization for such Keystone Main Street, Keystone Elm Street, Keystone Community designation, and upon any future funding requests to DCED that may evolve from this designation, to support such requests through future municipal resolutions and to enter into a cooperation agreement with the Quakertown Alive! Main Street Program for the purpose of the orderly administration of such funds as may be granted to this program by DCED.
6. State that the ongoing support of Paragraphs 1 through 5 above are contingent upon the Quakertown Alive! Main Street Program demonstrating, on an annual basis, its ability to effectively work toward the attainment of the Vision Statement and implement the Five-Year Action Strategy prepared by the Quakertown Alive! Main Street Program as required by the DCED as part of the application of which a copy of each are attached to and made part of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Borough of Quakertown is directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this resolution and to furnish a copy of the certified resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

Councilman Propst suggested Quakertown Alive! have several more downtown merchants on their Board and to send a survey to downtown merchants for feed back as part of their five year plan.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 60-20, extending free parking downtown, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 60-20

WHEREAS, Borough Council on March 7, 2018 established fees for our newly installed parking meters; and

WHEREAS, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Borough Council wishes to extend free downtown parking until January 2, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown extends free downtown parking until January 2, 2021.

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 55-20, disposition of municipal records for the Police Department, be adopted:

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN
DISPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL RECORDS
RESOLUTION 55-20

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 of Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the following public records:

Police Department

Criminal Offenses: 1982: 701-1040
1984: 01-300, 301-640

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 58-20, temporary prohibition of trucks on Ambler Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 58-20

WHEREAS, Borough Council wishes to temporarily prohibit truck traffic, except for local deliveries on Ambler Street between South Broad Street and Tohickon Avenue for a period not to exceed six months and directs the Borough Manager to proceed with prohibiting truck traffic on said street and to erect the necessary and appropriate signage and notices. The Police Department will monitor the impact of the truck prohibition and the Chief of Police will report back to Council with the outcome.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 59-20, obtaining six Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 59-20

RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to purchase six electric vehicle (EV) stations from Chargepoint, Inc. through the Driving PA Forward program which provides a 90% refund not to exceed \$9,000 per unit, for a total cost of \$10,860.00 for six stations provided the Borough is approved for the Driving PA Forward Grant.

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

Councilman Wilsey pointed out these six stations are double stations so there will be twelve additional stations in addition to the station we have located in the Borough Hall parking lot. Councilman Wilsey questioned the responsibility of the maintenance for the stations. Borough Manager McElree answered maintenance is included in the initial cost including a warranty and a two-year service contract which after that time the Borough can decide to extend the warranty.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Councilwoman Wear asked what happened to the trees which were to be delivered from part of the settlement with Evercor, Inc. Manager McElree stated Evercor defaulted on the agreement and the Borough is in the process of getting the funds from their performance bond.

Manager McElree stated yesterday was a challenging day with the flooding. The sewer plant measured almost 8 inches of rain. Beaver Run and Licking Creek overflowed very quickly. At one point there were many streets closed in the Borough since they were unpassable. There was one auto rescue at 14th and Broad Streets. There were several brief power outages which were remedied within a short amount of time. Quakertown West had approximately 44 ground level apartments flooded of which 32 units' residents had to be displaced for a few days. The wastewater infrastructure ran out of capacity because of the significant amounts of rain and several residents experienced raw sewage into their homes from the surcharging. Manager McElree mentioned the sewage clean up can be covered under the Borough's insurance.

President Rosenberger expressed Council's appreciation for the Borough employees hard work yesterday with the storm.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Propst stated the discussion for the Memorial Park War Memorial was on his agenda, but he is still waiting for the design and cost analysis which Ed Scholl and Jerry Gorski are working on. If the information is received before the next Work Session it will be discussed at that time.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary