

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held February 3, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

The recessed meeting which was supposed to continue on January 19, 2021 from the January 6, 2021 Council meeting was canceled.

The following members and officers were present: Vice President James Roberts, Councilmembers Jonathan Sell, Mae Wear, Michael Johnson, David Wilsey, Douglas Propst, Manager Scott C. McElree, Asst. Borough Secretary Kristine Barndt. Solicitor Peter Nelson by Zoom. President Donald Rosenberger and Junior Councilmember Mason Smith, absent.

RESOLVED, That, the Council Minutes of December 2, 2020 and January 6, 2021 be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. President Rosenberger, absent.

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

January	8,	2021	\$	399,724.94
January	15,	2021		1,541,229.21
January	22,	2021		602,325.28
January	29,	2021		322,224.34

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

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. President Rosenberger, absent.

No visitors wished to speak regarding any agenda items.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 28-21, accept the Decision and Order from David Yate's Conditional Use Hearing, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 28-21

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on December 2, 2020 with the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown for David Yate's Conditional Use Application concerning the conversion of an existing building located at 112 Front Street (Tax Map Parcel Number 35-008-119) into a nine-unit apartment building; and

WHEREAS, David Yate's requested Conditional Use was granted and the Borough Council approves the Decision and Order prepared by Borough Solicitor Peter Nelson.

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

Ed Scholl, Economic Development Consultant was present and gave an update on year 2020. Covid-19 restrictions caused some setbacks for several new projects and also small businesses. A Covid Task Force was created consisting of municipal leaders, school district administration, state and local elected officials, Chamber of Commerce officials and local business leaders. Through the pandemic challenge several small boutiques opened, the Ribbon Factory Lofts, Farmer and the Chickpea, as well as, the Trolley Barn which exceeds expectations. A full written report was given to the Council Members with the status of current and future projects.

Councilwoman Wear asked if there is any progress with a new Senior Center. Mr. Scholl replied there may be two potential sites.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 27-21, amendment to the 2021 Fee Schedule, adding new trash collection related fees, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 27-21

WHEREAS, Resolution 8-21 was adopted on January 6, 2021, and established the fees associated with Borough services for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to add the following fees:

Solid Waste Department - Trash

Minimum Monthly Charges

Regular Residential Trash/Recycling Service \$ 29.00

Senior Residential (Over Age 62)
Trash/Recycling Service \$ 16.00

Commercial – Small Business \$ 29.00

Waste or Recycling Receptacle

Per Can Purchase Charge \$ 30.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to amend the 2021 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. President Rosenberger, absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 29-21, Finance Department’s request to destroy dated records, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 29-21

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.

Record	Yrs. of required retention	Year of documents disposed
Police Payroll-Time Card Adjustments	7	2013
Bank Statements & Reconciliations	7	2013
Liquid Fuels, Electric Escrow, Water Escrow, PLGIT, Utility Payment, General Account,		
Daily Cash Receipts Pool-2017	3	2017
Tax Collector’s Monthly Report to Taxing Districts	7	2013
Accounts Payable Files & Ledgers	7	2013
Utility & Paid Service Receipts	7	2013
Check Registers	7	2013
Deposit Slips	7	2013
Accounts Receivable files & ledgers	7	2013
KIDS Registration Forms	2	2017
Voided Account Payable Checks		2016
Worker’s Compensation Claims	4	2013

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 above public records.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 26-21, Police Department’s request to destroy evidence/property from 2018, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 26-21

WHEREAS, evidence/property have accumulated in the Police Department evidence storage facility collected from police operations from year 2018, some of which was evidence and some was recovered lost or stolen property; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Police Department will follow appropriate protocol by burning the drugs and drug paraphernalia listed on the inventory lists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown Pennsylvania directs the Quakertown Police Department to appropriately dispose of the evidence/property attached.

Motion of Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Wilsey. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. President Rosenberger, absent.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 30-21, awarding bid for Juniper Street's Storm Water and Watermain Replacement project, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 30-21

WHEREAS, the Borough has scheduled and engineered plans to reconstruct Juniper Street; and

WHEREAS, the Borough went out to bid for the reconstructed project.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts the bid submitted by Michael F. Ronca & Sons, Inc., of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$3,261,000.00, opened December 29, 2020 for the 2021 Juniper Street Storm Water and Watermain Replacement.

Motion of Councilwoman Wear, seconded by Councilman Sell. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. President Rosenberger, absent.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 20-21, Crossroads Pregnancy Care's request to hold a 5K Run/Walk, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 20-21

WHEREAS, Crossroads Pregnancy Care has applied for a public gathering permit to conduct a Walk for Life and 5K Run event through the borough park and ending with live music at the amphitheater.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit request of Crossroads Pregnancy Care for their Walk for Life and 5K Run event on October 2, 2021, from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm in accordance to the Governor's restrictions at that specific time and also that the Borough is 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. President Rosenberger, absent.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 21-21, Fellowship of Christian Athletes request to hold a 5K event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 21-21

WHEREAS, Jessica Martin of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has requested to hold a Candy Cane 5K event through the Park at 4th on March 20, 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the Fellowship of Christian Athletes' to hold a 5K event through the Park at 4th on March 20, 2021 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in accordance to the Governor's restrictions at that specific time and also that the Borough is an additional insured on their insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 22-21, Quakertown Alive!s request to hold the Arts Alive Street Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 22-21

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold their Arts Alive Street Festival on May 15, 2021 (rain date of May 16, 2021) from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, the use of the bandshell and to close Broad Street from Fourth Street to Hellertown Avenue including 3rd Street, Branch Street to Juniper Street and Front Street from Juniper Street to Broad Street from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm including set up.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to use the bandshell, waive the fee, and close portions of West Broad Street for their Arts Alive Street Festival provided approval is received from PennDOT to close Broad Street in accordance to the Governor's restrictions at that specific time and also and they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 23-21, Quakertown Alive!s request to hold the Upper Bucks Brewfest, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 23-21

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold the annual Upper Bucks Brewfest on August 21, 2021 at the Park at 4th from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm; and

WHEREAS, Quakertown Alive! is requesting use of the amphitheater; and

WHEREAS, Quakertown Alive! is requesting permission to allow smoking and drinking of alcohol at the Park at 4th for the Brewfest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to hold a Brewfest at the Park at 4th on August 21, 2021 with use of the amphitheater in accordance to the Governor's restrictions at that specific time and also the Borough is added as an additional insured on their insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Council directs the Zoning Officer to issue the required permits allowing smoking, which the Clean Act allows for this type of use, and drinking of alcohol in a designated area of the park during the Brewfest.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 24-21, Quakertown Alive!'s request to hold the annual Autumn Alive Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 24-21

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold their Autumn Alive Festival on October 16, 2021 (rain date October 23, 2021) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the use of the bandshell and to close Broad Street from Fourth Street to Hellertown Avenue including 3rd Street, Branch Street to Juniper Street and Front Street from Juniper Street to Broad Street from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to hold their Autumn Alive Festival on October 16, 2021, use of the bandshell and waiving of the fee, and to close Broad Street provided approval is received from PennDOT in accordance to the Governor's restrictions at that specific time and also the Borough is added as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 25-21, Quakertown Alive!'s request to hold the tree lighting ceremony, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 25-21

WHEREAS, a tree-lighting ceremony will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety, portions of Broad Street from Fourth Street to Hellertown Avenue and Branch Street should be closed during the ceremony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to hold a tree lighting ceremony on December 3, 2021 and approves the closing of the above streets during the tree-lighting ceremony providing the Governor's

restrictions at that specific time and also the Borough is added as an additional on their insurance. Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Wilsey. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. President Rosenberger, absent.

Councilman Wilsey would like to see the snow removed from the skating area and opened for skaters. People really want to start skating there again with the cold weather. Manager McElree replied the middle of the area is not frozen all the way and a little mushy. An idea is to possibly section off skating area safely which would satisfy the Risk Management Department of the Borough's insurance. The other skating area in the Action Park has not been sealed yet because of the cold temperatures so it will not hold water. Next winter it will be ready to go.

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

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary