

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held May 5, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That, the Council Minutes of April 7, 2021 & Work Session Minutes of March 22, 2021 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:

April	1, 2021	\$	50,735.33
April	9, 2021		147,226.04
April	16, 2021		523,502.82
April	23, 2021		197,449.11
April	28, 2021		449,300.31

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 Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Visitors:

Jack Borden, 26 S. 11th Street, would like to speak regarding the new trash service.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Councilman Wilsey stated there were no items on his agenda, but that Mr. Borden could speak at this time. Mr. Borden said he has been a resident over ten years and there is some frustration with the trash service such as receiving one small trash can and then the residents can purchase up to two additional cans, which in his opinion is a reduction of service in that he has to pay extra to get the same quality as before. Mr. Borden understands the need for smaller cans for the well being of the employees, but he is asking for consideration in providing the same amount of service which was offered before at no additional cost. Manager McElree replied that the Borough charges \$30.00 per additional can. There is a percentage of residents that have more trash volume to dispose. The cans do not have to be purchased from the Borough. You can purchase one 45 gallon trash can without wheels with an attached lid for as cheap as \$10.00 elsewhere. The Borough is allowing one or two trash bags to be placed next to their Borough can, although animals can make a mess with the trash bags. Manager McElree stated maybe in the future for larger families the Borough may be able to provide an extra can for free but at this point starting the program out the Borough chose not to do that. A reminder that the weight of the trash in either size can, cannot exceed forty pounds.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 56-21, adopt a Borough Social Media, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 56-21

WHEREAS, the Borough would like to adopt a Social Media Policy to establish guidelines for the use of social media by the Borough as a means of conveying information to its residents about the events and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown does hereby adopt a Social Media Policy.

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 58-21, Finance Department's request to destroy employee files without post termination benefits, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 58-21

WHEREAS, a request from the Finance Director was received to destroy terminated employee personnel files who have separated without post termination benefits twenty years from the date of their termination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown hereby authorizes the disposition of those specified employee personnel files.

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 55-21, Police Department's request to destroy old Police Department records, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 55-21 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 of Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, in accordance with the above cited Municipal Records Manual, hereby authorizes the disposition of the following public records:

- Vacation checks through 11/14/2020, Dumpster Permits 2017 & 2018, Truck Permits 2018.
- Incident's – 2002: 1925-4276 & 4826-7632, Warnings/FECs 2019.
- Parking Tickets 2016, 2017 & 2019.
- Traffic Citations: C2047101-0 – C2047300-3; C2047301-4 – C2048300-2, Accidents 2015.

Not including the following due to either containing death, overdose, missing person, investigation or if it pertains to certain criminal cases (murder, rape) in an outside jurisdiction. In addition, cases are held if we have evidence on file.

1-02-1981	1-02-2565	1-02-3493	02-4614	02-5578	02-5896	02-6733
1-02-2059	1-02-2590	1-02-3560	02-4686	02-5587	02-5972	02-6761
1-02-2092	1-02-2608	1-02-3757	02-4735	02-5642	02-6024	02-6768
1-02-2093	1-02-2647	1-02-3820	02-4733	02-5647	02-6062	02-6821
1-02-2141	1-02-2652	1-02-3897	02-4918	02-5660	02-6065	02-6835
1-02-2210	1-02-2686	1-02-3898	02-5191	02-5666	02-6187	02-6854
1-02-2236	1-02-2793	1-02-3987	02-5335	02-5698	02-6226	02-6997
1-02-2241	1-02-2795	1-02-4086	02-5387	02-5701	02-6309	02-7035
1-02-2288	1-02-2873	1-02-4105	02-5399	02-5705	02-6310	02-7063
1-02-2295	1-02-2914	1-02-4162	02-5432	02-5712	02-6361	02-7085
1-02-2312	1-02-2915	1-02-4238	02-5547	02-5776	02-6500	02-7261
1-02-2314	1-02-3139	1-02-4264	02-5555	02-5825	02-6552	02-7267
1-02-2343	1-02-3403	02-4450	02-5558	02-5881	02-6626	02-7274
02-7337	02-7356	02-7445	02-7487	02-7533	02-7632	

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 64-21, recognition of National Nurse's Week, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 64-21

WHEREAS, nurses are dedicated health care professionals sacrificing every day to save lives and care for people in hospitals, long term care facilities, skilled nursing facilities and other medical settings; and

WHEREAS, Nurse's Week acknowledges the essential role of nurses in the lives of the Borough of Quakertown families, communities and individuals who are depending on them now more than ever who are bravely working on the frontlines of the Covid-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, even under normal circumstances, nurses have tough jobs with long, tiring shifts. It takes much strength, skill and compassion to be a nurse and we thank our dedicated nurses who are making great sacrifices and saving lives every day, especially during this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurse's Association, the Borough of Quakertown has declared the week of May 6 – 12 as National Nurse's Week with the theme: You Make a Difference in celebration of the ways in which nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown asks that all residents of the Borough of Quakertown join in honoring the nurses who care for all of us, and that we express our appreciation to the nurses, not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

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

Councilman Johnson mentioned to date, one hundred and nineteen officers have died in the line of duty this year.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 62-21, recognition of National Police Appreciation Week, be adopted:

National Police Appreciation Week
RESOLUTION 62-21

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the citizens of the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, is important to the happiness, prosperity and well-being of our Borough's families and community; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, is the proud home of dedicated police officers who put their lives on the line to keep our community safe; and

WHEREAS, these officers stand as leaders and teachers, educating the community about the importance of public safety; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, appreciates the extraordinary efforts and sacrifices made by the officers and their family members on a daily basis in order to protect our schools, workplaces, roadways and homes; and

WHEREAS, National Police Appreciation Week is an opportunity to show our support for law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, along with the Congress and the President of the United States designates May 15, 2021 as Police Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes, and designate the week of May 9-15, 2021 as Police Appreciation Week.

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

Manager/Chief McElree explained some of the various training the Borough's Police Officers receive throughout the year.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 63-21, recognition of Public Works Week, be adopted:

National Public Works Week

RESOLUTION 63-21

WHEREAS, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of the Borough of Quakertown; and

WHEREAS, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation's transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in the Borough of Quakertown to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2021 marks the 61st annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association, be it now

RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown to designate the week of May 16-22, 2021 as National Public Works Week urging all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies in activities, events and ceremonies designed to pay tribute to our public works professionals, engineers, managers and employees and to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety and quality of life.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 59-21, establish a Digital Advertising Contract for the 4th & Mill Street and Route 309 signs, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 59-21

WHEREAS, the Borough would like to establish Digital Advertising Contracts and advertising fees for the 4th & Mill Street sign and the two digital signs north and south on Route 309 entering the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the 4th & Mill Street sign would be restricted to Borough and Park events only and the Route 309 signs would permit commercial advertising with Borough news, information and civic events taking priority.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown does hereby adopt Digital Advertising Contracts and advertising fees for the above mentioned digital signs. Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Vice President Roberts. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Solicitor Nelson noted the contract for the Route 309 signs contains a revision regarding advertising agency which needs to be entirely deleted. It has already been deleted from the Park at 4th contract.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 57-21, Pennridge High School's request to use the amphitheater for a jazz concert, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 57-21

WHEREAS, Kevin Feher of Pennridge High School has requested to use the Univest Performance Center for their 2021 jazz concert on Sunday, May 30th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants Kevin Feher's request for use of the Univest Performance Center on May 30, 2021, pending the Governor's restrictions at that specified date and 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 60-21, to terminate contract between the Borough and the Quakertown Stadium Athletic Association (QSAA), be adopted:

RESOLUTION 60-21

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to terminate the Agreement with the Quakertown Stadium Athletic Association (QSAA) and directs the Manager to issue notice one hundred eighty days in advance of the ending of the Memorial Park Stadium Agreement as stated in Section 9.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 61-21, Richland Area Softball Association (RASA) request to use the softball field in Memorial Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 61-21

WHEREAS, a request was received from RASA Softball to use the softball field, by the tennis courts in Memorial Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of RASA Softball to use the softball field in Memorial Park on Saturdays and Sundays from June 12 through June 27, 2021 from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, provided they add the Borough 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.

Councilman Propst announced the Police Bike Rodeo is this Saturday, the Art's Alive Festival is May 15 and Primary Election Day is May 18, 2021.

Councilman Wilsey thanked the Train Station for the very nice clock that was installed at the corner of Front Street and Broad Street.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary