

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held July 7, 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 Work Session Minutes of May 24, 2021 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:

May	28, 2021	\$	46,018.60
June	4, 2021		213,017.92
June	10, 2021		552,685.52
June	18, 2021		20,706.46
June	25, 2021		18,079.15
June	30, 2021		921,460.46

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

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.

There were no visitors wishing to speak regarding any agenda items.

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 76-21, Cowan Associates' engineering quotation for the PA Walk Works Grant, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 76-21

WHEREAS, a proposal was received in the amount of \$3,600.00 from Cowan Associates, Inc. with regard to engineering services associated with the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) as part of the PA Walk Works Grant which provides funding to assist municipal entities with the development of active transportation plans and policies aiming to establish or improve pedestrian, bicycle and public transit transportation systems.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts Cowan Associates' proposal, dated June 15, 2021, not to exceed \$3,600.00 for technical engineering review and preparation of preliminary engineering cost estimates for prioritized projects proposed in the Borough's Active Transportation Plan (ATP) as part of the PA Walk Works Grant.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 78-21, Bucks County Tour of Honor 2021 donation, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 78-21

WHEREAS, Joseph Szafran, Chairman of the Bucks County Tour of Honor has requested a donation by submitting an advertisement in their program for their 2021 mission to pay tribute to our country's World War II, Korean and Vietnam War veterans taking them to visit the Washington DC Memorials that honor their service and sacrifice for those veterans who have not yet experienced the opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Borough Code, Sections 1202 & 1203 do provide for Borough Council to make a contribution for the requested Tour of Honor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Joseph Szafran to make a \$250.00 advertisement contribution to the organization called Honor Flight to aid transportation costs for the Bucks County veterans to visit Washington, DC.

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 74-21, Police Department's request to destroy old Police Department records, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 74-21
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 December 16, 2008, 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 attached public records:

Police Department:

- Incident's 2003: 3748-7329
- Offences: 84-1170 – 84-1254

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.

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 79-21, School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding for term 2021-2026, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 79-21

WHEREAS, a proposed School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding between the Quakertown Community School District and the Borough of Quakertown for the term of July 2021 through June 2026 was approved by the Quakertown Community School Board at their June 2021 meeting; and

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding is the same agreement the Borough and the Quakertown Community School District has been operating under for the past six years and provides several general operational components.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to execute the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding for the term of July 2021 through June 2026.

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

Councilman Johnson announced that the Borough received a resignation letter from Police Officer Adam Wolfinger. Officer Wolfinger's last day will be July 20, 2021. Adam is moving out of the area and will be a Police Officer near his new residence. The Borough will miss Adam and wishes him well in his new position.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 81-21, Linda Wenhold's request to hold a Convention of States Rally in the Park at 4th, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 81-21

WHEREAS, Linda Wenhold of Coopersburg, PA has submitted an event application seeking permission to use the Park at 4th for a Convention of States "Let Freedom Ring/The Constitution Rally on Sunday, September 26, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Article V of the U.S. Constitution gives states the power to call a Convention of States to propose amendments and the convention would only allow the states to discuss amendments that, "limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, impose fiscal restraints and place term limits on federal officials"; and

WHEREAS, Linda Wenhold's application indicates that the purpose of the use of the Park at 4th is educate and help make citizens more aware of the contents of the United States Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown approves Linda Wenhold's event application for the use of the Park at 4th as indicated in the application and that the following conditions be accepted and completed by September 20, 2021:

1. The applicant provide an estimate of the number of attendees resulting from a system designed for registering attendees.
2. The applicant provides a parking plan to accommodate the number of vehicles used by attendees.
3. The applicant provides a security plan indicating an appropriate number of personnel to manage the health, welfare and safety of the persons attending the event and the surrounding community.
4. The applicant agrees to pay for any Borough resources used to manage the event or any provided additional Borough personnel and services used prior to, during and after the event.
5. The applicant agrees to meet with Borough Staff to review, discuss and approve any and all of the plans pertaining to the event.
6. The applicant agrees to all of the conditions and requirements as provided in the event application.
7. Adds the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

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 75-21, Miss Autumn's request to use the Univest Performance Center, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 75-21

WHEREAS, Autumn Cardacin of Miss Autumn's Dance Class, Quakertown, PA has requested to use the Univest Performance Center and trailer for her school's 2021 dance recital on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants Autumn Cardacin's request for use of the Univest Performance Center and trailer on August 28, 2021 providing the Borough is added 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 80-21, recognition of July as National Parks & Recreation Month, be adopted:

DESIGNATION OF JULY AS PARK AND RECREATION MONTH

RESOLUTION 80-21

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs are an integral part of communities throughout this country, including the Borough of Quakertown; and

WHEREAS, our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities that aid in the prevention of chronic disease, provide therapeutic recreation services for those who are mentally or physically disabled, and improve the mental and emotional health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation programs increase a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation areas are fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY the Council of the Borough of Quakertown that July is recognized as Park and Recreation Month in the Borough of Quakertown.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 77-21, the Quakertown Historical Society's request to erect a marker for Henry Franklin, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 77-21

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Historical Society (QHS) has approached Borough Council regarding the possible establishment of a historic marker noting the life of Henry Franklin, the first freed American runaway slave to have become a permanent resident in Quakertown due to the efforts of the Underground Railroad; and

WHEREAS, his freedom was obtained and retained through the efforts of Quaker abolitionists, especially including that of Richard and Sarah Moore of Quakertown, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Borough Council looks favorably on the concept of erecting an appropriate marker noting the life of Henry Franklin and also the possibility of creating a small park-like setting on a Borough owned lot near the Richard Moore House which would be dedicated to the memory of the courage of men and women seeking freedom from the cruel bondage of slavery and to the memory of the heroic work of freedom loving men and women who worked toward the abolition of American slavery and sought ways to help them in their escape from "slave states".

FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Borough Manager is directed to remain in contact with the QHS as to the details of the creation of the park and report back to Council from time to time.

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

Councilman Propst announced that the Community Pancake Breakfast made \$3,795.00 which will go to the Community Day Fireworks Fund and thanked Council and all volunteers who spent their time in the park to make it a great day.

The Marshall Tucker Band and Chris Janson Concerts are coming up this week.

Jack Schick from the Quakertown Historical Society thanked Council for approving their request to place the Henry Franklin marker and said he will submit to Council a draft of the marker for review of the wording, size, etc. before being manufactured.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary