

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held September 1, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

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

Councilwoman Wear was asked to stay safe at home due to the bad flooding conditions outside.

The swearing in of Joshua Colella, Fire Police will take place at a later date due to the treacherous flooding conditions.

RESOLVED, That, the Council Minutes for July 7, 2021 and August 4, 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. Councilwoman Wear, absent.

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

August 6, 2021	-	\$ 226,120.23
August 13, 2021	-	29,472.27
August 26, 2021	-	433,747.93

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Wilsey. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Councilwoman Wear, absent. Vice President Roberts abstained from voting as purchases were made from the Friendly Book Store.

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. Councilwoman Wear, absent.

There were no visitors present at the meeting.

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 96-21, proceed with acquiring information for the WalkWorks Grant-Active Transportation Plan, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 96-21

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown has demonstrated an ongoing interest in a Pennsylvania State endorsed program known as the "Active Transportation Plan" (ATP); and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has engaged Cowan Associates to proceed in obtaining estimates of cost for prioritized projects currently contained in the ATP proposal received in a draft presented by Sarcinello Planning & GIS Services dated August 11, 2021 which provides Council with information relating to possible extensive changes, additions or improvements within the Borough affecting our pedestrian bicycle transit and transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a \$20,000 grant from PA WalkWorks to which the Borough has budgeted \$10,000 as a grant match which will be applied to further study the topics addressed in the ATP.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown directs the Borough Manager to proceed with acquiring the necessary information Council will need to make further decisions regarding Council's final determination to accept all, none or some of the recommendations included in the ATP draft.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 93-21, A Women's Place's request to hang purple ribbons for Domestic Violence Awareness, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 93-21

WHEREAS, a request was received from A Woman's Place to hang purple ribbons on trees and light posts in the Borough from September 25, 2021 through October 30, 2021 to promote awareness for domestic violence.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of A Woman's Place to hang purple ribbons in the Borough in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 94-21, Police Department's request to destroy old evidence/recovered property from 2019, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 94-21

WHEREAS, evidence/property have accumulated in the Police Department evidence storage facility collected from years of police operations 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 on the itemized list and memo dated August 16, 2021 from cases in year 2019.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 97-21, American Municipal Power, Inc. (AMP) peak shaving generation project, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 97-21

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown has received information from American Municipal Supply, Inc. (AMP) regarding AMP's Pennsylvania Peak Shaving Program; and

WHEREAS, in order to come to a final decision on this proposal, Borough Council needs to further its understanding of the project's legal and financial obligations affecting the Borough, as well as, our relationship with American Municipal Power, Inc. and the Participant's Group.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown directs the Borough Manager to arrange with the Borough Solicitor a legal review of the agreements presented by American Municipal Power, Inc. and further research any and all financial positions and obligations regarding the Borough's participation in the proposed AMP Pennsylvania Peak Shaving Project, and report back to Borough Council the results of the reviews and research.

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

Manager McElree mentioned our legal attorney is presently reviewing the agreements and is hoping to hear back from him in several days.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 95-21, approval of the PennDot Winter Traffic Service Agreement, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 95-21

BE IT RESOLVED, by authority of the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Bucks County, that the Borough Secretary and Manager be authorized and directed to sign the PennDot one year Winter Traffic Services Agreement for the winter season 2021/2022. on its behalf.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Propst stated that there are not any items for action under the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Manager McElree stated the Beach Boys Concert on August 27, 2021 was the most successful concert with approximately 2,600 people attending. This concert was also the best food selling event.

Councilman Johnson suggested for a different type of genre, reaching out to the Bucks County Symphony to see if they would be interested in holding a concert at the Univest Center with their organization responsible for getting their own volunteers.

President Rosenberger announced at 8:00 pm that this meeting will be continued to September 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm for the purpose of directing the Manager to move forward with the AMP Peak Shaving Generation Project and any other business which may be brought to Council's attention.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary