

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held February 2, 2022, 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 Kristine Barndt.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 19-22, approval of Randall Harrison as Probationary Police Officer Candidate, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 19-22

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021 Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown had authorized the Borough Manager to initiate the selection process for the position of Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Randall Harrison has successfully completed the selection process for the position of Probationary Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Randall Harrison has accepted the offer for the position of Probationary Police Officer as established by the Civil Service Rules and Procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, that, effective January 2, 2022, Randall Harrison was hired as a Probationary Police Officer Candidate with the Quakertown Borough Police Department, and upon attaining Pennsylvania Act 120, Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Act certification, will be appointed as a Probationary Police Officer.

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

Councilman Johnson read a short profile on Randall Harrison. District Justice Lisa Gaier administered the Police Officer Oath of Office for Randall Harrison.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 20-22, approval of Jacquelyn Engler as Probationary Police Officer, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 20-22

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2021 Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown had authorized the Borough Manager to initiate the selection process for the position of Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Engler has successfully completed the selection process for the position of Probationary Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Jacquelyn Engler has accepted the offer for the position of Probationary Police Officer as established by the Civil Service Rules and Procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, that, effective February 2, 2022, Jacquelyn Engler is appointed as a Probationary Police Officer with the Quakertown Borough Police Department.

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

Councilman Johnson read a short profile on Jacquelyn Engler. District Justice Lisa Gaier administered the Police Officer Oath of Office for Jacquelyn Engler.

Tom & Joanne Paulovitz were present to give a check in the amount of \$3,598.00 to the Borough from the 50/50 drawings which Quakertown Alive! raised at Borough concerts.

Naomi Naylor from Quakertown Alive! presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 for the Borough's K-9 unit from fundraising at Quakertown Alive!'s Autumn Alive Festival. Council thanked Quakertown Alive! for all they do throughout the year.

Councilman Propst recognized Ashton Miller, Recreation Coordinator who was chosen as one of the National Recreation and Park Association's Young Professional Network 30 under 30 designation who are making advancements and lasting differences in the field of Parks and Recreation.

Councilman Propst recognized Courtney Burns, Parks Coordinator who was chosen out of two recipients to receive the \$1,500 Phyllis Lieberman Women's Trailblazer Scholarship Award which was established in 2018 to honor the late Phyllis Lieberman who was a long time manager of Whippain Township and founding Executive Committee Member of the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust. The scholarship program is to promote the advancement of women in local government.

Vice President Roberts recognized Kristine Barndt, Executive Administrative Assistant who has completed 76 credits of five required program components, as well as, general electives who has received her designation of Certified Borough Official (CBO) by attending PSAB (Pennsylvania State Association of Borough's) certified official training programs or events. The CBO designation signifies a commitment to education, leadership and staying informed on important issues that affect borough communities.

RESOLVED, That, the Council Minutes of January 3, 2022 and Work Session Minutes of November 22, 2021 be approved as written. 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 check registers be approved for payment:

December	22, 2021	\$ 16,108.69
December	23, 2021	671.05
December	30, 2021	260,139.94
January	7, 2021	447,419.48
January	14, 2022	597,468.26
January	21, 2022	21,834.66
January	27, 2022	313,451.18

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

No visitors wished to speak regarding any agenda items.

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 13-22, John Rivers Memorial VFW's request for funding, 2022, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 13-22

WHEREAS, a request for financial support was received from John Rivers Memorial VFW Post 11322.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the VFW's request to contribute \$500.00 for the year 2022, to be used towards their rent expenses.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

Councilman Johnson stated that there are not any more items under the Health, Safety & Welfare Committee.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Councilwomen Wear thanked the workers in the Public Works Department for their excellent work at removing the snow. Councilwomen Wear also mentioned that the business Echo Chic is closing February 26, 2022 and suggested that Quakertown Alive! contact Echo Chic and see what the situation is there.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 18-22, Power & Grace Dance Studio's request to use the Univest Performance Center, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 18-22

WHEREAS, Power & Grace Gymnastics & Dance has requested to use the Univest Performance Center for their school's dance recitals on Monday, May 16, 2022, Tuesday, May 17, 2022, Wednesday May 18, 2022 and Thursday, May 19, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants Power & Grace Gymnastics & Dance's request for use of the Univest Performance Center May 16-19, 2022 provided any COVID-19 restrictions at those specified dates 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 14-22, Quakertown Alive!'s request to hold the annual Arts Alive Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 14-22

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold their Arts Alive Street Festival on May 21, 2022 (rain date of May 22, 2022) 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, close portions of West Broad Street provided approval is received from PennDOT, provided any COVID-19 restrictions at that specific time and that 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 15-22, Quakertown Alive!'s request to hold the Upper Bucks Brewfest, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 15-22

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold the annual Upper Bucks Brewfest on August 20, 2022 at the Park at 4th from 12:00 am to 5:00 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 20, 2022 with use of the amphitheater provided any COVID-19 restrictions at that specific time and also that 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 16-22, Quakertown Alive!'s request to hold the annual Autumn Alive Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 16-22

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold their Autumn Alive Festival on October 15, 2022 (rain date October 22, 2022) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 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 15, 2022, use of the bandshell and waiving of the fee, closing of Broad Street provided approval is received from PennDOT, provided any COVID-19 restrictions at that specific time and that 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 17-22, Quakertown Alive!'s request to hold the tree lighting ceremony, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 17-22

WHEREAS, a tree-lighting ceremony will be held on Friday, December 2, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 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, Council approves the closing of the above streets during the tree-lighting ceremony for the time needed to accommodate the ceremony provided any COVID-19 at that time and that they add the Borough as 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.

Manager McElree announced that several Borough staff will be holding an 8 week Civic Course offered to the public called the Quakertown Civics Academy (QCA) beginning this March which will cover everything that the Borough does from supplying water and electricity to plowing snow. Councilmembers are welcome to participate if they wish.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary