

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held May 4, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 50-22, approval of Niall Meenagh as Probationary Police Officer, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 50-22

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

WHEREAS, Niall Meenagh 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 April 27, 2022, Niall Meenagh 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 brief biography on Niall Meenagh and then administered the Oath of Office to Niall.

RESOLVED, That, the Work Session Minutes of March 28, 2022 be approved as written. 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 check registers be approved for payment:

April 1, 2022	-	\$	20,629.77
April 6, 2022	-		37,500.00
April 8, 2022	-		363,126.49
April 14, 2022	-		32,483.99
April 22, 2022	-		579,442.05
April 27, 2022	-		1,202,909.20

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

Visitors wishing to speak:

Stephen Biddle, 130 S. Main Street, would like to speak regarding the DROP Agreement.

## **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 47-22, amend 2022 Fee Schedule to include a portable restroom rental fee, be adopted:

### **RESOLUTION 47-22**

WHEREAS, Resolution 6-22 was adopted on January 3, 2022, and established the fees associated with Borough services for the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to add a portable restroom rental fee in the amount of \$30.00 per week or any part of seven consecutive days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to amend the 2022 Fee Schedule to include a portable restroom rental fee of \$30.00.

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

The name of the fee has been changed from outdoor toilet rental to portable restroom rental fee.

## **HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 44-22, recognition of National Police Appreciation Week, be adopted:

### **National Police Appreciation Week RESOLUTION 44-22**

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, 2022 as National 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 11-17, 2022 as Police Appreciation Week.

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

Councilman Johnson stated that as of this date 101 Police Officers have died in the line of duty this year nationally.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 46-22, Police Department's annual bike rodeo, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 46-22

RESOLVED, That, a request was received from the Police Department to hold the Borough's annual Bike Safety Rodeo on Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Memorial Park Pool lot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts the request to hold the Borough's Bike Safety Rodeo on May 14, 2022 starting at 9:00 a.m.

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

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 45-22, recognition of National Public Works Week, be adopted:

#### National Public Works Week RESOLUTION 45-22

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

WHEREAS, these infrastructures, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are federally mandated first responders, and the 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 and maintain ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works first responders in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the year 2022 marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual National Public Works Week, themed "Ready and Resilient" sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown to designate the week May 15 – 21, 2022 as National Public Works Week in the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Council calls upon businesses, organizations and citizens to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works services and to recognize the outstanding contributions which our public works employees make every day to ensure the health, safety, comfort, and quality of life in the Borough of Quakertown.

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

Councilwoman Wear mentioned she finished the Borough Civic Classes and she really enjoyed it.

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 49-22, proposal from Mease Engineering for Cedar Grove Park property survey, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 49-22

WHEREAS, Quakertown Borough desires to undertake the Cedar Grove Park revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal dated April 11, 2022 from Mease Engineering for the amounts of \$4,200.00 for property surveys of Tax Map Parcels #35-01-107 and #35-01-095 and \$3,435.00 for an existing features plan totaling \$7,655.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to accept Mease Engineering's Cedar Grove Park proposal dated April 11, 2022 for the amount totaling \$7,655.00 and authorizes the Borough Manager to execute the said proposal on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

Councilman Propst indicated that Mr. Biddle could speak at this time. Mr. Biddle suggested some revisions to the License Agreement such as including the address for the Borough and The Drop.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 51-22, approving the DROP License Agreement, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 51-22

WHEREAS, a License Agreement has been prepared with the Quakertown Community Center, a non-profit organization who has established an initiative called The Drop which operates out of the Borough's Skate Shelter located within Quakertown Borough Memorial Park, to establish and provide guidelines and procedures; and

WHEREAS, The Drop is a youth assistance program geared toward middle and high school students who may find themselves adrift and faced with the temptation to cross into risky behaviors after school lets out.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown directs the Borough Manager to sign the Agreement upon receipt of the signed License Agreement from the Quakertown Community Center.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Wilsey.

Solicitor Nelson asked if The Drop has signed the Agreement yet. Manager McElree indicated that the Agreement has not been signed. Solicitor Nelson pointed out that tonights presented Agreement is different than the updated revised Agreement which he has at his office.

A motion was made by Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Wilsey to table Resolution 51-22.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 48-22, cost increase for swimming pool project, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 48-22

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown passed Resolution 100-21 on September 14, 2021, in which Council gave authority to the Borough Manager to proceed with Phase Two of the swimming pool revitalization project, with the proviso that the project would not exceed \$2,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager has been advised by Ray Palmer Associates, Inc. that we should anticipate some cost increases due to various materials and features changes; and

WHEREAS, the Manager anticipates that these costs may increase by as much as \$80,000 to \$100,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown that the Borough Manager be authorized to proceed with completion of Phase Two of the Swimming Pool Project at a cost not to exceed \$2,200,000.00.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 52-22, Historical Society's request to replace a sign at Liberty Hall, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 52-22

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Historical Society (QHS) has approached Borough Council regarding the concept of a historical marker to be placed at Liberty Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Historical Society is seeking support for their application to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for this project.

RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown supports the Historical Society's concept of erecting a historical marker at Liberty Hall and directs the Borough Manager to remain in contact with the Historical Society through project completion.

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

Councilman Propst stated the Borough Spring Clean Up Day was this past Saturday and there was a good turnout of volunteers. Also Pat Benatar, who will be playing at the Univest Performance Center in July, will be inducted into the Rock n Roll Hall of Fame.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

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Donald E. Rosenberger  
President of Council

Attest:

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Scott C. McElree  
Borough Secretary