

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held June 1, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

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

Councilman Johnson swore Melissa Cotter in as a Fire Policemember.

RESOLVED, That, the Council Minutes of April 6 & May 4, 2022 and Work Session Minutes of April 25, 2022 be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Vice President L. James Roberts, absent.

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

April 29, 2022	-	\$	243,900.38
May 6, 2022	-		26,973.17
May 13, 2022	-		178,135.98
May 18, 2022	-		532,864.16
May 26, 2022	-		523,535.73

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

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. Vice President L. James Roberts, absent.

Visitors wishing to speak:

David Davies, 207 Washington Court would like speak regarding traffic and trash.

### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

### **REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

President Rosenberger stated that there are not any items for action under the Revenue & Finance Committee.

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

Councilman Johnson indicated that Mr. Davies could speak at this time. Mr. Davies suggested putting a speed hump in front of the Freshman Center on Main Street to slow down traffic and that would also help people crossing over to the Action Skate Park. Mr. Davies also suggested having a Police Officer direct traffic at the intersection of 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue when school lets out since it is very difficult for vehicles to cross the street at that time. Mr. Davies reported that borough trash containers are being stolen and he feels the residents should not have to pay for a

new can. Mr. Davies also complimented Officer Engler on an incident he had at a business which he manages.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 53-22, McCoole's request to hold an Oktoberfest and car show, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 53-22

WHEREAS, a request was received from Jan Hench to hold an event to include an Oktoberfest at McCooles and car show which will be on South Main Street on Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm, rain date October 2, 2022 and to have South Main Street closed from Broad Street to Park Avenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Jann Hench to hold an Oktoberfest and car show and the closing of South Main Street from Broad Street to Park Avenue on October 1, 2022 in accordance to any CDC guidelines at that specific time and also that the Borough is an additional insured on their insurance.

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

Councilman Johnson suggested adding a clause to follow current CDC guidelines for upcoming events this year.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 55-22, St. Isidore School Citation celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 55-22

##### ST. ISIDORE SCHOOL CITATION

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown takes great pleasure in recognizing the educational institutions that contribute to the benefit of this community, for both parents and their children; and

WHEREAS, St. Isidore School is being honored upon the momentous occasion of its one hundredth anniversary; and

WHEREAS, in 1921, the Reverend A. J. Fleming saw a need to establish a school for the St. Isidore parish community including the Borough of Quakertown. The first classes were held in the parish rectory on September 6, 1921 with thirty-eight students and staffed by the Sisters of St. Joseph in Chestnut Hill. In 1922, the new pastor, the Reverend Thomas Herron oversaw the groundbreaking on both a new school and a convent with construction completed in April 1923. This initial building remains in use by the Early Childhood Division with a new large facility including a gymnasium/auditorium and community kitchen completed in 1963. St. Isidore School strives to install academic excellence in a Christ-centered atmosphere that is rooted in faith. The school empowers its students to work to their fullest potential and to become lifelong learners committed to living out Catholic values.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough of Quakertown salutes St. Isidore School upon its richly deserved recognition and offers best wishes for continued growth and success in the years to come.

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

### **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 56-22, award bid for nine substation circuit breakers to Siemens Industry, Inc., be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 56-22**

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the bid submitted by Siemens Industry, Inc. for eleven circuit breakers for the sub-station project in the amount of \$314,929.00, per bids opened May 31, 2022, is hereby accepted.

The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the necessary documents on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

Councilwoman Wear asked the status of the playground and pool opening. Manager McElree stated the playground ribbon cutting is scheduled for June 17, 2022. The main pool opening is hopefully going to be June 11, 2022 with the baby pool to open soon after. Several Friends School students planted twenty-two trees at the playground.

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 51-22, accepting the DROP Lease 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 Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried. Vice President L. James Roberts, absent.

Councilman Propst mentioned two weeks from today is the first concert, The Happy Together Tour.

President Rosenberger 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