

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held July 6, 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 Council Minutes of June 1, 2022 and Work Session Minutes of May 16, 2022 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:

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| May 27, 2022 | - | \$ | 33,497.26 |
| June 6, 2022 | - | | 22,617.48 |
| June 10, 2022 | - | | 20,177.64 |
| June 13, 2022 | - | | 55,500.00 |
| June 15, 2022 | - | | 573,002.29 |
| June 24, 2022 | - | | 63,464.26 |
| June 29, 2022 | - | | 1,145,681.65 |

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

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.

Visitors wishing to speak:

David Direnzo, 125 S. Main Street, would like to speak regarding the men's locker room at the pool.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 57-22, Lions Club's request to hold the annual Halloween Parade, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 57-22

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Quakertown Lions Club, for the annual Quakertown Halloween Parade, to waive the fee for the use of the bandshell and to approve the closing of the streets for the parade route. The requested street closings are:

Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Streets blocked between Broad Street & Park Avenue,
Juniper Street from Fourth Street to Eleventh Street,
Eleventh Street between Juniper and Broad Street,
W. Broad Street from Main Street to Front Street,
Third Street between Broad & Juniper Streets; and

WHEREAS, Council, in the adoption of Resolution 19-06, reserved the right to waive these fees for certain civic or charitable events which they deem beneficial to the betterment of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Lions Club Halloween Parade to close Borough streets and waive the fee for the use of the bandshell for their event on October 16, 2022, from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm with the rain date of October 23, 2022.

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 54-22, Trinity Church's request to close Erie Avenue for Peach Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 54-22

WHEREAS, a request was received from Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to close Erie Avenue for their annual Peach Festival.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church to close Erie Avenue from Hellertown Avenue to the entrance of the church parking lot on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for their Peach Festival provided current Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines are adhered to.

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 61-22, Quakertown Alive!s request to hold several Market Days downtown, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 61-22

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold a fresh produce "Market" in the downtown triangle on Saturdays July 2, August 6 and September 3, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Alive! to use the downtown triangle the first Saturdays in July, August and September of 2022 for a fresh produce "Market".

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 58-22, disposition of old Police Department records, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 58-22
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 records listed in the attached memorandums dated April 8, 2022 and May 6, 2022 from the Police Department to include:

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| Offenses | 1985 & 1986 |
| Incidents | 2009 – 2014 |
| Right To Know Requests | 2018 |
| UCR Reports | 2015-2019 |
| Vacation Checks | Through March, 2022 |
| Traffic Citations | 2016 |

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 59-22, Police Department’s request to destroy accumulated firearms which meet the guidelines in the evidence storage facility, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 59-22

WHEREAS, Police evidence/firearms have accumulated in the gun evidence storage facility for cases from years of police operations and by where these cases have court dispositions and are permissible to destroy or dismantle; and

WHEREAS, firearms must be destroyed or disposed of from police custody under the guidelines of the U.S. Department of Justice, Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and

WHEREAS, the Borough uses U.S. Firearms & Accessories, LLC., an approved licensed entity to properly dispose of the firearms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown directs the Quakertown Police Department to follow appropriate protocol for disposal of evidence/firearms from 2007 through 2014 cases listed on the attached memorandum dated June 14, 2022 by using the services of U.S. Firearms & Accessories, LLC.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 60-22, disposition of accumulated Police Department evidence which meet the guidelines for destruction, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 60-22

WHEREAS, evidence/property have accumulated in the Police Department evidence storage facility collected from police cases from year 1996 and 2000-2015, 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 attached itemized list and memo dated June 14, 2022.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 62-22, authorizing advertisement for Ordinance revising the rules governing cogeneration, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 62-22

RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to advertise an Ordinance of the Borough of Quakertown revising the rules governing cogeneration and small power production facilities operating in the Borough, establishing updated avoided cost rates and addressing related matters.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

Councilwoman Wear asked for an update on the swimming pool. Manager McElree stated the pool has been open everyday and is well attended. This coming Monday the concrete for the kiddie pool will be poured so that section should be open fairly soon to the public. The shade structure has been tied up with the supply chain shortage and the Borough does not know when it will arrive so that structure may not be installed this season.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

Councilman Propst indicated that Mr. Drenzo could speak at this time. Mr. Drenzo explained that the shower in the men's locker room at the pool is broken. Manager McElree replied that he would have Public Works take a look at the men's shower, as well as, the ladies shower.

Councilman Propst announced there were 632 pancake breakfasts served at Community Day, and tomorrow night is the Pat Benatar concert and Friday is the Scotty McCreery concert.

President Rosenberger mentioned he will be sending a letter to the Community Day Committee on behalf of Council thanking them for their work with Community Day and their donation of \$30,000 towards the future park pavilion. On June 17, 2022 the QuiNBy Playground officially opened and has been a great success.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary