

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held October 5, 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 79-22, promoting Officer Ryan Naugle to Police Detective, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 79-22

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Police Department performed a Police Detective promotional process that adhered to the Borough of Quakertown Civil Service Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer Ryan Naugle attained the highest total score.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, Borough Council appoints Ryan Naugle as Detective in the Quakertown Police Department.

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

Chief McElree read a brief biography of Detective Ryan Naugle and he was congratulated by Council.

RESOLVED, That, the Council Minutes of September 7, 2022 and Work Session Minutes of August 22, 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:

September 2, 2022	-	\$ 203,690.33
September 9, 2022	-	49,109.71
September 16, 2022	-	670,571.74
September 22, 2022	-	17,410.90
September 29, 2022	-	1,815,495.32

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

No visitors wished to speak.

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 read the Minimal Municipal Obligations (MMO) for 2023.

Police Pension Plan:	\$616,624.00
Non-uniform Plan:	92,002.00
Money Purchase Plan: (401A)	225,992.00

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 76-22, renewal of the Economic Development Consultant’s Agreement, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 76-22

WHEREAS, beginning in 2014, the Borough of Quakertown entered into a Consulting Agreement with Edward Scholl for services of an Economic Development Consultant to aid with the revitalization and economic goals desired by the Borough Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Borough Council of Quakertown wishes to renew the Consulting Agreement until December 31, 2023 between Edward Scholl, LLC. and the Borough of Quakertown at a cost of \$65,000 annually beginning January 1, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to sign the agreement between the Borough and Edward Scholl, LLC.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 75-22, setting the date and time for Trick or Treating 2022, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 75-22

RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown establishes Trick-or-Treat night on October 31, 2022, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Borough of Quakertown.

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 72-22, Police Department's request to destroy old police records, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 72-22
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 August 5, 2022 and September 2, 2022 from the Police Department to include:

Offenses	1987 – 1988
Incidents	1989 – 2018
Phone Logs	2018 – 2019
Aggressive Driving Detail Records	2013 – 2016
Traffic Citations	2013, 2014 & 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 74-22, Police Department's request to dispose old accumulated evidence/property, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 74-22

WHEREAS, evidence/property have accumulated in the Police Department evidence storage facility collected from police cases from year 2016, 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 September 13, 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 Sell. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 78-22, participation in the Bucks County Department of Human Services Co-Responder Program, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 78-22

WHEREAS, the Bucks County Department of Human Services has initiated a two year funded Co-Responder Program were often times the police are assigned to an inquiry or investigation that the after care or follow up would be better serviced by Social Services or Human Services; and

WHEREAS, this Co-Responder Program is to create a regional effort with a multi-police department program which is designed to partner the co-responders with local law enforcement and for the co-responders to serve as a liaison in addressing the social needs of individuals contacting the 911 call center, along with the local police department.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown approves the Borough Police Departments participation in the Bucks County Department's Co-Responder Program and authorizes the Borough Manager to proceed with the Co-Responder Program.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 73-22, Quakertown High School's request to hold a bon fire/pep rally, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 73-22

WHEREAS, a request was received from George Banas, Jr., the Coach of the Quakertown Senior High School Football Team to conduct their 2022 Bon Fire and Pep Rally at the Borough's skating pond parking lot.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Senior High School Football Team to conduct their 2022 Thanksgiving Day Bon Fire and Pep Rally on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Borough's skating pond parking lot, provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Propst. 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

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 77-22, the Bucks County Opportunity Council's request to hold a free Farmer's Market every Wednesday in the baseball stadium parking lot, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 77-22

WHEREAS, a request was received from Elizabeth Zbinden of the Bucks County Opportunity Council to hold a free Farmer's Market distributing free food to low income families, every Wednesday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm in the baseball stadium parking lot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Bucks County Opportunity Council to distribute free food every Wednesday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm in the baseball stadium parking lot.

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

Councilman Propst mentioned the Veterans Memorial opening will be November 19, 2022.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary