

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held March 1, 2023, 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, Borough Manager Scott McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt.

President Rosenberger reopened the Quakertown Area Industrial & Commercial Development Authority meeting from February 27, 2023 to vote on an amendment to the QAI&CDA By-Laws. The Quakertown Area Industrial & Commercial Development Authority meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

The March 1, 2023 Council Meeting resumed at 7:38 pm.

RESOLVED, That, the Council Minutes of February 1, 2023 and Work Session Minutes of January 23, 2023 be approved as written. Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilwoman Wear. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

January	27, 2023	\$ 364,551.07
February	3, 2023	89,647.18
February	10, 2023	184,518.67
February	17, 2023	603,172.73
February	24, 2023	20,412.85
February	24, 2023	353,048.48

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 Statements, 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 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 23-23, to amend the Monthly Commercial Dumpster Rental Fee on the 2023 Fee Schedule, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 23-23

WHEREAS, Resolution 1-23 was adopted on January 4, 2023, and established the fees associated with Borough services for the year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to amend the following fees:

*Solid Waste :*

Monthly Commercial Dumpster Fee - Changed from \$180.00 to \$150.00  
Dumpster Return Fee - Removed

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to amend the 2023 Fee Schedule to reflect the above listed changes.

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 17-23, Quakertown Lions Club’s request to hold the annual Halloween parade, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 17-23

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 22, 2023, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm with the rain date of October 29, 2023.

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

Councilman Johnson pointed out that Manager McElree wrote a letter back to Mr. Kremer addressing all of the issues which he previously brought to Council and hopefully this answers some of his questions about why things are and are not being done.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

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

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 26-23, award Maintenance Garage Roofing bid, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 26-23

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the bid submitted by Hulton Contracting of Line Lexington, PA for replacement of the Maintenance Garage Roof in the amount for \$159,690.00, per bids opened January 18, 2023, is hereby accepted.

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

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

Solicitor Nelson mentioned the Certificate As To Corporate Principal is filled out incorrectly. Borough Manager McElree mentioned this was bid was submitted with prevailing wage which is required.

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 18-23, Lancaster County Bible Church's request to hold a community block party in Park at 4th, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 18-23**

WHEREAS, Madison Mazza of LCBC Church, Manheim, PA has requested to use the Univest Performance Center and park to hold a block party to raise awareness of their church to the community on Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants LCBC Church's request for use of the Univest Performance Center on June 10, 2023. Their insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured has already been received.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 19-23, Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's request to hold a stream clean-up, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 19-23**

WHEREAS, Jessie Kemper of the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy of Schwenksville, PA has requested to hold a stream clean-up removing litter, trash and debris from the local waterway on April 14 & 15, 2023 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy to hold a stream clean-up on April 14 & 15, 2023.

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 20-23, Allison Mangle of WaWa, Inc.'s request to hold a fundraising event for lung cancer research at the Midget Football Field, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 20-23**

WHEREAS, Allison Mangle from WaWa, Inc., has requested to use the QFMA Field to hold a fundraising event "Fight Hard, Breathe Easy" on April 29, 2023 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants Allison Mangle's request to hold this fundraiser at the QMFA Field on April 29, 2023 provided the Borough is added as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

Councilman Johnson asked if this event by WaWa, Inc. was planning on having alcohol since that information was not checked off on their event application and WaWa stores do sell alcohol now. The Borough Manager stated he would look into that but he believes there will not be alcohol.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 21-23, QuinBY's Shade Structure Gift Agreement, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 21-23

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Quakertown has agreed to donate \$12,981.00 for two separate sun shades for QuinBY's Playground; and

WHEREAS, a proposed Gift Agreement has been prepared between the Borough of Quakertown and the Rotary Club for the donation to be paid over a two year term as follows: \$1,623.00 due March 10, June 1, September 1, December 1, 2023 & March 1, 2024 and \$1,622.00 due June 3, September 2, December 2, 2024 and permitting two plaques at each shade structure indicating the Club's support.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts the proposed QuinBY's Playground Shade Structures Gift Agreement with the Rotary Club of Quakertown for two shade structures and directs the Borough Manager to execute the said Agreement 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.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 22-23, Crossroads Pregnancy Care's request to hold a 5K event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 22-23

WHEREAS, Crossroads Pregnancy Care has applied for a public gathering permit to conduct a Walk/Run for Life 5K event through the Borough park and use of the amphitheater.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit request of Crossroads Pregnancy Care for their Walk/Run for Life 5K event on October 7, 2023, from 5:00 am to 2:00 pm provided 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 24-23, Men's Softball Slow Pitch League's request to use the softball field, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 24-23

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Quakertown Slow Pitch League requesting use of the softball field in Memorial Park for a Men's Slow Pitch League.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Men's Slow Pitch League to use the softball field in Memorial Park on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, starting on May 15, 2023 through August 26, 2023, with games starting at 6:00 pm and the second game starting immediately upon conclusion of the first game provided each of the softball teams add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 25-23, Fire Department's request to hold annual carnival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 25-23

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Quakertown Fire Department to use the stoned parking lot/skate pond area and the paved parking lot at the Memorial Park baseball stadium for the Fire Department Carnival to be held August 1 through August 5, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm and use of the Borough's band shell for this event; and

WHEREAS, fireworks would be held on Friday, August 4, 2023 with the rain date being Saturday, August 5, 2023 following Borough codes and proper permits are obtained.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Fire Department to use the specified Memorial Park area for a carnival and the use of the band shell, fee waived as per adopted Resolution 19-06 for certain civic or charitable events, and also to hold fireworks provided that the Borough is added as 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.

Manager McElree mentioned that the new landscaping project at Borough Hall and the police memorial project at the flag pole have started.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 8:01 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