

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held August 2, 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, Douglas Propst, David Wilsey, Solicitor Peter Nelson, Borough Manager Scott McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Kris Barndt.

RESOLVED, That, the Council Minutes of July 5, 2023 and Work Session Minutes of June 26, 2023 be approved as written. Motion of Vice President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Sell. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

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

June	29, 2023	\$	74,840.74
July	5, 2023		17,151.72
July	14, 2023		228,942.03
July	20, 2023		523,954.17
July	27, 2023		554,440.66

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.

There were no visitors wishing to speak on any agenda items.

### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 68-23, Gary & Crystal Landes' application for subdivision of 45 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street property, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 68-23**

WHEREAS, Gary & Crystal Landes have filed a subdivision plan to divide 45 & 47 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street into two (2) lots; and

WHEREAS, Cowan Associates, Inc. has reviewed the plans dated October 5, 2022, revised on March 29, 2023 which were prepared by Mease Engineering, PC; and

WHEREAS, all comments from Cowan Associates, Inc. have been addressed and updated.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown that the plan revised dated March 29, 2023, including all comments, is approved. The plan must be recorded in Bucks County within ninety (90) days.

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

### **REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 65-23, consideration for Jann Paulovitz being recipient of the William Peischel Excellence in Citizenship Award, be adopted:

## RESOLUTION 65-23

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, desires from time-to-time to award a resident of Quakertown Borough who through volunteer service has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the civic betterment of the Quakertown community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, publicly honor and present Jann Paulovitz with the William Peischel Excellence in Citizenship Award for her many years of unselfish contribution to the Quakertown community.

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

Vice President Roberts said William Peischel was involved for years with various community organizations and children athletic teams, as well as, served on the Borough's Planning Commission and the Krupp Park Committee.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 66-23, consideration of approval for John Schlupp's LERTA application for the property at 122 E. Broad Street, be adopted:

### RESOLUTION 66-23

WHEREAS, a request was received from John Schlupp to approve his Borough of Quakertown LERTA (Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance) Request Application for a project consisting of tearing down a four story building and rebuilding a two story building to consist of two commercial tenants on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor and two residential tenants on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor located at 122 E. Broad Street, parcel number 35-008-325; and

WHEREAS, the property and project would qualify as a mixed use and qualifies for the 10 year LERTA program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants approval of the Borough of Quakertown LERTA Request Application for John Schlupp.

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 Resolution 67-23, application for DCED Façade Grant, be adopted:

### RESOLUTION 67-23

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Borough is desirous of obtaining funds from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in the amount of \$40,000 for assistance in funding the facade program; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Borough will assume the provision of the full local share of project costs; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Borough will reimburse the Commonwealth for the state's share of any expenditures found by DCED to be ineligible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown authorizes the Secretary of Quakertown Borough to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this Resolution and to furnish a copy of the Resolution to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

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

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 69-23, approving Adam Wolfinger as Probationary Police Officer, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 69-23**

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023 Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown had authorized the Borough Manager to initiate the selection process for the position of Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, Adam Wolfinger 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 July 24, 2023, Adam Wolfinger be appointed as a Probationary Police Officer with the Quakertown Borough Police Department.

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 under the Public Utilities Committee.

### **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

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

### **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 64-23, naming the passive park on Moores Court, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 64-23**

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of Quakertown desires to name the newly constructed park located at Main Street and Moores Court as Freedom Park; and

WHEREAS, the park was constructed in dedication to Henry Franklin, who escaped slavery in 1837 and relocated to Quakertown with his family and worked for Moore Pottery while performing Underground Railroad activities. Henry Franklin was a well-respected individual of Quakertown and was integral in the breakdown of racial prejudice in Bucks County; and

WHEREAS, the name will signify the important efforts of Henry Franklin within the Underground Railroad, and represents all those that sought Freedom to Quakertown; and

WHEREAS, the park will allow community members an opportunity for reflection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Quakertown Borough Council that the newly constructed park located at Main Street and Moores Court be named Freedom Park.

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 72-23, finalizing an agreement with the Quakertown Community School District for their use of the Quakertown Memorial Park Stadium, be adopted.

RESOLUTION 72-23

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 72-23, finalizing an agreement with the Quakertown Community School District for their use of the Quakertown Memorial Park Stadium, be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown desires to reach an agreement with the Quakertown Community School District for their use of the Quakertown Memorial Park Stadium; and

WHEREAS, this matter was discussed at the July 24, 2023 Work Session and the Borough Manager has been given preliminary direction and agreement to proceed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Quakertown directs the Borough Manager to move forward with discussions with the Quakertown Community School District on finalizing that agreement.

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

President Rosenberger asked if the stadium name will be changed. Manager McElree stated there will be a naming rights opportunity for the stadium which will not be part of this agreement.

President Rosenberger announced that last week Detective Jeff Boehm retired from the Police Department after 32 years in the department. Jeff was originally promoted to Detective in 2008 and he was Police Association President for more than 10 years. Jeff is respected by his peers, community and other law enforcement officers, as well as, the District Attorney's office. Jeff has taken a civilian position in the Police Department. Borough Council wishes him well in his retirement.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 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