

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was held October 4, 2023, 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 September 6, 2023 and Work Session Minutes of July 24, 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 carried.

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

September	1, 2023	-	\$	214,465.23
September	8, 2023	-		23,821.11
September	15, 2023	-		605,631.78
September	22, 2023	-		17,181.10
September	29, 2023	-		3,886,443.99

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.

Visitors:

David Davies, 207 Washington Court, would like to speak regarding the new downtown parking system.

David DiRenzo, 125 S. Main Street, would like to mention an upcoming event for veterans.

Mayor Wayne Codner, Richlandtown, would like to speak regarding a public event.

### **PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE**

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

### **REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 78-23, Quakertown Historical Society's donation request for the making of the Fries Rebellion Film, be adopted:

#### RESOLUTION 78-23

WHEREAS, a request for financial support was received from Christina Landis of the Quakertown Historical Society regarding consideration in financially supporting a project with the Lower Macungie Historical Society to produce a film about the Fries Rebellion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the Quakertown Historical Society's request to contribute \$500.00 to be used towards the making of the Fries Rebellion film.

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

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 76-23, disposition of old Police Department records, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 76-23 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 25, 2023 and September 15, 2023 from the Police Department.

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 77-23, Trinity Church's request to hold a CROP Walk, be adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION 77-23**

WHEREAS, a request was received from Trinity Lutheran Church to hold a Crop Walk to benefit the Food Pantry, which will begin and end at Trinity Church.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request to Trinity Lutheran Church to hold a Crop Walk on Sunday, October 8, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

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

Councilman Johnson indicated that Mr. Davies could speak at this time. Mr. Davies expressed the small businesses downtown would like more information on the new parking application which is going to be going into effect, especially information for the older customers who do not have smart phones. Mr. Davies feels the parking meter change will make the small businesses lose money. Mr. Davies brought a petition with 125 signatures who oppose the parking app. Vice President Roberts who owns the Friendly Book Store has the same concerns and feels there is a workable solution. Manager McElree offered to meet with the small business owners who are concerned with the parking meter change to explain and educate them on the system and said there are solutions for all concerns. President Rosenberger mentioned the parking app information was discussed in detail at the September 25, 2023 Work Session.

**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**

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

Councilman Propst indicated that Mayor Codner could speak at this time. Mayor Codner thanked the Borough for assistance he received from Quakertown Borough for his event called Outreach 23 which was held earlier this year at the Univest Performance Center. Over \$10,000.00 was raised to go directly towards charity and a full truck bed of food was donated to go to the food pantry. November 4, 2023 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am there will be a parade/run called Run With The Big Dogs in Richlandtown. Mayor Codner asked to meet with Manager McElree to discuss various topics which were covered at the last few public meetings he had attended.

David DiRenzo announced the Sons of the American Legion is holding a pancake breakfast Sunday, October 8, 2023 beginning at 8:00 am to raise funds for the Legion. There will also be an event on November 18, 2023 from 11 am – 1:00 pm at the Legion, 610 E. Broad Street, which will be a free educational seminar for veterans to inform them on veterans affairs. Veterans will need to register for this event.

Doug Wilhelm gave an update on the baseball stadium. All footers and piers have been poured and the blockwork will be layed tomorrow. Monday the steel structure will start to go up. Two weeks later the prefabricated concrete is supposed to be delivered. Manger McElree mentioned from the date the contract was signed the contractor has 200 days to complete the job. The stadium should be open for the 2024 spring baseball season. Funding packets for the baseball stadium have been completed for anyone interested in the community. There is also an opportunity for a naming right of the baseball stadium. Manager McElree stated the Stadium Agreement with the school district is in progress.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 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