

A regular meeting of the Borough Council of Quakertown was December 6, 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 November 1, 2023 and Work Session Minutes of October 23, 2023 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:

November	3, 2023	-	\$	892.54
November	10, 2023	-		24,503.74
November	17, 2023	-		511,634.97
November	22, 2023	-		17,104.98
November	30, 2023	-		623,599.43

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.

President Rosenberger temporarily adjourned the Council meeting at 7:35 pm to begin the Conditional Use Hearing which Solicitor Nelson directed for applicant David Halliday of 103 Quaker Safety, LLC., Pipersville, PA for partial demolition of a historical building (Quaker Safety Building) on 103 S. Main Street. After hearing all evidence from David Halliday, his Attorney Gavin Laboski (Laboski Law) and parties Jon Beagle of 1208 Juniper Street, his Attorney Michael Luongo (High Swartz Law Firm) and Stephen Biddle of S. Main Street the hearing was closed. Borough Council did not want to deliberate at that time and is taking the 45 days to make their decision. Solicitor Nelson stated most likely at the next Council meeting in December there will be a vote at that time and the written decision. A transcript of the hearing is available in the Zoning Office.

President Rosenberger reopened the November Council meeting at 9:25 pm.

Naomi Naylor, Tom and Joanne Paulovitz along with several members from Quakertown Alive! were present to donate a check in the amount of \$2,200.00 to the Borough from their 50/50 raffle ticket efforts at the summer concert series.

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 79-23, Quakertown High School's request to hold bonfire, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 79-23

WHEREAS, a request was received from George Banas, Jr., the Coach of the Quakertown Senior High School Football Team to conduct their 2023 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 2023 Thanksgiving Day Bon Fire and Pep Rally on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Borough's skating pond parking lot, provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

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 80-23, Proclamation for National Family Literacy Day, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 80-23

Proclamation

NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY

To underscore the importance of literacy, celebrate the joy of reading, encourage residents to promote literacy by reading together as a family and to extend deep appreciation to our local librarians, educators, and literacy service providers for their tireless efforts to strengthen the literacy of our children and our community.

WHEREAS, National Family Literacy Day, established by the 103rd Congress in 1994, and now marking its 29th anniversary on November 1, 2023, highlights the importance of reading and learning for the entire family and emphasizes the impact that parents have on their child's learning; and

WHEREAS, this day is celebrated across America each year, and focuses on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs that empower families and build a nation of readers; and

WHEREAS, literacy programs across the United States will observe National Family Literacy Day by holding read-a-thons, book drives, workshops, and family activities at schools, libraries, and community centers to encourage literacy; and

WHEREAS, as many as one in six adults struggle with reading and writing, and by learning to read, individuals can gain self-respect and confidence and strive toward goals that otherwise would not be achievable; and

WHEREAS, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children and adults; and

WHEREAS, education being one of the cornerstones of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is committed to increasing literacy by promoting and supporting literacy programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown proclaim November 1, 2023, to be National Family Literacy Day.

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

Councilman Johnson presented Nicole Schuster and Joan Logrando, representatives of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) with the Proclamation.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 81-23, awarding bid to Twining Construction Company, Inc. for site modifications associated with the Anaerobic Digestion and Co-Generation Facility Project, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 81-23

RESOLVED, by the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, That, the bid submitted by Twining Construction Company of Richboro, PA for site modifications associated with the Anaerobic Digestion and Co-Generation Facility project at the wastewater plant for the amount of \$1,438,442.00, per bid opened on October 19, 2023 is hereby accepted.

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

Motion of Councilman Wilsey, seconded by Councilman Sell. 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.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 82-23, proposal from Kompan for the playground equipment at Cedar Grove Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 82-23

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal from Kompan, Inc. in the amount of \$454,259.32 for new playground equipment for the revitalization of Cedar Grove Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts Kompan, Inc.'s proposal dated October 20, 2023 for the amount of \$454,259.32 and authorizes the Borough Manager to execute the said proposal on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

President Rosenberger announced tomorrow night, November 2, 2023 at 5:30 pm their will be an advertised Work Session to discuss the 2024 budget.

President Rosenberger declared the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

Donald E. Rosenberger
President of Council

Attest:

Scott C. McElree
Borough Secretary