

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held February 1, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

The following members and officers were present: President L. James Roberts, Vice President Donald Rosenberger, Councilmembers David Erwin, Michael Johnson, Douglas Propst, Edward Scholl and Daniel Williams, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Phyllis R. Ewing.

President Roberts read a biography on Corporal Edward Dex.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 19-12, appointment to Sergeant in the Quakertown Police Department, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 19-12

WHEREAS, Corporal Edward C. Dex. has participated in the required competitive civil service process; and

WHEREAS, Borough Council has received a letter from the Civil Service Commission recommending Corporal Dex to the position of Administrative Sergeant of Police.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, Council appoints Edward C. Dex as Administrative Sergeant in the Quakertown Police Department, effective February 1, 2012.

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

Manager/Police Chief McElree pinned a Sergeant's badge on Administrative Sergeant Edward C. Dex.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of January 3, 2012, be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Williams. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

December 30, 2011	–	\$ 11,424.78
January 6, 2012	–	46,800.11
January 13, 2012	–	98,716.75
January 16, 2012	–	1,000.00
January 20, 2012	–	753,323.37
January 25, 2012	–	315,746.27
January 26, 2012	–	783.01

January 27, 2012

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7,802.93

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

President Roberts stated that he will abstain from voting as a purchase was made from the Friendly Book Store.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Erwin, Johnson, Propst, Rosenberger, Scholl, and Williams. President Roberts abstained.

RESOLVED, That, the Financial Statement, Police Department, Zoning Administrator and Building Inspector reports be received and filed. Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Manager McElree announced the appointment of Councilman Douglas Propst to the Audit Committee.

RESOLVED, That, Council ratifies the appointment of Douglas Propst to the Audit Committee. Motion of President Roberts, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried with the following Councilmembers voting in favor: Erwin, Johnson, Rosenberger, Scholl, Williams and Roberts. Councilman Propst abstained.

President Roberts, on behalf of Borough Council, presented a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation for her years of service, January 2008 to December 2011, to former Councilwoman Michele Scarborough.

President Roberts announced that Council met in executive session for the purpose of conducting promotional interviews with members of the Police Department on January 18, 2012.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Jann Paulovitz gave a presentation to Council on Quakertown Alive! accomplishments and goals. Ms. Paulovitz pointed out that they will be celebrating four milestones this year – the Burgess Foulke House is 200 years old; Sine's 5 & 10 Cent Store is 100 years old, the Quakertown Community Band is 135 years old and QNB is 135 years old.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 13-12, Buck County Hazard Mitigation Plan, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 13-12

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, is most vulnerable to natural and human-made hazards which may result in loss of life and

property, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, Section 322 of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000) requires state and local governments to develop and submit for approval to the President a mitigation plan that outlines processes for identifying their respective natural hazards, risks, and vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown acknowledges the requirements of Section 322 of DMA 2000 to have an approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds; and

WHEREAS, the Bucks County 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan has been developed by the Bucks County Emergency Management Agency and the Bucks County Planning Commission in cooperation with other county departments, and officials and citizens of the Borough of Quakertown; and

WHEREAS, a public involvement process consistent with the requirements of DMA 2000 was conducted to develop the Bucks County 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bucks County 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan recommends mitigation activities that will reduce losses to life and property affected by both natural and human-made hazards and face the County and its municipal governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council for the Borough of Quakertown

- The Bucks County 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough of Quakertown; and
- The respective officials and agencies in the implementation strategy of the Bucks County 2011 Hazard Mitigation Plan are hereby directed to implement the recommended activities assigned to them

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 20-12, Economic Development Proposal, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 20-12

WHEREAS, the Borough has received a proposal for an Economic Development Partnership for the Revitalization of Quakertown from the Bucks County Economic

Development Corporation and the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown wishes to accept the Economic Development Partnership for the Revitalization of Quakertown proposal of Bucks County Economic Development Corporation and the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce, as per their proposal dated January 20, 2012, at a cost of \$40,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to sign the agreement between the Borough, the Bucks County Economic Development Corporation and the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce.

Motion of Councilman Scholl, seconded by Councilman Propst.

Councilman Erwin stated that he thinks this is a fantastic idea, but something of this magnitude should have come to a Work Session prior to Council. Councilman Erwin stated that he, however, feels comfortable in voting on this tonight.

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

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 11-12, annual contribution to Quakertown Fire Department, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 11-12

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown wishes to donate \$65,000 as the Borough's 2012 contribution to the Quakertown Fire Department for their purchase of fire service equipment and other operating expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the release of \$65,000 to the Quakertown Fire Department from the General Fund (01) to be used for emergency services equipment and other operating expenses.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 17-12, authorizing the proper Borough officials to sign the Cooperation Agreement between the Borough and Quakertown Alive!, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 17-12

WHEREAS, a Cooperation Agreement has been prepared between the Borough of Quakertown and Quakertown Alive!.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the proper Borough officials to sign the Borough of Quakertown and Quakertown Alive! Cooperation Agreement.

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, 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 14-12, Quakertown Alive's request to close portions of West Broad Street for their Arts Alive Festival, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-12

RESOLVED, That, a request was received from Quakertown Alive! to hold their Arts Alive Street Festival from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and to close Broad Street from Fourth Street to Hellertown Avenue and Front Street from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on May 19, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Quakertown Alive! to use the bandshell, waive the fee, and close portions of West Broad Street for their Arts Alive Street Festival provided approval is received from PennDOT to close the roadways and they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, reading of Ordinance 1188, water rate increase, be waived. Motion of Councilman Erwin, seconded by Councilman Scholl. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1188, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Quakertown, Chapter 26, amending Section 105 changing the water rates in the Borough of Quakertown, be passed finally. Motion of Councilman Erwin, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, reading of Ordinance 1189, sewer rate increase, be waived. Motion of Councilman Erwin, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1189, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Quakertown, Chapter 18, Sections 202(1)(a) and 202(1)(b) changing the sewer rates in the Borough of Quakertown, be passed finally. Motion of Councilman Erwin, seconded by Councilman Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 16-12, Ettore J. Angelo's request for water service at 1538 West Broad Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-12

WHEREAS, the Borough Council received a request from Ettore J. Angelo for a water connection at 1538 West Broad Street, Quakertown, Richland Township; and

WHEREAS, a letter has been received from Richland Township indicating their approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council grants a water connection to 1538 West Broad Street, Quakertown, Richland Township.

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

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Propst stated that there aren't any items for action under Public Works.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 12-12, Tennis Zone's request to hold a 5K race through the Borough, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 12-12

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Tennis Zone and Fitness Center to use Borough streets and park for a 5K Road Race.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Tennis Zone and Fitness Center to hold a 5K road race on Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. provided they add the

Borough as an additional insured on the insurance and provided Tennis Zone personnel ensure the safety of runners when traversing any streets.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 15-12, Giaomina Augello's request to use a section of Memorial Park for a wedding, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-12

WHEREAS, a request was received from Giaomina Augello to use a section of Memorial Park to hold a wedding ceremony on October 6, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Giaomina Augello to use a section of Memorial Park, as approved by the Borough Manager, to hold a wedding ceremony.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 18-12, Pride of Quakertown's request to hold their annual Zumbathon, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 18-12

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Pride of Quakertown to use Memorial Park to hold their annual Zumbathon and to rent the bandshell.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Pride of Quakertown to use Memorial Park on June 2, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to hold a Zumbathon and to rent the bandshell for their event provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

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

President Roberts announced that an executive session on personnel matters will be held following tonight's meeting.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Phyllis R. Ewing
Asst. Borough Secretary