

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held April 4, 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 John Ashley, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Phyllis R. Ewing.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of March 7, 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:

March 6, 2012	–	\$ 500.00
March 9, 2012	–	269,461.31
March 16, 2012	–	709,800.75
March 23, 2012	–	22,087.68
March 26, 2012	–	59,672.00
March 29, 2012	–	283,151.07

Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Scholl.

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

Visitors:

Nancy Mullen, 1004 Juniper Street, Quakertown, stated that she has an assignment for a thesis to examine a Borough and how it works. Ms. Mullen indicated that she would like to meet with the Borough Manager. Manager McElree asked Ms. Mullen to contact his office for an appointment.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilman Scholl stated that there aren't any items for action under the Planning & Zoning Committee.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 30-12, Upper Bucks Forum on Aging's request for borough to co-sponsor an event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 30-12

WHEREAS, a request was received regarding the posting of the Upper Bucks Forum on Aging to be held May 9, 2012 at Benner Hall in Richlandtown, Pennsylvania; on the Borough website and bulletin boards; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council supports the concept of the event and encourages the Borough's residents to participate and make an effort to attend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request for the posting of the Upper Bucks Forum on Aging event on the Borough website and bulletin boards.

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

RESOLVED, That, reading of Ordinance 1191, Police Pension change, be waived. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Scholl. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1191, an Ordinance of the Borough of Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, adopting changes to comply with act 600 of 1956, be passed finally. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Scholl. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 42-12, authorizing the Borough Manager to sign the Facilities Use Agreement between the American Cancer Society (Relay for Life) and the Borough of Quakertown, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 42-12

WHEREAS, a Facilities Use Agreement has been prepared to be entered into by and between the American Cancer Society (Relay for Life) and the Borough of Quakertown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown authorizes the Borough Manager to sign the Facilities Use Agreement between the American Cancer Society (Relay for Life) and the Borough of Quakertown.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 31-12, Girl Scouts of America achievement award, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 31-12

Whereas, the Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award in Girl Scouting; and

Whereas, the Girl Scout Gold Award is a national award, with national standards and represents girls' time, leadership, creativity, and effort contributed to making the recipients' community better; and

Whereas, a girl who earns the Girl Scout Gold award completes seven requirements, all of which promote community service, personal growth, skill development, career exploration, and leadership skills; and

Whereas, a young woman who has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award has become a community leader, having her accomplishments reflect leadership and citizenship skills that set her apart.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown asks that all residents of the Borough of Quakertown join in honoring Megan J. Maskornick for her accomplishments in receiving the Girl Scouts Gold award and recognize her accomplishments of community service, personal growth, and developing leadership skills and promoting the importance of citizenship.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 32-12, recognition of Nurses' Week, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 32-12

WHEREAS, the nearly 2.9 million registered nurses in the United States comprise our nation's largest health care profession; and

WHEREAS, professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients; and

WHEREAS, the cost-effective, safe and quality health care service provided by nurses will be an ever more important component of the U. S. health care delivery system in the future; and

WHEREAS, along with the American Nurses Association, the Borough of Quakertown has declared the week of May 6 - 12 as National Nurses Week with the theme Nurses Building a Healthy America in celebration of the ways in which nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and map out the way to improve our health care system.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown asks that all residents of the Borough of Quakertown join in honoring the nurses who care for all of us.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, Borough Council and the residents of the Borough of Quakertown join in honoring the professional nurses who care for all of us, and that we express our appreciation to the nurses, not just during this week, but at every opportunity throughout the year.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 33-12, Bucks County Department of Health Mosquito Control Program, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 33-12

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown is desirous of helping to reduce the spread of the West Nile Virus.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants permission to the Bucks County Department of Health to treat Borough properties for mosquito control.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 34-12, St. Isidore's request to hold a 5K run on Borough streets, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 34-12

WHEREAS, a request was received from St. Isidore Home and School Association to use Borough streets for a 5K Road Race.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of St. Isidore Home and School Association to hold a 5K road race on Friday, April 27, 2012, starting at 6:00 p.m., provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the 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 35-12, request to hold a block party on Franklin Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 35-12

WHEREAS, a request was received from Edward Hall to hold a block party on Franklin Street on July 4, 2012, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the request of Edward Hall to hold a block party and close South Ambler Street between Franklin Street and the alley before Broad Street.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 36-12, Emergency Operations Plan, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 36-12

WHEREAS, Section 7503 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 PA C.S.A. Section 7101 et seq. mandated that Quakertown Borough prepare, maintain and keep current an emergency operations plan for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by a major emergency or disaster within this Borough; and

WHEREAS, in response to the mandate stated above, this Borough has prepared an Emergency Operations Plan to provide prompt and effective emergency response procedures to be followed in the event of a major emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Quakertown has prepared an Emergency Operations Plan in order to reduce the potential effects of a major emergency or disaster and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of this Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown does hereby approve the Emergency Operations Plan established in 2012.

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

Councilman Johnson stated that Quakertown Alive isn't sure when their next presentation to Council is supposed to be, whether its every three or four months? Manager McElree stated that they are to be every three months and the next one will be in May. Manager McElree stated that he will make sure that they have the dates.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Councilman Erwin stated that there aren't any items for action under the Public Utilities Committee.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 37-12, Borough's Bike Night event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 37-12

RESOLVED, That, October 13, 2012, has been established as "Quakertown Bike Night" for the Borough of Quakertown, which will necessitate the closing of Mill Street between Fourth Street and Ninth Street to include the pool parking lot and some of the park facilities.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 39-12, request to conduct a Sports & Fitness Discovery Camp, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 39-12

WHEREAS, a request was received from Kevin Filoon to hold a Sport & Fitness Discovery Camp in the open field area between the Panther Playground and the baseball stadium in Memorial Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of Kevin Filoon to hold a Sport & Fitness Discovery Camp in the open field area between the Panther Playground and the baseball stadium on Mondays through Thursdays, June 11 thru July 19, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on their insurance.

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

President Roberts announced that following tonight's meeting an Executive Session will be held pertaining to possible purchase of real estate property.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Phyllis R. Ewing
Asst. Borough Secretary