

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held May 2, 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.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of April 4 and 23, 2012, be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Erwin. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

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

	March 30, 2012	–	\$ 5,905.16
April 4, 2012	–	87,523.78	
April 13, 2012–	22,193.50		
April 20, 2012–	833,586.72		
April 27, 2012–	7,944.31		
April 27, 2012–	247,351.21		

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

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

Harry Crohe, Operations & Training Officer of Bucks County Emergency Management presented Douglas Wilhelm with an Emergency Coordinator Certification certificate. President Roberts thanked Mr. Crohe and pointed out that Doug is also the Quakertown Fire Department Chief and the Borough Fire Marshal. President Roberts stated that the Borough is fortunate to have someone of his expertise working for the Borough.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilman Scholl stated that he doesn't have any items for action and asked Jann Paulovitz to give a presentation on Quakertown Alive!

Jann Paulovitz gave a presentation on Quakertown Alive! accomplishments and goals, which included the following:

The Streetscape grant that was applied for would not include the signal mast arms and crosswalks. Quakertown Alive! will reapply for the \$247,000 grant. Another grant will have to be applied for on the other items.

On April 23rd, Quakertown Alive hosted a Streetscape ribbon cutting ceremony, which was attended by members of Borough Council, the Quakertown Alive! Board and volunteers, sponsors QNB, First Savings and Bucks County Tourism, and State Representative Paul Clymer.

This year and next year, First Savings Bank will be the exclusive sponsor for Autumn Alive!

The Design Committee has agreed on a design by Lynn Kraft for the Kiosk. (A rendition of the Kiosk was shown to Council.) Hopefully, money from the Pumpkin Ball will support the building of the Kiosk.

Received a grant of \$2,000 from Bucks County Tourism, which will be used for the new in-town guide.

President Roberts stated that the Borough really appreciates all that Quakertown Alive has accomplished.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Rosenberger stated that he doesn't have any items for action.

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 40-12, recognition of National Police Week, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 40-12

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15 as Peace Officers' Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15 falls as National Police week; and

WHEREAS, the members of the law enforcement agency of the Borough of Quakertown play an essential role in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of Quakertown; and

WHEREAS, it is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency, and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the law enforcement agency of the Borough of Quakertown unceasingly provide a vital public service.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Borough Council of the Borough of Quakertown, call upon all citizens of Quakertown and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 13 - 19, 2012, as Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Borough of Quakertown shall observe Tuesday, May 15, 2012, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.

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 46-12, possible change to Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO.

46-12

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Civil Service Commission met on April 16, 2012, to consider a change to Section 305 (b) General Requirements of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission recommends the following change to Section 305 (b) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations:

Section 305 (b): Applicants shall have graduated from an accredited high school or have a General Equivalency Diploma (GED). Additionally, all applicants shall possess, at a minimum, an Associate's Degree from a nationally accredited college or university, or sixty (60) or more credits toward a Bachelor's degree from a nationally accredited college

or university and continues to matriculate toward a Bachelor's degree in a field related to law enforcement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown adopts the recommended change to the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

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 48-12, destruction of evidence/property accumulated in evidence storage facility, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 48-12

WHEREAS, evidence/property have accumulated in the Police Department evidence storage facility from police cases of 2009, 2010 and 2011 cases, and

WHEREAS, Quakertown Police Department policy dictates that these cases meet the guidelines for destruction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown Pennsylvania directs that the entire 2009, the listed 2010 and 2011 police cases in the evidence storage facility be purged.

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 49-12, release of accumulated inventory to PropertyRoom.com, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 49-12

WHEREAS, an inventory of fourteen bicycles/scooters, one Sony Camcorder, one Accent Trumpet and one Riva Snowboard has accumulated in the Police Department property area of the Borough Hall basement; and

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Police Department has partnered with

PropertyRoom.com, an online auction site that assists law enforcement agencies with selling their unclaimed property.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown Pennsylvania directs that the Quakertown Police Department release the above listed property to PropertyRoom.com.

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 50-12, unclaimed valuables to be filed with the Department of Treasury, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 50-12

WHEREAS, unclaimed valuables (\$27.00 in U.S. currency and five boxes of miscellaneous sports cards) have accumulated in the Police Department storage facility from 2009; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's Disposition of Abandoned and Unclaimed Property Act, requires law enforcement agencies to annually file an unclaimed property report with the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown Pennsylvania directs that the necessary annual unclaimed property report be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury.

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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

Councilman Erwin reminded everyone of a possible drought and asked that residents conserve water.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 41-12, recognition of Public Works Week, be adopted:

National Public Works Week
RESOLUTION NO. 41-12

WHEREAS, Since 1960, American Public Works Association (APWA) has sponsored National Public Works Week. Across the nation, more than 28,000 APWA members use this week to energize and educate the public on the importance of the contribution of public works to their daily lives: planning, building, managing and operating the heart of our local communities and building the quality of life.

WHEREAS, APWA has selected 'Public Works: Creating a Lasting Impression' as its theme for 2012's National Public Works Week. The theme speaks to the never-ending effort of public works professionals to use sustainable solutions to bring their communities the highest possible quality of life within a framework of environmental, social, and economic responsibility.

WHEREAS, Public Works services provided in our community are an integral part of our citizens' everyday lives; and

WHEREAS, the support of an understanding and informed citizenry is vital to the efficient operations of public works systems and programs such as water, sewer, electric and roads; and

WHEREAS, the quality and effectiveness of these facilities, as well as their planning, design, and construction, is vitally dependent upon the efforts and skill of public works employees; and

WHEREAS, the efficiency of the qualified and dedicated personnel who staff our public works departments is significantly influenced by the residents' understanding of the importance of the work they perform,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council to proclaim the week of May 20 - 26, 2012 'National Public Works Week' in the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania. Council calls upon businesses, organizations and citizens to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing our public works services and to recognize the outstanding contributions which our public works employees make every

day to ensure the health, safety, comfort, and quality of life in the Borough of Quakertown.

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

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 43-12, Crossroads Pregnancy Care's request to conduct a 'Walk for Life', be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO.

43-12

WHEREAS, Crossroads Pregnancy Care has applied for a public gathering permit to conduct a "Walk for Life" through Quakertown.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the public gathering permit request of Crossroads Pregnancy Care for their "Walk for Life" through Quakertown beginning and ending in Memorial Park on October 13, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 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.

RESOLVED, That the following Resolution 44-12, East Swamp Church's request to host a 'Free Fall' event at the Main Street Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 44-12

WHEREAS, a request was received from East Swamp Church to use Main Street Park field areas, basketball court, and the Skate Park.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of East Swamp Church to use Main Street Park field areas, basketball court and the Skate Park for an event, which includes: basketball tournament, skateboarding contest, recorded music and free food from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m.

on Saturday, September 29, 2012 (rain date October 6, 2012) provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

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

Councilman Scholl reminded Council that the Upper Bucks Relay for Life will be held in the Park this Saturday and on Sunday, the Soccer Teams Semi-final state playoff will be held in Quakertown.

President Roberts reminded Council that the next Work Session will be held on May 21, 2012.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Phyllis R Ewing
Asst. Borough Secretary