

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held November 7, 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, Jr. Councilmember Katherine Heft, Solicitor Charles Fonzone, Manager Scott C. McElree and Asst. Borough Secretary Phyllis R. Ewing.

RESOLVED, That, the Minutes of October 3, 2012, be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, 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:

Oct. 9, 2012	—	\$770,087.40
Oct. 12, 2012	—	104,571.49
Oct. 19, 2012	—	656,068.12
Oct. 26, 2012	—	7,671.75
Nov. 1, 2012	—	271,648.22

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

Manager McElree swore in new Fire Policeman Jeffrey Truesdell of 232 Yankee Road, Lot 241, Quakertown, Pennsylvania, into office.

President Roberts welcomed Commissioner Robert Loughrey.

Commissioner Robert G. Loughrey commented upon the following initiatives:

The Budget deficit .required slight increase in taxes, hiring freeze, attrition and layoffs. In a much better position now this year as compared to last year.

Construction of the new Justice Center in Doylestown – Construction is moving forward, 25-30% complete. Completion is expected in 2014.

In the process of panning on use of the existing Courthouse.

Economic Development – An Advisory Board was formed. Bucks County Planning Commission will aid municipalities in economic development.

Compliance in switching to narrowband.

President Roberts congratulated Councilman Ed Scholl on his award for “Service to Mankind”.

VISITORS:

Bruce Hornberger, stated that he is here tonight regarding 127 S. Fifth Street, the Atrium building. Mr. Hornberger thanked the Borough Manager and Director of Services Joe Murgia for the tremendous progress in correcting their flooding situation.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

Councilman Scholl stated that there aren't any items for action under the Planning & Zoning Committee. Councilman Scholl indicated that Jann Paulovitz is present to give an update on Quakertown Alive activities.

Ms. Paulovitz gave a presentation to Council on Quakertown Alive! accomplishments and goals. Some of the items touched on include:

- Grants secured and processing.
- Annual festival events. Portion of funds from Pumpkin Ball will go toward the Kiosk.
- Partnerships.
- Services and Benefits.
- Planters and Hanging Baskets.
- Marketing and communications.
- Increasing community and audience engagement.

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 100-12, contract with Dallas, Inc. For utility billing services, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 100-12

WHEREAS, a proposed agreement for continuation of utility billing services and Level 1 Customer Service has been received from Dallas Data Systems, Inc., and

WHEREAS, the Borough Manager advises Council the negotiations are not yet completed to the satisfaction of the Borough Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA.

That the Borough Manager is hereby authorized to sign or reject a Statement of Work, Utility Billing, Electronic Payment Processing and Level 1 Customer Support, Project #4531 (Renewal) dated August 31, 2012 The term of this agreement is thirty-six (36) months from February 1, 2013.

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 101-12, sales of a Sewer Plant Aeration Blower, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 101-12

WHEREAS, a request was received from Milton Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant of Milton, Pennsylvania, to purchase a Borough Aeration Blower; and

WHEREAS, the Borough found no real benefit to aerating the equalization tanks and this equipment is sitting idle in the Plant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, grants the purchase of the Borough Aeration Blower by Milton Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant of Milton, Pennsylvania, in the amount of \$2,500.00. The Borough Manager is hereby authorized to execute the said sale on behalf of the Borough of Quakertown.

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

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 98-12, Quakertown Alive's request to close Broad Street for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 98-12

WHEREAS, a tree-lighting ceremony will be held on Friday, November 30, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, it is felt, in the interest of safety, that portions of Broad Street from Fourth to Third Streets should be closed during the ceremony.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, Council approves the closing of Broad Street from Fourth to Third Streets during the tree-lighting ceremony for the time needed to accommodate the ceremony provided the Borough is added as an additional

insured on the insurance.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Propst.

Under discussion, Councilman Scholl stated that there needs to be notification to motorists that the street is closed.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 102-12, change to Civil Service Rules and Regulations, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 102-12

WHEREAS, the Quakertown Civil Service Commission met on October 4, 2012, to consider an amendment to Section 306(a)(2) “Applications for Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain”; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission recommends the following amendment to Section 306(a)(2) of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations:

Section 306(a)(2): For Sergeant, six (6) years or more, at least one (1) year of which has been in the rank of Corporal or Detective who has been receiving compensation at the Corporal’s rate for at least one year.

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

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, reading of Ordinance 1196, amending the reading of water meters, 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 1196, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Quakertown, Chapter 26, Part 2, amending Subsection 211, reading meters, be passed finally. Motion of Councilman Erwin, seconded by Councilman Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried.

Councilman Erwin praised the Electric Department and the interdepartmental working

during the recent Hurricane Sandy. Councilman Scholl praised the hooking up of generators to the traffic signals on Route 309.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Councilman Propst stated that there aren't any items for action under the Public Works Committee. Councilman Propst also commented that the coordination of all the departments during the Hurricane is appreciated.

PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Williams indicated that the item on the Agenda regarding the Relay for Life will be withdrawn as a meeting is scheduled with Relay for Life and MAC Tournament..

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 99-12, Pride of Quakertown's request to use Memorial Park and rent the Bandshell to hold a Zumbathon is adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 99-12

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

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 and to rent the bandshell to hold their annual Zumbathon on June 1, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 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.

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Phyllis R. Ewing
Asst. Borough Secretary