

A regular meeting of the Borough Council was held April 3, 2013, 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 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 March 6, 2013, be approved as written. Motion of Councilman Rosenberger, seconded by Councilman Erwin. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

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

March 1, 2013	—	\$156,099.62
March 8, 2013	—	170,271.58
March 15, 2013	—	814,020.56
March 25, 2013	—	331,883.36
March 28, 2013	—	8,828.04
March 28, 2013	—	203,033.06

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

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 (Councilman Scholl absent).

President Roberts announced that tonight's meeting is being taped to be shown in Junior Councilperson Katherine Heft's class in the Quakertown Community School District.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

In Councilman Scholl's absence, Councilman Propst chaired the Planning & Zoning Committee portion of the agenda.

RESOLVED, That, Resolution 40-13, David Artman's request to use the water retention basin land for a wedding, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 40-13

WHEREAS, a request was received from David Artman to use a section of the water retention basin land behind his home, 48 Fairway Court, Quakertown, to host a wedding ceremony on June 1, 2013.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of David Artman to use a section of the water retention basin land behind 48 Fairway Court, Quakertown to host a wedding ceremony on June 1, 2013. This approval is based on the user's responsibility to restore the property to the same condition as it was provided.

Motion of Councilman Propst, seconded by Councilman Erwin. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

REVENUE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 37-13, Phoebe Richland Health Care Center's request for the Borough to co-sponsor an event, be adopted:

RESOLUTION 37-13

WHEREAS, a request was received regarding the posting of the Upper Bucks Forum on Aging to be held May 8, 2013 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 Johnson. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 34-13, Bucks County Department of Health mosquito control program, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 34-13

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 Propst. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 35-13, St. Isidore's request to hold a 5K run on Borough streets, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 35-13

WHEREAS, a request was received from St. Isidore's 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's Home and School Association to hold a 5K road race on Friday, April 26, 2013, 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 Erwin. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 38-13, recognition of Nurses' Week, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 38-13

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 Williams. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 41-13, unclaimed valuables to be filed with Department of Treasury, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 41-13

WHEREAS, unclaimed valuables (one men's gold pinky ring, one men's gold wedding ring, \$10 and \$320 in U.S. currency) 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 Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 42-13, destruction of accumulated inventory, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 42-13

WHEREAS, an inventory, as listed on attached sheet, has accumulated in the Police Department evidence storage facility in the Borough Hall basement; and

WHEREAS, according to the Quakertown Police Department policy, this inventory meets the guidelines for destruction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown Pennsylvania directs that the Quakertown Police Department destroy the inventory as listed on the attached sheet.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 43-13, Address Sign Program, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 43-13

WHEREAS, emergency responders have difficulty finding property addresses that they are responding to due to the addresses being improperly marked; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for legible, identifiable property address markers for use by emergency responders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown authorizes the Borough staff to participate in a Property Address Sign Program.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 46-13, Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce request to close Main Street, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 46-13

WHEREAS, Quakertown Alive! will be holding their Arts Alive Festival on May 18, 2013, and arrangements have been made for a trolley to transport people from the downtown festival sight to the uptown location, the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce requests the possible closing of Main Street between West Broad Street and Juniper Street.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce to close Main Street, if deemed necessary, between West Broad Street and Juniper Street on May 18, 2013.

Motion of Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Erwin.

Councilman Johnson suggested that perhaps the closure should be considered on the other side of Broad Street to Mill Street. Manager McElree indicated that he will speak to Tara King of the Chamber regarding that suggestion.

A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

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

Councilman Williams read Ordinance 1199, revising the Park Ordinance, in full.

RESOLVED, That, Ordinance 1199, an amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Quakertown, Chapter 16, Part 1, §101(1. F), deleting the term firearms in the regulations for municipal facilities, be passed finally. Motion of Councilman Williams, seconded by Councilman Rosenberger. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously carried (Councilman Scholl absent).

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 36-13, Pride of Quakertown's request to hold a Dash and Dip 5K Race, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 36-13

WHEREAS, a request was received from the Pride of Quakertown to hold a 5K Dash and Dip starting at the Borough's Pool parking lot, looping through Memorial Park and out to Broad Street and end at the Pool parking lot.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown grants the request of the Pride of Quakertown to hold a 5K Dash and Dip on Saturday, July 20, 2013, provided they add the Borough as an additional insured on the insurance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council grants the use of the Borough Swimming Pool by the participants of the event following the event.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 39-13, Quakertown Youth Baseball Association's request to hold a yard sale in Memorial Park, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 39-13

WHEREAS, a request was received from Quakertown Youth Baseball Association to use the baseball fields in Memorial Park to hold a yard sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Borough Council of Quakertown grants the request of the Quakertown Youth Baseball Association to hold a yard sale on March 30, 2013 at the baseball fields in Memorial Park, provided that the Borough is added as an additional insured on the insurance.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 44-13, Cowan Associates proposal regarding construction engineering work on the Krupp Property Project, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 44-13

WHEREAS, a proposal was received from Cowan Associates, Inc. with regard to construction engineering work on the Krupp Property Project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown accepts Cowan Associates proposal, dated March 22, 2013, for construction engineering work on the Krupp Property Project at a cost of \$31,920.00.

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

RESOLVED, That, the following Resolution 45-13, Krupp Property Marketing Budget, be adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 45-13

WHEREAS, the Krupp Park Steering Committee has proposed a marketing budget for the "New Park"; and

WHEREAS, funds will be required to meet the marketing budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, the Council of the Borough of Quakertown, Pennsylvania, approves the establishment of a marketing budget in the amount of \$10,000 for the "New Park". The marketing budget will be incorporated into the Capital Projects Fund – 20.

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

President Roberts declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN

L. James Roberts, Jr.
President of Council

Attest:

Phyllis R. Ewing
Asst. Borough Secretary