

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR VILLAGE OF QUINCY COUNCIL MEETING

HELD: JANUARY 2, 2024

The regular Village of Quincy Council meeting convened at 7:40 p.m. until 9:22 p.m. at the Quincy Community Center located at 503 S. Carlisle Street, Quincy, Ohio. The following members, employees, and visitors present:

MILLARD SHAFFER	PRESENT	VACANT SEAT
ROBERT WARD	PRESENT	VACANT SEAT
BRUCE STOTLER	PRESENT	SHERYL HATFIELD

EMPLOYEES: MIKE WEBER ADMINISTRATOR AND SANDRA WARD FISCAL OFFICER

VISITORS: DEB MORRISON, DAWN SMITH, AND TERRY BRENTLINGER

Mayor Robinson was sworn into office as Mayor of the Village of Quincy for a four-year term at the Logan County offices prior to this Council meeting.

Mayor Robinson opened the meeting with an invitation to everyone present to join in The Pledge of Allegiance to The United States flag and reciting of The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting reports were unavailable due to the timing of the meeting.

Mayor Robinson then began the meeting with presentation of all old business to close out 2023 business. The minutes of the December 19, 2023 regular Council meeting were emailed to each Council member for review. John Hickman questioned the title used in reference to the formation of the new joint board and agreement with Riverside E.M.S. He noted page 3 and page 4 of the minutes referenced the Joint Fire District. He questions the formation of the new District being referred to as a Joint Fire District. He felt that this district was a rescue district and not a fire district. The Fiscal Officer stated that she understood that the title of the new Board would be a Joint Fire District and the Rescue Department was a part of this District. After a short amount of discussion, it was determined that the word Fire be removed from the formation and refer to this as a Joint District until such time that a formal title was established. At that time Sheryl Hatfield made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2023 regular Council meeting and allowed the corrected version of these minutes to be entered into the permanent records of the Village of Quincy. Millard Shaffer seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Bruce Stotler Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was then approved.

At that time Mr. Weber was ask for old projects and issues pertaining to closing the year 2023. Mr. Weber reported that the manhole on Mill Street can not be completed and the riser made level until

Spring 2024 when asphalt will again be available. He stated that cones were being stolen but temporary fixes were put in place to protect the public from problems on this street. He reported that Dale Clary on Allen Drive had been served ten-day notice to clean-up his property. Mr. Weber reported that he had been reviewing the matter and before Christmas some movement had been taken. Since Christmas no action was noted. Mr. Weber has not gotten estimates for the Village to go in and remove the debris and place the costs as a lean against the property on real estate taxes. The Council reviewed the matter and determined that this has been an issue for several years and needs to be dealt with. Mr. Weber was instructed to obtain a company that can clean the property and move forward with the clean-up project. At that time, it was determined that old business was complete.

Bob Ward made a motion to close the year 2023 and open year 2024. Millard Shaffer seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Bruce Stotler Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The year 2023 was then closed.

Mayor Robinson opened the Village of Quincy for 2024.

Mayor Robinson reported that there are two vacant Council seats open for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027. Past members John Hickman and Marilane Fry opted not to run for the vacant seats. Marilane Fry stated that for personal reasons she was unable to fill the four-year Council position. John Hickman determined that if anyone else wanted the seat he would step aside and let someone new join the Council. He indicated to Council that he would return to this position if he was needed. Mayor Robinson stated that Mr. Hickman had several years of experience that is always necessary in a Council seat. Dawn Smith and Deb Davis were also interested in the other vacant seat. Both had submitted notes of interest. Ms. Davis was not present for the meeting. After discussion and review Millard Shaffer made a motion to accept John Hickman and Dawn Smith to fill both positions on the Village of Quincy Council for a four-year term of office beginning January 2, 2024. Sheryl Hatfield seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Bruce Stotler Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was approved. Mayor Robinson then swore John Hickman and Dawn Smith in to fill the two vacant Council seats for the next four years.

Terry Brentlinger, Village of DeGraff Police Chief, was present for the meeting. He reported that things were going well in the Village of Quincy. Chief Brentlinger ask that the Village of Quincy pass the ordinance to accept the Ohio Basic Code on behalf of the Village. He stated that he will be using the Ohio Basic Code for the base used to cite violators in the Village of Quincy. The Fiscal Officer then ask if you have to apply or pay to use the Ohio Basic Code. Chief Brentlinger stated that it is a free service but that passage of an ordinance to accept the Ohio Basic Code is necessary and that he has a copy as well as access to the code on his computer. Mayor Robinson stated that the Village of Quincy will adopt the Ohio Basic Code. Chief Brentlinger stated that the one-year agreement with the Village of DeGraff will come to an end in a few months. He will begin moving forward with renewal of the agreement. Millard Shaffer ask how to make contact if there is a need for a squad or police assistance? Chief Brentlinger stated that 911 will dispatch an officer or squad to the correct location.

Mayor Robinson then stated that the Village of Quincy Council will meet the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Quincy Community Building located at 503 S. Carlisle Street. These dates could change based on need and will be announced if the meeting is changed.

The selection of a President of Council was then completed. Millard Shaffer made a motion to appoint John Hickman as President of Council. Mr. Hickman has held this position for several years previously.

Bob Ward seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Bruce Stotler Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was approved and John Hickman is the President of Council for 2024.

The Firemen's Dependency Fund representative was then reviewed. The Fiscal Officer stated that with the new agreement between Miami Township and the Village of Quincy the Village of Quincy does not appoint or dismiss the fire chief or squad chief it was uncertain if a representative to this board is needed. Miami Township is now handling the financial operation of the department and the Village of Quincy is only providing the insurance, utilities, maintenance of the building.

Mike Weber then reviewed his meeting notes with the Council. Mr. Weber noted that Dale Clary had been served with a nuisance order delivered by the Logan County Sheriff's Department 12/11/2023 at 12:45 p.m. Little progress has been made as of 12/29/2023. A handicap sign will be posted at the front of the Annex Building to allow for anyone with a handicap to use the drive thru window to contact the Fiscal Officer. The security camera hook-up will be done as soon as Low Voltage can make an appointment to do the project. Repairs to the fire hydrant on the corner of Miami Street and South Street will be done as soon as the parts arrive by Levann's. Mr. Weber then reported the need to hire an assistant for the Fiscal Officer for her free her up and learn the jobs she does for a back-up. He stated that the E.P.A. is asking for protocol in all areas for updates required for the Contingency Plan. He wants to hire a part-time person at \$15.00 per hour for six hours per week to learn the Fiscal Officer position. An assistant hour will be determined after that. He wants the hours at the office to have someone in the office from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday. Mr. Weber has contacted Frey on getting the billing program updated to allow the acceptance of cards for bill paying along with other features which need to be unlocked and used in the program. Mr. Weber is currently seeking to have access to the billing programs and all accounts of the Village records. Council questioned Mrs. Ward regarding her feelings on the subject. She stated that she was not contacted regarding any of this and at this time stated that she felt that this matter was not handled properly and the matter was tabled at that time.

At this time Mayor Robinson ask Bruce Stotler if he had any business for the Council meeting? Mr. Stotler informed the Village Council, Mayor, and Administrator that he was resigning his position as a Council member effective immediately. He stated that he was not happy with how a meeting in November of 2023 was handled and felt that he did not want to be represented in that fashion. He left the meeting at that time with Mayor Robinson thanking him for his years of service to the Village. Bob Ward made a motion to accept the resignation. John Hickman seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Robert Ward Aye, John Hickman Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was approved. A replacement was not selected at this time.

The Fiscal Officer ask for an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. John Hickman made a motion to move the meeting into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Sheryl Hatfield seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Robert Ward Aye, John Hickman Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The meeting then went into executive session and all guests left the meeting. After the discussion was completed Millard Shaffer moved to bring the meeting back into open session. John Hickman seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Robert Ward Aye, John Hickman Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was approved and the meeting was then moved into an open meeting with no action taken.

The Fiscal Officer then reported that a check has been received from Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. in the amount of \$5,075.00 for repairs to the guardrail on State Route #235 that was hit and the end destroyed by another hit-skip vehicle.

The Fiscal Officer then ask if the Village Handbook was now completed? She reported that each Council member, Mayor, Administrator had been e-mailed a copy for review and if it is complete if she could have several copies printed for signature and a hard copy given to new hires and anyone needing to review. After discussion it was determined this handbook should be reviewed and final printing be done after the next meeting.

The Fiscal Officer then presented information from Governor Mike Dewine announcing \$750 million All Ohio Future Funding becoming available. Mr. Weber stated that after review this money is to be used to prepare land for future growth. At this time, he determined that there is not ground available to develop and would not help the Village with any projects needed.

The Fiscal Officer reported that she had received an e-mail from the Logan-Union-Champaign Regional Planning Commission regarding the use of marijuana, sale of marijuana, or growth of marijuana. The L.U.C. does not provide legal service for these matters but will help with zoning issues pertaining to this subject. The Ohio Revised Code does have reference areas regarding this subject and suggested that townships and municipalities should work with legal council to determine the language to use if the township or municipality wants to govern this matter. A couple of sample ordinances were included in the e-mail. This information is available to anyone wanting to review this matter and the e-mail can be sent to anyone wishing to read the e-mail.

The Fiscal Officer then reported that the 2024 Membership has been renewed for the Logan County Chamber of Commerce. With the membership signing was a list of benefits available to members and will be available as needed.

The Logan County E.M.A. has sent out an e-mail regarding recent bomb threats being made around the area by an unknown source. The E.M.A. asks public officials to be aware of suspicious activities and report this activity to local law enforcement. This is not only a local problem but a national issue.

At this time Mayor Robinson ask if anyone else had anything to discuss and then adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m. as further action was not needed. The next meeting will be held January 16, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quincy Community Building.

DANIEL ROBINSON, MAYOR

SANDRA WARD, FISCAL OFFICER

MILLARD SHAFFER

DAWN SMITH

ROBERT WARD

JOHN HICKMAN, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

BRUCE STOTLER

SHERYL HATFIELD

ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF QUINCY COUNCIL CONCERNING AND RELATIVE TO THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS, ORDINANCES, AND/OR MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING WERE ADOPTED IN A MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.