

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## REGULAR VILLAGE OF QUINCY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HELD: JANUARY 16, 2024

The regular Village of Quincy Council meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. until 9:24 p.m. at the Quincy Community Center located at 503 S. Carlisle Street, Quincy, Ohio. The following members, employees, and visitors were present for the meeting:

MILLARD SHAFFER	PRESENT	DAWN SMITH	PRESENT
ROBERT WARD	ABSENT	JOHN HICKMAN	PRESENT
VACANT SEAT	VACANT	SHERYL HATFIELD	PRESENT

EMPLOYEES: SANDRA WARD FISCAL OFFICER AND STEVE FANSLER SOLICITOR

VISITORS: DEB MORRISON, LUKE AND MORGAN COLLIER, JEREMY BARTHAUER, RANDY HILLIARD, MARSHA NEWLAND, JOSLIN NEWLAND, GEORGE HAWKINS, GREG BEATTY, CLINTON BUCKENROTH, TERRY BRENTLINGER

Village Administrator, Mike Weber, was absent for the meeting due to issues he was dealing with regarding salting streets and downed power lines on Liberty Street after a vehicle accident.

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

The September, October, and December 2023 utility deposits were presented to each member of Council for review. The minutes for the January 2, 2024 meeting had been e-mailed to each member of Council for prior review, discussion, correction, and final approval. After review, Millard Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 Village of Quincy Council meeting minutes as presented and allow the minutes to be entered into the permanent records of the Village of Quincy. Dawn Smith seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, John Hickman Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was approved.

Temporary Appropriations were discussed to allow for payment of bills until final appropriations were approved. John Hickman made a motion to approve temporary appropriations and allow for payment of bills with Council approval until final appropriations were approved. Millard Shaffer seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, John Hickman Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was approved.

Jeremy Barthauer, Fire Chief, was present for the meeting to find the status of repair to the damaged fire hydrants in the Village of Quincy. Mayor Robinson stated that insurance funds had been received for repairs. The hydrant on State Route #235 was still pending and the hydrant on the corner of South

Street and Miami Street will be moved when parts are available and work can be done. Mr. Barthauer then ask if a location for a medical trailer during the solar eclipse had been discussed. He suggested the use of the ball park for the location because of congestion in the downtown are during this time and access to emergency equipment. Mr. Barthauer reported an issue with fans in the bay area of the Rescue building. Upon investigation it was found that filters in the fans need to be changed regularly. He was unaware of this and filters were changed and fans are now running properly. He did note that the fuel tanks have register one tank is partially empty and the other tank is full due to fans not working properly. The department then ask for funding to finish upgrading items at the department. They ask to replace four ceiling fans and to purchase new paint to finish upgrades. The estimated cost to the project should not exceed \$400.00. John Hickman made a motion to allow the Quincy/Miami Township Fire Department to do renovation including replacement of fans and purchasing paint to repaint at a cost not to exceed \$400.00. The Department will make the purchase and do the work and the Village of Quincy Council will reimburse the cost of the supplies. Sheryl Hatfield seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, John Hickman Aye, Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was approved. Greg Beatty reported that they have four signed contracts to provide emergency medical assistance in Pleasant Township, Miami Township, Village of Quincy, and Village of DeGraff. The Fiscal Officer reported that as soon as a signed copy of the agreement is received the \$5,000.00 payment for the Village of Quincy portion of the agreement will be released. She was assured that it will be delivered.

Marsha Newland of 213 E. Main Street was present for the meeting to discuss the safety of a handicap person being picked up by a T.R.C. transit bus at her new residence using Alvey Street alley. She asks that if the Village does not feel it is safe during bad weather to notify her and she can contact the bus and let them know she will be unable to be transported. Council discussed several different methods to make this a better way to load and unload to keep this a safe area to use. Ms. Newland stated that she would talk with the bus driver and see what could be worked out to keep this person safe. Marsha Newland gave a phone number where she can be reached if matters become unsafe. 937-407-2967.

Terry Brentlinger discussed an accident that occurred on Liberty Street and two phone lines that had been torn down due to the accident and slick weather. The street was salted and traffic maintained. The first reading of an ordinance to accept the Ohio Basic Code as law in the Village of Quincy. Chief Brentlinger stated that will be using this code to cite offenders as well as all the other uses to the Village. Sheryl Hatfield then made a motion to accept the first reading of an ordinance to allow the Village of Quincy to use the laws from the Ohio Basic Code to govern in the Village. John Hickman seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, John Hickman Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The first reading was approved. Chief Brentlinger ask about the agreement between Village of Quincy and Village of DeGraff to provide patrolling in the Village of DeGraff. The Fiscal Officer did not have the copy of this agreement for the meeting. The current agreement will remain in effect until April 2024 and a copy presented at the next meeting.

Solicitor, Steve Fansler, wanted to discuss the changes to laws regulating the Regional Income Tax Agency. A webinar on the changes will be Friday, January 19, 2024 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to review the changes. He highlighted a change for 18-year-old not paying local income tax and changes to laws regarding employees working remotely from home in regards to different taxing locations and self-employed individuals. He stated these are State of Ohio laws and will apply to everyone. These changes will need to be incorporated into the ordinance for income in the Village of Quincy.

Mr. Fansler had been contacted regarding the formation of a Joint Fire & Rescue District and appointing someone to represent the Village of Quincy. Mr. Fansler felt that this appointment should be done by a motion of Council and approval to the Board when it is formed. At that time John Hickman made a motion to appoint Mayor Dan Robinson as the representative for the Village of Quincy on the Joint Fire and Rescue Board when it is formed and allow him to attend future meetings representing the Village of Quincy during the formation of this Board. Dawn Smith seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, John Hickman Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was approved and Mayor Robinson will attend a work meeting on January 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Village of DeGraff.

Mayor Robinson reported that he will be on vacation the week of January 21, 2024.

John Hickman reported that he has been reviewing the current Village of Quincy handbook and determined that there are revisions and additions that need to be incorporated and those revisions will need to be approved and updated.

Dawn Smith expressed concerns regarding Alvey Street being used for pick-up and delivery of a handicap person. She stated that this is a bad area and felt uncomfortable regarding Village employees being responsible for determining the safety of the area. She made recommendations on how to try to make this as safe as possible and felt this decision should be made by the parent and the bus picking up her daughter. Mrs. Smith lives by the alley in question and notes it could be a problem in bad weather.

The vacant Council seat was then discussed. The resignation of Bruce Stotler was presented and accepted at the January 2, 2024 regular Council meeting. A letter of interest from Debra Davis and Morgan Collier were presented. Morgan Collier was present for the meeting and reviewed the vacant Council and the requirements to hold the position. The Mayor then questioned Ms. Collier regarding her being at the Council table and her children being present during the meetings. Morgan stated that she would not be bringing her children to meetings. After review Millard Shaffer made a motion to place Morgan Collier in the vacant Council seat. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. A question was given as to why Ms. Davis had not attended either of the meeting to fill vacant Council seats. After further discussion Dawn Smith made a motion to appoint Morgan Collier to fill the vacant unexpired Council seat. Millard Shaffer seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, John Hickman Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was approved and Morgan Collier was sworn in by Steve Fansler, Solicitor.

John Hickman then made a motion to move the meeting into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Millard Shaffer seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, John Hickman Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The meeting then moved into executive session. Steve Fansler left after the start of the executive session. John Hickman then made a motion to move the regular Village of Quincy Council back into open session with a vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, John Hickman Aye, and Sheryl Hatfield Aye. The motion was approved. As a result of the executive session, John Hickman made a motion to hire Steve Fansler as Village of Quincy Solicitor for a period of one year from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 at a monthly salary of \$750.00 per month and agreeing to attend one meeting per month. Dawn Smith seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: Millard Shaffer Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, John Hickman Aye, Sheryl Hatfield Aye, and Morgan Collier Aye. The motion was approved.

Mayor Robinson then adjourned the meeting at 9:24 p.m. until February 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quincy Community Building.

DANIEL ROBINSON, MAYOR

SANDRA WARD, FISCAL OFFICER

MILLARD SHAFFER

DAWN SMITH

ABSENT

ROBERT WARD

JOHN HICKMAN, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

MORGAN COLLIER

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.