

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## REGULAR VILLAGE OF QUINCY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HELD: JUNE 18, 2024

The regular Village of Quincy Council meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. until 9:22 p.m. at the Quincy Community Building located at 503 S. Carlisle Street, Quincy Ohio. The following members, employees, and visitors were present for the meeting:

JOHN HICKMAN	PRESENT	ROBERT WARD	PRESENT
DAWN SMITH	PRESENT	SHERYL HATFIELD	PRESENT
MILLARD SHAFFER	PRESENT	MORGAN COLLIER	PRESENT

EMPLOYEES: MIKE WEBER ADMINISTRATOR AND SANDRA WARD FISCAL OFFICER

VISITORS: JEREMY BARTHAUER, LEVI BARTHAUER, DEB MORRISON, PAUL BROWN, CARLA DAPPERT, MIKE DAPPERT, JAMES PEPPER, AND TERRY BRENTLINGER DEGRAFF POLICE CHIEF.

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 The Lord's Prayer.

Reports were presented to each member of Council for review. The reports presented were a list of bills ready to be paid, current month receipts, fund balances, delinquent utility users, and monthly deposit for utilities.

The minutes of the June 4, 2024 were e-mailed to each member of Council, Mayor, and Administrator for review, discussion, and final approval. After review, John Hickman made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 regular Village of Quincy Council meeting and allow the minutes to be entered into the permanent records of the Village of Quincy. Morgan Collier seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Sheryl Hatfield Aye, Millard Shaffer Aye, and Morgan Collier Aye. The motion was approved.

A list of bills that are ready for payment was presented for review and final payment approval. After review Bob Ward made a motion to approve the bills listed for payment. Morgan Collier seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Sheryl Hatfield Aye, Millard Shaffer Aye, and Morgan Collier Aye. The motion was approved.

Jeremy Barthauer, Fire Chief, was present for the meeting. He discussed the leaks involving fire hydrants in the Village and how to use them without causing problems. He then asks Council what the status of the Joint Fire District forming and what the status of the Rescue Building was. He stated that the situation of moving forward with this project has stalled and that it is causing problems within the department as everything remains unsettled. Members are not happy with the situation and do not

understand what the hold up is. Mr. Barthauer asks if the attorney has contacted Mr. Comstock regarding the ownership of the Rescue building. Mr. Barthauer stated that it was determined that the building could be leased and returned to the Village of Quincy when a new building was built. Mayor Robinson reported that Mr. Fansler has tried several times to contact Mr. Comstock and left messages for him to return the calls. At the time of the last meeting on June 4, 2024 Mr. Comstock had not replied. Mr. Barthauer stated that several members of the department are ready to resign due to the stalling of the formation of the Joint Sewer District. Mayor Robinson stated that the Village will always have a fire department as it is mandated by law. The ownership of the building is not on the table and has never been considered by Council. The Council has agreed to a lease, which was discussed with Mr. Comstock and agreed that this could be worked out. Mr. Robinson stated that future meetings to move forward with the project have not been scheduled. Mr. Barthauer stated that he would work to contact Mr. Comstock regarding him contacting Mr. Fansler to get things moving forward.

Pastor Joe Brown of the Quincy Apostolic Church was present for the meeting. He presented the Council with a proposed drawing of a new church. He stated that the church is looking for land to build this new church. They would like to find about five acres land for the church in the Village of Quincy. He stated that the building would be more than a church. The plans incorporate a community gathering area with different areas of community activities. The current building is not large enough and parking is presenting a real problem during service times. He stated that they would like to keep the new building within the Village. He asks that anyone knowing of any land available to please contact him. The new building is proposed to have about 200 parking areas and 100' x 125' first phase of the building. He stated that anyone with further ideas to let him know. He reminded everyone that the Church is helping with a car show August 3, 2024.

Mike and Carla Dappert were present for the meeting to find out about solar signs on Jefferson Street and what they mean. The Council stated that the signs were in support of the Indian Lake solar project that is being proposed. This project is in the discussion stage of development and getting the backing from the Logan County area to stop the project in regards to the affect of the Indian Lake area. Carla also stated that the Village needs to look at trying to get business in the Village to help with future growth.

Mike Weber, Village Administrator, stated that he had sent out fifteen letters warning home owners about tall grass and weeds. He also informed Council of some health issues that are occurring in his life and time periods that he may need to be off. He stated that he is still investigating water standing around the fire hydrant on the corner of South Street and Miami Street. This hydrant was hit November 18, 2023 and has since been repaired. Concern over the water standing after the repair is being watched for a leak. Mr. Weber stated that he is waiting for insurance regarding repairs to the guardrail being damaged on State Route #235. He reported that the Dale Clary property clean-up is almost complete. He stated that as of May 29, 2024 a pontoon and Isuzu were still on site. Two junk car letters were sent out on May 14, 2024. On May 22, 2024 a water tower inspection was completed. Issues were expressed about two foot of silt in the bottom of the tank. This could be part of the water complaints. The fourth ring from the bottom of the tank starts a change in the bolt pattern going from a three-bolt pattern to a two-bolt pattern. He stated that the three-bolt pattern should have been carried thru the next ring. The bracket holding the separate 6" influent pipe has rusted away. Mr. Weber suggested beginning the process of taking the water tank out of service and removing the silt in the bottom. At the same time the fourth ring could have the two-bolt pattern changed to a three-bolt ring. Also, during this out of service replacing the bracket that supports the influent pipe. Taking the stand pipe out of service will take a lot of preparation. A cost estimate still needs to be obtained. Mr. Weber

reported that he is still looking for a part-time helper. There are several opportunities being looked at. A camera is still being researched and how to keep it running. A suggestion was made to contact Low Voltage for ideas of how to get power to the area. Mr. Weber reported that Keith Ambien from West Liberty has agreed to help cover the water reporting as a licensed water operator as an emergency back up for Mr. Weber. He will charge \$65.00 per day if needed. It was reported that a key for the Community Building was lost and locks will be changed at the building for safety purposes.

An ordinance to modify Mike Weber's salary in regard to him being the only full-time employee and working seven days a week and will cover the zoning officer position added to his job. If at some time a full-time person were hired the salary increase will be revisited. This ordinance will be modified as follows: salary increase of \$4,000.00 per year in salary, Mr. Weber will be able to hire a part-time employee for twenty hours per week at \$15.00 per hour, Mr. Weber will continue to do all work on weekends and holidays as well as his weekly work, this legislation is contemplated for years 2024, 2025, and 2026 based upon the premise that Mr. Weber will go from full-time to part-time in June of 2026, at that time Mr. Weber will go from forty to twenty hours per week to assist with administrator duties for water and wastewater licensed needs, on July 21, 2026 his salary will be reduced by half. The Council determined that this should be considered on emergency basis. John Hickman then made a motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance presented on an emergency basis to allow for recent changes to the modified employee agreement. Bob Ward seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Sheryl Hatfield Aye, Millard Shaffer Aye, and Morgan Collier Aye. The motion was approved. John Hickman then made a motion to approve an ordinance presented to modify the hours and wages of the Village Administrator. Bob Ward seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Sheryl Hatfield Aye, Millard Shaffer Aye, and Morgan Collier Aye. The motion was approved.

The Fiscal Officer reported that she had received the final electric aggregation figures. It was determined that due to the volatile nature of electric sources the new agreement would only be for a twelve-month period. The new rate for the 2024/2025-year agreement is \$0.0718/kWh. A discussion was held regarding how to sign up for aggregation. More information will be on this will be done.

Terry Brentlinger, DeGraff Police Chief, reported that things were running smoothly in the Village. He is working with an animal abuse case at this time.

It was reported that there is a problem with trees and bushes overhanging in streets and alleys in the Village. If a tree or bush is hanging into a public street or alley it is the responsibility of the property owner to trim and maintain. If that does not happen the Village will trim the tree or bush at the home owners' expense. Dawn Smith reported the need to cut down a tree on Alvey Street. Also noted was problems with trees on Walnut and South Miami.

Millard Shaffer then reported that the lease of the Gravely mower has been paid out and the Village owns the mower. It has 853 hours of mowing and should be traded in while it still has value. A new Gravely costs \$16,300.00. A government discount would apply at \$4073.00 and \$5,000.00 would be given as the trade-in value. The cost of the new mower would be \$7,224.25. Council then discussed the pros and cons of replacing the Gravely Zero Turn mower. After discussion, Bob Ward made a motion to pay \$7,224.25 for a new Gravely Zero Turn mower from Lakeview Hardware and pay for the machine outright. Morgan Collier seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Sheryl Hatfield Aye, Millard Shaffer Aye, and Morgan Collier Aye. The motion was approved.

It was reported that the bushes on the corner of Jefferson Street and Carlisle Street is becoming a problem with traffic at the stop sign. The property owners will be contacted regarding cutting the bushes back to aid with viewing oncoming traffic.

Millard Shaffer made a motion to move the regular Village of Quincy Council meeting into executive session to review personnel matters. John Hickman seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Sheryl Hatfield Aye, Millard Shaffer Aye, and Morgan Collier Aye. The meeting then moved into executive session.

John Hickman then made a motion to move the meeting back into an open session meeting. Millard Shaffer seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, Sheryl Hatfield Aye, Millard Shaffer Aye, and Morgan Collier Aye.

As a result of the meeting it was determined that Mr. Weber would be hiring Justin Trostel as a part-time employee at a rate of \$15.00 per hour but would increase his hours to twenty-five hours per week due to him leaving a full-time position to take this job. After six months the position will be reviewed and a possible full-time position could be offered with a review of the Village Administrator salary at that time.

Mayor Robinson adjourned the meeting until July 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. at the Quincy Community building. Council was reminded that the Joint Sewer Board meeting will be moved to July 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Quincy Community Building due to vacation conflicts of the members.

DANIEL ROBINSON, MAYOR

SANDRA WARD, FISCAL OFFICER

JOHN HICKMAN, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ROBERT WARD

DAWN SMITH

SHERYL HATFIELD

MILLARD SHAFFER

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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.