

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR VILLAGE OF QUINCY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

HELD: AUGUST 20, 2024

The regular Village of Quincy Council meeting convened at 7:30 p.m. until 9:10 p.m. at the Quincy Community building located 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	ABSENT
MILLARD SHAFFER	PRESENT	MORGAN COLLIER	ABSENT

EMPLOYEES: MIKE WEBER ADMINISTRATOR AND SANDRA WARD FISCAL OFFICER

VISITORS: JEREMY BARTHAUER, PAUL BROWN, AUTUMN CLEM, DEB MORRISON, CINDY STEWART, DAMIEN STEWART, RANDY HILLARD AND TERRY BRENTLINGER

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.

Reports were presented for the meeting. A listing of bills ready for payment, receipts. Fund balances, Listing of delinquent utility users.

The minutes of the August 20, 2024 Council meeting were e-mailed to each member of Council for review. The Mayor ask if there were any questions or corrections regarding the minutes presented. John Hickman made a motion to approve the minutes as prepared and presented by the Fiscal Officer. Millard Shaffer seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Dawn Smith Aye and Millard Shaffer Aye. The motion was approved.

A listing of the current bills ready for payment approval were presented to each Council member for review, discussion and final payment approval. Millard Shaffer made a motion to pay the list of bills presented for payment. Bob Ward seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Dawn Smith Aye and Millard Shaffer Aye. The motion was approved.

Autumn Clem was present for the meeting. She lives at 221 East Jefferson Street. The Clem's have received several notices regarding tall grass and a tree that had been cut down laying in their yard with tall grass and weeds growing around it. A zoning violation sign has been placed in the yard at this property notify other residents that a zoning violation is occurring and Council is aware of the problem and dealing with the issues. Ms. Clem reported that she feels as if the Village of Quincy is harassing them and Mr. Weber has a bad attitude towards them. She reported that they are financially strapped and do not have an operating mower nor money for gas. She was very loud about their financial situation and the fact that Mr. Weber was very rude when she called and drives by her home constantly harassing them. The neighbors are calling them names like they are welfare trash. She stated that they

borrowed her father's mower and her husband was home mowing now. She stated that the tree is there to create projects to sell and make money. After more discussion Millard Shaffer offered to mow the yard if it is needed and Jeremy Barthauer and Justin Trostel had offered to remove the tree for the wood but had been turned down. Mr. Weber reported several notices being delivered over the past year and the tree has not been dealt with and grass was not mowed. He stated that the sign in the yard and all notices state if there were any problems to contact the Village regarding the needs. He stated that each day the Village employees drives the whole Village checking for water leaks and problem properties and progress after notifications. They don't turn around in the neighbor's driveway everyday as he was accused of. They drive all the way down Jefferson Street and turn around at the corporation limits. At this time the grass is getting mowed and permission was given to remove the tree. This will handle the problems at this time.

Cindy Stewart was present for the meeting to discuss trees that on Village of Quincy property that need attention. These trees have bark beetles and limbs with splits in them. She feels that these trees need to be reviewed and a determination as to the condition of the trees. She feels that they are dangerous and need to be removed as soon as possible to prevent a hazard. After discussion Mr. Weber agreed to review the tree's condition and determine where to go with the situation.

Jeremy Barthauer stated that the grant funding for the new firetruck had been received. He asks about the payoff on the bay addition to the rescue building. Actual figures were presented at a prior meeting. An estimate was given at \$50,000.00 still owed and an estimate of \$7,000.00 is received each year in real estate tax. He discussed the termination of Mr. Comstock due to lack of communication with the formation of the Fire District. The Mayor reported that the committee had met and wants to release Mr. Comstock and hire an attorney closer to the area. Mr. Bey would help the district get back on tract and lives around Kiser Lake. After further discussion, John Hickman made a motion to suspend David Comstock as the representative to help build a joint fire district due to lack of communication. Information had been presented to Mr. Comstock to review and prepare a new agreement and determine that the suggested changes to the original agreement were in order in April of 2024. To date no one has heard back and further action cannot move forward without an agreement. Bob Ward seconded the motion with a verbal vote as follows: John Hickman Aye, Robert Ward Aye, Dawn Smith Aye, and Millard Shaffer Aye. The motion was approved. When all entities agree to release Mr. Comstock, Mr. Bey will notify Mr. Comstock of the decision. The Fire District committee stated that the Joint Fire District would take over payment of the rescue building loan while the District uses the building. At this time the committee is looking at an operating levy on the 2025 Spring ballot.

Terry Brentlinger reported that there were several open burnings and help with some squad runs. Other than that, the Village is running smoothly.

Mike Weber then went over his meeting notes at this time. The bat problem at the Community building still needs supplies bought for repairs. The hydrant at the corner of South and Miami Street still needs to be dug up and a valve installed and cap off before winter. On August 15, 2024 a leak developed in the evening. On August 16, 2024 a repair was made and another leak happened. The repairs were extensive and the costs are unknown. The damaged guardrail on State Route #235 has been repaired and we are waiting on Low Voltage to reference cameras for the area. H & S Asphalt repaired road cuts from the water line repairs and patched a manhole on Mill Street. Mr. Weber reported zoning violations at the Chrystall Gray property on Liberty Street. Excessive cars, campers, boats and junk. He reported

that he has began enforcing the Trash Can Ordinance. Mr. Weber suggested raising the water service fee from \$35.00 to \$50.00. He stated that the delinquent notice needs to be corrected from a \$25.00 turn on fee to the current \$35.00 fee. He suggested phasing in a one month turn off for delinquent accounts as the bills go up it gets harder to catch up a delinquent account with a two-month delinquency and the current bill coming due. Federal Field Services checked the siren on the South end of Quincy and determined that the motor is bad. It is being discussed concerning movement of the old siren that was on the North end of Quincy prior to it being replaced out to the South end to allow for warning if necessary while the current one is being evaluated for repairs. An estimate for repairs is pending. Mr. Weber reported that the lead and copper sampling has been completed.

John Hickman then suggested that face book postings be held at a minimum when responding. He stated that some of the responses are getting out of control. One site in particular is creating negative issues about the Village. Morgan Collier and Justin Trostel are working with Mr. Weber on providing facts to rumors being reporting on the Quincy Neighborhood Watch. The Fiscal Officer reported that she has removed herself from this site due to the nasty remarks aimed at certain people. She stated that she is getting ready to work with the website creator about getting access to update the information. He is booked until September with school sites but will be glad to help get the site updated.

Millard Shaffer was commended for his volunteering and Council determined that the safety shirt purchase will be covered by Council. Mr. Shaffer helps with utility outages, traffic control and mowing in areas all over the Village. For his protection the safety shirts are necessary to make his presence known while volunteering to help with these special events.

Mr. Shaffer then reported that a new deck for the Gravely mower was going to cost \$1,700.00. He stated that a reduction in cost was worked out with Lakeview Hardware and the manufacturer. The final deck cost would be \$1,560.00. The concern was made with trying the repairs ourselves and any future issues being a problem with altering the deck on our own. Therefore, a determination was made to replace the deck and have a new deck after a rock was hit causing a problem with mowing.

The Fiscal Officer then reported that she has been in contact with Electro Matic regarding the problem with the sign and it not allowing her to sign in unless she called them. She was informed that the reception was not good. When the company reviewed the issues, it was determined that the signal was not strong enough all the time. Therefore, when the sign is running and the signal is not strong enough it automatically shuts down and has to be restarted. They suggested the placement of a special antenna that could help with the signal. It works about half the time. Two other ideas were discussed and more information would be provided. She will continue to work with the company to get things up and running.

The delinquent utility user list was reviewed. Anything over the \$200.00 delinquent total will be shut-off. Lawrence Smith and Judd Brooks were two accounts with a shut off problem. The shut-off for these accounts need further investigation before they can be physically shut-off

Mayor Robinson then adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m. until September 3, 2024 at the Quincy Community building at 7:30 p.m.

DANIEL ROBINSON, MAYOR

SANDRA WARD, FISCAL OFFICER

JOHN HICKMAN, PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ROBERT WARD

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