

Quincy Township Meeting
March 5, 2025

Guests Present: Stephanie Studer, Barb Swallow, Jeff Haines, Carry Stephenson, Teddy Sinclair, Wava Jean Gano, Barb Rockhold, Chris Warncke.

Meeting called to order at 6:02pm by Supervisor Barve.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Barve.

Roll Call: Present were Supervisor Barve, Treasurer Brockway, Clerk Harleton, Trustee Harmon and Trustee Ostrander.

Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2025. Trustee Ostrander moved to accept the minutes, Trustee Harmon supported. Motion carried.

Supervisor Report: We are getting ready to do the budget. The Board has a copy of the proposed budget to look at prior to the workshop at 5:00pm and special meeting at 6:00pm on March 19, 2025.

Clerk Report: The bills are printed in the amount of \$12,556.92. Trustee Harmon moved to accept the bills in the amount of \$12,556.92. Trustee Ostrander supported. Motion carried.
PA116: Folks that have AG property and are having Solar Farms installed will put their tax break on hold for the length of the Solar contract. Letters were sent to the two property owners. That paperwork is sent on to the state by DTE. It was moved by Trustee Harmon to suspend the PA116 on those properties, supported by Trustee Ostrander. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: 2024 tax season is complete. About 90% of the parcels have been paid. The unpaid taxes will go to the state. It will take about one and one half weeks for the information to be sent to the county and then delinquent taxes will be paid there. 3% increase in taxable values for 2025, so taxable values went up.

Assessor Report: Assessor Ewers reported the Michigan Tax Tribunal Appeal for Stephen Smith principal residence exemption appeal decision just came in and they granted him 100% for 2023 only. The March Board of Review organization meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 3pm. March Board of Review Appeals Dates are Monday, March 10, 2025 from 9am to Noon and 1pm to 4pm, Tuesday, March 11, 2025 from 2pm to 5pm and 6pm to 9pm. Notices were mailed out Monday, February 24, 2025. One Veteran exemption is still pending. Things are prepped and mostly ready for BOR. Picking up paperwork at Equalization and Branch County Abstract on a regular basis.

Cemetery Report: Everything is good. The tractor is of great use. At the last three funerals it saved a lot of hand work/digging. It was decided that Supervisor Barve and Clerk Harleton would meet Sexton Stephenson at the cemetery for a walk through. It was asked if there is a

light shining on the American flag at the stage and there is not. Jeff from DTE offered to donate a solar light.

There is also a major pigeon problem at the library, he will make arrangements for someone to take a look. The new cemetery books are still being worked on.

Zoning Report: Zoning Administrator Craig reported ten violations, eight phone calls/discussions/questions and three payments for permits totalling \$225.00. For Spring Fling for the school there is a large group looking to do stuff in the community, maybe help in the cemetery.

Fire Association Report: Treasurer Brockway reports that there is a fire association special meeting on March 13, 2025. Discussion will be held regarding Butler township payments to the association. The regular meeting will be held on April 10, 2025 at 5:30 at the Quincy Village Office.

County Commissioner Report: Alan McClellan, the report was printed in the February minutes.

ZBA Report: Trustee Harmon reported that there was a Zoning Board meeting on February 26, 2025 (Public Hearing). Aidan Rocha at 174 E. Chicago, El Cerritos, variance was granted for an outdoor cooler with conditions. Frank Keller for two cement slabs for prefab houses, 57 Cole Street. Ken Holroyd (?), Brecker approved a 17 foot set back off the fence between the Village office and them.

JPC Report: Trustee Ostrander had three property proposals. Burley's PWC Repair for Chris Burlencourt, everything will be done in a building at the end of his property and that was approved. Frank Keller's for Red Star, they are going to retro fit the building, there will be low traffic, they are going to carry two models; Mastercraft and Ritz. This was approved. Ken Holroyd, his building is 125 ft. by 125 ft. for assembly and storage.

Public Comment: Sexton Stephenson wanted to thank the Board for improvements done and all the catch up that needed to be done.

Old Business: Michigan Gas ordinance agreement was tabled until April meeting.

New Business: Legal service bid and acceptance. The bid for legal services was opened and read. Ms. Beamer gave a brief summary about herself and the law firm. It was moved by Clerk Harleton to accept the bid as presented, supported by Trustee Ostrander, the roll call vote was all affirmative, motion carried. Assessor Ewers' contract for 2025-2026 was presented. It was moved by Trustee Ostrander to accept the contract, supported by Trustee Harmon, roll call vote was all affirmative, motion carried. There could be some additional bills presented from Assessor Ewer's if the Board decides to go with BS&A Cloud Version. The budget discussion was tabled until March 19, 2025. A JPC member resigned and a new member is needed; Zach Brockway expressed interest in becoming a member of the JPC. Trustee Ostrander moved to accept Zach Brockway as our new JPC member, Trustee Harmon supported. Motion carried.

The Board needs to change the day of our meetings as the meeting room is not available on the original day. It was moved by Clerk Harleton to change the date and time of our monthly board meetings to the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00pm. at the Village Offices, supported by Trustee Ostrander. Motion carried.

Adjournment: It was moved by Trustee Ostrander to adjourn the meeting, supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Harleton
Quincy Township Clerk