

QUINCY TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
Regular Meeting June 4, 2025

Guests Present: Teddy Sinclair, Barb Rockhold, Barb Swallow, Ann Lown, Vanessa Crandall, Carry Stephenson and Ray Conley.

Regular meeting was called to order by Supervisor Barve at 6:03pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Barve

Roll Call: Trustees Harmon and Ostrander, Clerk Harleton, Treasurer Brockway and Supervisor Barve were all present.

Trustee Ostrander moved to accept the agenda as amended. Supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report: Supervisor Barve reported on the first six months of work from the township board. The cemetery has greatly improved. Hiring Keeley Beemer has been very helpful. He has spoken with Jay Miller, Quincy Grange road has been fixed from US12 to State Street.

Clerk's Report: Clerk Harleton reported bills totalling \$27339.10. Trustee Harmon moved to accept the bills totalling \$27339.10. Supported by Trustee Ostrander. Motion carried. Clerk Harleton also reported that the insurance a health insurance change for Sexton Stephenson and Mrs. Stephenson with a savings to the township of over \$26,000.00.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Brockway reported that he is prepping for the 2025 tax season, which will start the first week in July. The 2024 tax season has been wrapped up and Treasurer Brockway can no longer accept past due taxes. They are paid at the county office.

Legal Report:

JPC Report:: Trustee Ostrander reported that the JPC discussed the ORV ordinance and tabled discussion on Corn Island until the next meeting.

ZBA Report: None

Zoning Report: Zoning Administrator Craig there were sixteen (16) inquiries regarding sheds, builders, realtor questions, clean up, deck, new house, setbacks, lot line, barn parcel questions, land split, EDF renewables, add-on, fence permit, land split and building permit. One (1) building permit issued and one (1) violation issued. He has been going over ordinances and updating forms. Written report on file.

Cemetery Report: Sexton Stephenson reported everything went well for Memorial Day. Received the flowers for the urns on a very rainy day. Supervisor Barve and Sexton Stephenson worked on the roads in the cemetery. Tree cutting and trimming should start tomorrow.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Ewers reported the July Board of Review Meeting will be Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 4:00pm in the Library basement. This needs to be posted eighteen (18) hours ahead of the above date. L4029's have been reviewed for both the Township and the Village. Continuing to print deeds weekly and pick up items at Equalization and Abstract twice a month. Data entry is nearly done. Everything went to the cloud and she was able to retrieve it. Cost manual for 2025-2026 (?)

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner McClellan was not present at the meeting but sent a report by email the next morning. The report was placed on file.

Public Safety Report: none

Fire Association Report: Supervisor Barve reported that the next meeting will be June 12, 2025.

Approval of the May minutes: It was moved by Trustee Ostrander to accept the minutes from the May 7, 2025 regular Board meeting. Supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Teddy Sinclair has asked Barb Swallow to be a member of the Library Board. It was moved by Trustee Ostrander to have Barb Swallow join the Library Board. Supported by Clerk Harleton. Motion carried. DTE reported the interconnection in June or July. They will check on the escrow account and construction is going great. Crandall nursery reported that they provided good healthy plants and are willing to discuss different planters. Deputy Clerk Studer suggested that the Board be in the 4th of July parade. Discussion held, most agreed and Trustee Ostrander offered her golf cart.

Old Business: Perpetual Care; Attorney Beemer handed out packets on perpetual care. Discussion was held. The Board will keep the contract through 2026. Clerk Harleton moved that the Township no longer accept monies in trust for perpetual care as described in the Red (cemetery) Book (Cemetery trust funds to be held in trust by Township Clerk who shall give bonds for source. Any and all interest that this fund may earn shall be expended for the care of lots-crossed out and urns-written in that are provided for by trust) as on June 4, 2025. Supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried.

New Business:

Kent Nietzart from Nietzart Florist gave a presentation on the flowers they had provided for use in the cemetery in the past.

Truth in Taxation was explained by Assessor Ewers. It was moved by Trustee Ostrander to accept the new tax rate as presented. Supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried.

EGLE Grant. Supervisor Barve announced that the Township was awarded a \$245,000.00 grant from DTE. After discussion it was moved by Clerk Harleton that the EGLE Grant will be expended on a Township Building. Supported by Trustee Ostrander. Roll Call vote was performed with 5 yes and 0 no. Motion carried.

Cemetery Agreement: Treasurer Brockway moved to not accept the cemetery ordinance and send it back to the JPC. Supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Harleton
Quincy Township Clerk