

QUINCY TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES August 6, 2025

Guests Present: Stephanie Studer, Teddy Sinclair Jeff Haines, Wava Gano, Sue/Rick Williams, Barb Rockhold, Barb Swallow and Chris Warncke.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Barve at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Barve.

Roll Call: Marilyn Ostrander, Jim Harmon, Cindy Harleton, Tim Brockway and Kurt Barve were present.

It was moved by Trustee Ostrander to accept the agenda, supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried.

It was moved by Trustee Harmon to accept the minutes of July 2, 2025 and workshop minutes of July 30, 2025, supported by Trustee Ostrander. Motion carried.

Supervisor's Report: none

Clerk's Report: Clerk presented bills totalling \$49,715.62. It was moved by Trustee Harmon to approve bills totalling \$49,715.62, supported by Trustee Ostrander. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Brockway announced that the summer tax bill were printed on blue paper.

Legal Report: Attorney Beemer thanked the Board for their quick responses.

JPC Update: none

ZBA Update: none

Zoning Report: Zoning administrator reported the update on Corn Island (the violations that exist are an EGLE issue) and regarding battery storage. There were 11 requests for various items, 3 violation letters sent and 3 permits issued. Full report on file.

Cemetery Report: Sexton Stephenson reported that trees and brush were cleaned up from the storm. We may need to plant some trees. There are several stones that need uprighted and will get a quote. Discussion regarding, cleaning solution for head stones, columbariums and cost of grave sites.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Ewers reported that July Board of Review met on July 22, 2025 and approved 8 petitions. Copies have been made and distributed, changes made on Treasurer's computer and put in the stack for the audit review. Data entry is caught up including land splits. Have sent out numerous follow up letters. Continuing to field calls on a variety of topics. I have been continuing to print deeds weekly and pick up paperwork at Equalization and Branch County Abstract twice a month.

Commissioners Report: Supervisor Barve read a report submitted by Alan McClellan; The Chief Public Defender position has been filled by Terrie Norris. Coldwater Township is using \$195,993.00 of their solar grant funds to purchase the sheriff department new tasers and hand guns. The county audit has been completed. The audit firm Maner Consterisan gave the county an unmodified opinion, which is the highest level that can be given. The county has joined the Michigan Big Tree Hunt Tree Program. They are on the hunt for some of Branch County's largest trees. For more info:

<https://www.releafmichigan.org/how-to-search-michigan-big-tree-register.htm>. Courthouse renovations and county wide broadband installation continues. Branch County Fair is August 3rd through the 9th. Hope to see you there.

Public Safety Report: none

Fire Association Report: Supervisor Barve reported that the next meeting is August 16, 2025.

Public Comment: none

Old Business: Reported by Deputy Sexton Sinclair/Treasurer Brockway; six of the most recent perpetual care that were sold in 2021-2022 were \$500.00 and monies deposited in the general fund. There are four CD's that are for cemetery (?). This will be revisited.

New Business:

Audit Report-Paul Plant reported that the audits were complete and sent in. Tax fund, Cemetery fund need to be in Clerk's records. He will set up a time to update our Quickbooks. He reported \$757,000.00 in the general fund and \$250,000.00 invested. Balancing should be done quarterly.

Cemetery Drive Resurface-tabled until September meeting.

New Township/Cemetery building-discussion was held on going forward with the building of a new Township/Cemetery. It was moved by Clerk Harleton to move forward with securing a bond for the project, supported by Trustee Ostrander. Roll call vote was done. Five (5) Yes and Zero (0) no. Motion carried. Supervisor Barve will contact Tom Colis.

Temporary police agreement QPD-after a lengthy discussion it was decided that Attorney Beemer will write up a contract to be presented to the Board.

Workman's Compensation Insurance Renewal-Clerk Harleton reported that the Township's workman's compensation insurance was being cancelled as there was no payroll reports done for the last two years. She presented a proposal from Vozaar insurance for a new company in the amount of \$2834.00 for the year through Auto owners. It was moved by Trustee Olander to accept and pay, supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Chris Warncke had questions. Deputy Clerk Studer mentioned how good the Fourth of July parade was and we need to plan ahead for the 250th July 2026.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Harleton
Quincy Township Clerk