

QUINCY TOWNSHIP

MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2025

Guests Present: Stephanie Studer, Amy and Chad McNess, James Tanner, Teddy Sinclair, D.and G Converse, Barb Rockhold, Barb Swallow and Wava Gant.

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

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Barve

Roll Call: Cindy Harleton Jim Harmon, Marilyn Ostrander, Tim Brockway and Kurt Barve. A quorum was established.

It was moved by Trustee Harmon to approve the agenda with one addition, Clerk Harleton supported. Motion carried.

It was moved by Trustee Harmon to open the first Public Hearing for Pleasant Ridge Drive, supported by Trustee Ostrander. Motion carried. The residents of Pleasant Ridge obtained 51% + of the signatures needed to bring this to the Board.. Resident Olmstead spoke that the seal coat needs to be done every three years, a heavy coating will be put down this month and another coat in the Spring for the total cost of _____. Resident Wohers had concerns with how the whole matter was handled; Explained where her property was, upset that she wasn't contacted when everyone else on the road was, how email was worded (falsified), was there more than one bid, what is the cost, how much will be added to my taxes, who is signing the contract, is there a way to prorate usage of the road, are we paying for the neighbors driveway(we were for having it paved), what falls in the "road maintenance". Please look up Special Assessment District. It was moved by Clerk Harleton to close the Public Meeting, supported by Treasurer Brockway. Motion carried.

It was moved by Clerk Harleton to open the second Public Hearing for Pleasant Ridge Drive, supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried. Assessor Ewers explained how a special assessment works. Public statute 188 A54. The road determines what the special assessment is for. The Board assumes when brought to them that the members of the road have talked it over, contractor, how to pay, etc. There are no HOA's in our Township. The township board decides on how long they have to pay it back and if there is interest if paid over time. It was moved by Trustee Harmon to have three years to pay with the interest waived at a cost of \$89.00 per year, supported by Trustee Ostrander. Roll call vote was used with all in the affirmative. Motion carried. It was moved by Clerk Harleton to close the Public Hearing, supported by Trustee Harmon. Motion carried.

August Minutes: It was moved by Trustee Harmon to approve the August meeting minutes, supported by Trustee Ostrander. Motion carried.

Clerks Report: Bills in the amount of \$9661.60 were presented by Clerk Harleton. Trustee Harmon moved to pay the bills in the amount of \$9661.60, supported by Trustee Ostrander. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Brockway reported the hours the board office is open to pay taxes as September 10, 2025 from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. and September 15, 2025 from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. About half of the taxes are paid right now.

Legal Report: none

JP/C Report: none

ZBA Report: none

Zoning Report: Zoning Manager Craig reported that they are planning on setting up a JPC meeting for ordinances, battery storage and will be meeting with ITC and Frontier Fiber Optics. Twelve requests were reported for various items, five violations and five permits were issued. ZM Craig reported he receives about fifteen phone calls daily.

Cemetery Report: Sexton Stephenson reported everything is going well.

Assessor's Report: Assessor Ewers reported that the new cost manual update was entered on August 24, 2025. Have attended all but 2 hours of required classes. The last class on August 12, 2025 was in regard to the PA660 Assessment Audit that will be conducted between May 1 and September 1, 2026. Of the 15 items on the Audit, only 3 directly pertain to Assessing. The other 12 are policies and procedures of the Township in regard to how the assessing is conducted and information distributed. I will be making the Township Board a copy of the review possess for next month so that we can go through what is to be expected and will be preparing updated policies that will need to be approved. Data entry and splits are caught up. Reached out to several taxpayers that had pending items and they are working on those as well. Been coordinating with folks on Pleasant and Prospect Point in regards to special assessments. I have been continuing to print deeds weekly and pick up paperwork at Equalization and Branch County Abstract twice a month.

Commissioner's Report: Commissioner McClellan reported the Veterans Affairs Officer Nick Easterling sold the 2016 Ford Transit Van. He received an appraisal from Cole Ford in Coldwater in the amount of \$12,000.00 to purchase the vehicle. The Veteran's Affairs Board was in favor of selling the van. Two appointments were made to the Workforce Development Board. The first is a reappointment of Randall Hazelbaker, as recommended by Michigan Works, for a two-year 10/01/2025-09/30/2027. The second was for a partial term expiring 09/20/2926. The recommendation was for Dennis Adair, BISD Superintendent, to fill the position vacated by Kris Jenkins. Todd Krus of Frontier Communications provided a 3rd quarter update. They are working in the Coldwater/Quincy areas. There were 1000 connections completed in July. They expect another 1000 completed by the end of August. September totals will be included in the October report. It was noted that they have 39% of customer subscriptions for what has been completed. As of 7/30/2025, 2457 are completely connected of which 938 are grant funded. They have a completion date of the Probate courtroom of 9/5 and will begin the District and Circuit courtrooms on 9/08. Contract negotiations continue.

Public Safety Report: Police Chief Turmell introduced himself and reported a new officer coming in December.

Fire Association Report: Treasurer Brockway reported that calls are down and training is up. The Amish auction will be September 16, 2025. This supports the fire department.

Old Business: Discussion was held regarding a 30 day trial with the Village of Quincy Police Department. It was moved by Clerk Harleton to the agreement for 30 days of coverage and the Township will cover \$5250.00 of the police academy cost, supported by Trustee Ostrander. Roll call vote taken and all in the affirmative. Motion carried.

New Business: After a lengthy discussion it was decided to pave the cemetery. It was moved by Trustee Harmon to accept the bid from Belson Asphalt with the 4 inch option in the amount of \$133,876.00, supported by Clerk Harleton. Roll call vote was taken and all were in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Headstone Repair: It was moved by Trustee Ostrander to accept the bid from Pattons for repairing 13 stones in the amount of \$2410.00, supported by Trustee Harmon. Roll call vote was taken, all were in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Part time cemetery employee: This was tabled until the October meeting.

Pay off the Fire Truck: After discussion it was moved by Trustee Harmon to pay the remaining balance, from the fire millage fund, of \$162,248.83 on the fire truck to save interest, supported by Clerk Harleton. Roll call vote was taken, all were in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Harleton
Quincy Township Clerk