

TOWNSHIP OF QUINTON
COUNTY OF SALEM
WORK SESSION
QUINTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING
April 16, 2025

Called to order by Mayor Sperry at 4:00pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Public Meetings Act

This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Advanced notice of this meeting was given by way of a notice sent to the South Jersey Times and the Elmer Times, as required by law, and was posted on the bulletin board located in the lobby of the Quinton Township Municipal Building.

Roll Call

Marjorie Sperry (Mayor)
Raymond Owens (Deputy Mayor)
Joseph Hannagan Jr (Committeeman) - Absent
Marty Uzdanovics (Clerk)
Emily Thalwitzer (Deputy)

****Solar Permit Fee**** Marty Uzdanovics, the Clerk, spoke on behalf of Jack Palumbo, construction official, suggesting an amendment to the ordinance increasing the fee amount per solar permit. Quinton Township currently charges \$58.00, however, the rate per solar permit has increased too \$210-\$400. Deputy Mayor Owens requested that the Clerk contact local towns to ensure that Quinton Township remains competitive in the market.

****Preferred Pest Consultation**** Termites have been discovered in the Clerk's office within the Municipal Building. Preferred Pest is scheduled to provide an estimate for treatment on April 17, 2025.

****Mulch Removal**** The state fire inspector has completed inspections and informed the Clerk of a new fire code requiring buildings to remove any mulch within 18 inches of structures where wood is present. This cost was not included in the 2025 contract with Ikee Lawncare. Ikee provided a new quote of \$3,500 to replace the mulch around the township building with river rock. Deputy Mayor Owens suggested requesting a new quote to only replace the mulch within the 18 inches surrounding the wood, as this is an unbudgeted cost for the town.

****Diamond Grill – Sewer Issue**** There is an ongoing issue with the sewer at Diamond Grill. The owner reported that the phone number listed on the township voicemail for American Water is not helpful; customer service representatives are unable to access our account without an account number. The Clerk has requested Mike from American Water to visit Diamond Grill to video where the blockage is. The road to the clean out belongs to the Township, the clean out to the building is the responsibility of Diamond Grill. The Clerk will work with American Water to determine a better method for residents of Quinton Township to contact the company.

****Animal Shelter – Temporary Relief Process**** Mayor Sperry referred to an email from Rebecca Sleeter, Health Officer for the Salem County Department of Health & Human Services, dated April 8, 2025. This email detailed the County's agreement with Monmouth SPCA, effective May 7, 2025. The township will need to adopt a resolution on May 6th to join the system and consent to the joint purchasing contract. Mayor Sperry and Deputy Mayor Owens asked out of curiosity how many dogs/cats did Quinton Township pick up in 2024. The clerk will follow up with Diane Elwell, CMFO and Ned Shimp, animal control.

****N. Burden Hill Potholes**** A resident called to request patches for both ends of N. Burden Hill. The Clerk will notify the Road Department.

****Quinton Fire Company Update**** Solicitor Vigilante has prepared the bid specifications for the Pumper Replacement Truck, and the associated resolution is expected to pass on May 6th. These specifications will be published in the newspaper for bidding. The parking lot resurfacing and curb replacement projects are currently on hold due to a lack of funding. There have been no updates regarding the firehouse vehicle exhaust system, as the quote is still with Triad, the grant writer. Mayor Sperry has agreed to address the replacement of the air conditioning in the game room and will notify Alison O'Boyle from maintenance. Curb painting at the firehouse is pending, and the Road Department is aware of this. In addition, the Road Department is collaborating with local towns to determine if Quinton Township can rent their equipment to address tree overhangs and intrusions along township roads. Regarding abandoned structures, Solicitor Vigilante stated that the township cannot compel owners to rectify the situation. The Clerk's office is also working with Comcast to obtain new quotes for updating the Wi-Fi plan. The proposal to reconsider the location of the rabies clinic was denied. The remaining items on the agenda—roof gutters, water fountain replacement, and door seals—are being tabled for now.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 4:57pm by
MOTION Sperry SECOND Owens RCV 2 Yes

Marty Uzdanovics
Clerk