

Quincy Township Meeting

January 2, 2024

PRESENT: Gene Brand, Tim Brockway, Jim Harmon, Marilyn Ostrander and Marc Brand.

ABSENT: None

GUEST: Erica Ewers, Cindy Harleton, Stepanie Studer, Jeff Haines, Al McClellan, James Tanner, Bill Bowerman, Leon Parrish, Evelyn Parrish, and Brad Parrish.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Gene Brand.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Harmon.

Moment of Silence- Dawn Wilcox.

Agenda additions- None.

APPROVAL of MINUTES of December 4, 2023 and. Ostrander made the motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2023 meeting. Harmon supported. All in favor, motion passed

APPROVAL of BILLS- Harmon made the motion to pay the bills as submitted. Ostrander supported. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT-December Board of Review was December 12th with 2 petitions processed. Worked with Tim on setting up spreadsheets for end of the tax collection balancing. County Appraisal studies were finalized December 28, 2023. Per County Studies Ag increase 15.7%; Commercial 6.5% increase; Industrial 1% increase; Residential 8% increase. New construction wrapped up on December 20. Will need to do a few policy updates for the February meeting to be in compliance for the March Board of Review but I have not had time to draft them yet. Personal Property Statements were delivered Thursday so will be getting those out in the mail this week along with updated Veterans. Data entry was caught up December 25. Picking up paperwork at Equalization and Branch County Abstract on a regular basis.

BRANCH COUNTY- Alan McClellan- Organizational meeting coming up on Thursday. Nothing really to report at this time

CEMETARY REPORT - Nothing to report.

ZONING REPORT- November- 2 permits issued, 1 planning commission hearing, 1 Zoning Violation sent.

December- 1 permit issued, 1 planning commission hearing, 1 Zoning Violation sent. 4 new Zoning Violations in process.

FIRE ASSOCIATION- December 14, 2023 meeting, they adopted the proposed 2024 budget. They got a \$30,000 grant for Boots, flashlights, 5 heat thermal sensors. The fire truck is finished, but has to be inspected by a third party. They are worried that it wont pass inspection. They are researching the possibility of replacing the truck.

Public Comments- Leon Parrish- Leon expressed concern about the solar panels and preserving farm land in Quincy Township.

OLD BUSINESS- Joint Planning Commission member- Scott Walls is still very interested in being on the Planning Commission. He stated that he hasn't been notified of meetings. Matt said that he is notified via email. Bill Bowerman stated that he would make contact with Scott for future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS- A. Proposed 2024 Fire Association Budget- Quincy Townships portion of the 2023-24 budget was \$94,009. The requested amount for the 2024-25 is \$109,507. They are increasing Fire Fighter pay from \$25 a call to \$40 a call. Ostrand made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, Harmon supported. All in favor, motion passed.

B. Solar Language Amendment- The Board decided to take a look at the new Quincy Township Solar Amendment Final Draft. Action will be taken at the next meeting in February. M. Brand made a motion to extend the Ammoratorium for the Solar Amendment 60 days, Harmon supported. All in favor, motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Marc Brand

Quincy Township Clerk