

Quincy Township Meeting

October 3, 2023

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

ABSENT: None

GUEST: Matt Ashenfelter, Erica Ewers, Max Stephenson, Don Reid, Cindy Harleton, Stepanie Studer, Barb Rochold, Teddy Sinclair, Marion Sanderson, Sarah Strong, Connie Karney, Doug Campbell, James Tanner, Jeff Haines, Leon Parrish and Leon Knirk.

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- Dan Ludlow, Kathy Will.

Agenda additions- Solar Ordinance review Item C New Business.

APPROVAL of MINUTES of September 5, 2023 and. Harmon made the motion to approve the minutes from September 5, 2023 meeting. Ostrander 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- Data Entry caught up through October 2. That included the land splits. There are Senate Bills pending that have been approved by the House. Deceased Veterans spouses can keep their exemption with this Bill. It would also change the Veteran exemptions to a one time filing. No map updates from GIS. December Board of Review will be on the 12th.

BRANCH COUNTY- Al McClellan- The budget is just starting for the County. The tire recycling program will be October 14th from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.

CEMETARY REPORT- A family is interested in trading in 4 plots they got for free and get just one lot. The board approved this. There is a family feud about grave spaces currently at the cemetery. They are going to do a disenternment and a reinmternment to move the family member to another grave. There is a family that wants to put a 6 foot monument in the old part of the cemetery. The lot plugs are ready to go. The company wants a tax certificate to get the tax exemption

ZONING REPORT- 9 Zoning permits issued September 2023. No land splits was processed. 2 ZBA hearing. 1 Planning Commission, 2 properties with outstanding zoning violations.

FIRE ASSOCIATION- Next meeting is the October 12, 2023.

Public Comments- Leon Parrish- Expressed concerns of the Solar Farm proposed on Maple Road. He would like the board to look at the ordinance pertaining to Solar Ordinances. He has been approached by DTE about solar along with many of his neighbors. He and Marion Sanderson met with Matt Ashenfelter to discuss the ordinance. He would like the board to look at the set back limits. The abandonment issue- solar panel life span is about 25 to 35 years. What happens after that? Once a request for a permit is on the Zoning officers desk, the ordinance in place at that time is what is gone by. He is a sixth generation member of this community and would appreciate consideration to that fact. Jennifer Wortz stated that there is a property tax assessment that can be placed on these structures to make sure that the community is compensated for them. Matt Ashenfelter stated that the tax situation is part of the state proposal. Jim Harmon asked Matt when the Ordinance was put into place. James Tanner asked if the Board approved this ordinance. He was informed that a former Board had approved that ordinance.

OLD BUSINESS- A. Outside Drains and Stool in the Womens restroom- Harmon is waiting on Scott Locke about the drains. M. Brand reached out to Pearson Plumbing & Heating about the stool and it should be done any day.

B. Proposed Township Hall- Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS- A. Connie Karney submitted the 2022 Quincy Library Annual Report. Sarah Strong gave a presentation of the activities at the Quincy Library for the year. Activities and attendance to the library have increased over the past year. The library has a free notary service for members of the community to use. The library currently has free WIFI and is looking to expand the service area for this.

B. Quincy Village Email- 9-15-23- Police Coverage by Village in the Township- It was decided that the funds are not available and the only way possible to make this happen would be to have a milage in place for Police Coverage.

C. Solar Ordinance Review- It was suggested to put a 120 day ammoritium in place. Ostrander made the motion to put a 120 day ammoritium, Harmon supported. All in favor motion passed. Leon Knirk advised the Board that the Township of Quincy should look into getting possibly getting money from the Solar Farms.

The next meeting will be Wednesday November 8th because of the election on the 7th.

Adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Marc Brand

Quincy Township Clerk