

# Quincy Township Meeting

November 8, 2023

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

ABSENT: None

GUEST: Matt Ashenfelter, Erica Ewers, Cindy Harleton, Stepanie Studer, Barb Rochold, Connie Karney, Teddy Sinclair, Wava Gano, Marion Sanderson, James Tanner, Jan Hutchins, Bill Bowerman and Lisa Bowerman.

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- None.

Agenda additions- None.

APPROVAL of MINUTES of October 3, 2023 and. Harmon made the motion to approve the minutes from October 3, 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- The 2024 Inflation Rate Multiplier for Taxable Value has been released and will be 1.05 again this year. The actual rate was 5.1 % but due to formula can't exceed 5%. December Board of Review will be December 23, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Winter millage rates have been sent out as well as consolidated instructions on the winter tax collection process. Will be finalizing Special Assessments, mortgage lists, address changes, and last-minute principal residence exemptions this week so can finalize the database and send export to Tim for winter tax roll. Data entry was caught up October 27. Have been reading and learning about the new solar laws; New State Tax Commission bulletins regarding solar came out Friday. All required assessing hours were completed this year; took the last 8 hours in on-line classes this past month. No additional map updates from GIS yet on the status of 2022 spits/ combinations. Back to picking up paperwork at Equalization and Branch County Abstract on a regular basis.

BRANCH COUNTY- Al McClellan email- A resident approached the County Board of Commissioners asking them to implement an ORV ordinance for the County of Branch. This would not include golf carts.

CEMETARY REPORT – Nothing to report.

ZONING REPORT- 8 Zoning permits issued October 2023. 1 land splits was processed. 2 ZBA hearing. 1 Planning Commission, 1 properties with outstanding zoning violations.

FIRE ASSOCIATION- Mike Sherman reported that Fire Department has been awarded \$30,000 in grant money from the Michigan Fire Equipment Grant. The money will be used to buy new boots, helmets, flashlights, and thermal imaging cameras. Next meeting is the December 14, 2023.

Public Comments- James Tanner- He would like to make it known to the Township Board that there are members that are not showing up to Planning Commission meeting. He would like to see the Board replace these members with people who want to attend these meetings.

OLD BUSINESS- Gene Brand made the statement at the last meeting that if the Township were to take on Police Coverage with the Village that the Sherriff's Office would not cover the Township. This statement was made in error and the County will provide coverage to the Township regardless of coverage from other entities.

NEW BUSINESS- A. Gilbert to Willison Lot Line Adjustment Split- Harmon made the motion to approve the Gilbert to Willison Lot Line Adjustment Split, M. Brand supported. All in favor, motion passed.

B. Cash Receipting Hardware, for Treasurer- The treasurer would like to purchase a scanner to help with the process of collecting taxes. The total cost of the scanner is \$275 from BS&A. M. Brand made the motion to approve the purchase of the Cash Receipting Hardware, Harmon supported. All in favor, motion passed.

C. Motions for Southern Michigan Bank and Century Bank- M. Brand made the motion to remove Constance Karney and add Timothy Brockway to the Southern Michigan Bank and Trust CD's, MIF- General Account (Fire Department Millage), Cemetery CD, and MIF-Interest Account (ARPA Account). Harmon supported. All in favor, motion passed.

M. Brand made a motion to put Tim Brockway and Elwood Brand on the four CD's at the Century Bank and Trust. This would remove Constance Karney and Kurt Spaulding from any and all CD's. Ostrander supported. All in favor, motion passed.

D. Wages, Election Workers- The County has requested that the townships in Branch County set the wages for election workers to \$15 and hour. This is so that we are all on the same scale for the 9 days of elections in 2024.

Adjourned at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Marc Brand

Quincy Township Clerk