

# Quincy Township Meeting

February 6, 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, Leon Parrish, Evelyn Parrish, Wava Gano, Teddy Sinclair, Grant Porter and Vanessa Jackie.

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 January 2, 2024. Ostrander made the motion to approve the minutes from January 2, 2024 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- New poverty guidelines are required due to a few minor changes in Poverty tax laws. I have attached a Poverty Resolution for board approval as well. The March Board of Review organizational meeting will be held Tuesday, March 5 at 6 pm and the actual Board of Review will be on Monday March 11, 2024 from 9 to noon and 1 to 4 and Tuesday March 12, 2024 from 2 to 5 pm and 6 to 9 pm. Data entry caught up thru February 3. Have started receiving Personal Property Statements (deadline to file is Feb 20). Working with the industrial companies on filing their ESA paperwork instead of EMPP forms. All but 3 veteran exemptions have been submitted so far. Mailed 2 poverty requests. Currently working on values and then entering new construction. Picking up paperwork at the Equalization and Branch County Abstract on a regular basis.

BRANCH COUNTY- Alan McClellan- The ORV ordinance is set for a public hearing on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mike Hard is working on the erosion permits that are increasing. This affect anyone within 500 feet of a body of water, stream or lake. Anyone with more than 250 square feet of frontage needs an erosion permit. The last time this was addressed was 2005 and they were \$60. Mike does not have to time or resources to complete this project so he is contract this out with another company. So the projected cost of the permit will be close to \$300.

CEMETARY REPORT – Lot plugs are in and Max is meeting with Nordsrom in the morning. There will probably something to do with the North side. The fence does not follow the property line. So some work may need to be done there.

ZONING REPORT- January- 3 permits issued, 1 Land Spilt processed, 2 ZBA hearings, 1 Zoning Violation sent, and 4 site visits for zoning violations.

FIRE ASSOCIATION- Next meeting is February 15<sup>th</sup>. The insurance company may be covering the Fire Truck that is in the shop.

Public Comments- None

OLD BUSINESS- Solar Ordinance Language amendment. The set backs were discussed. It was agreed that the setbacks would be changed to

- a. Non-participating parcels without a dwelling unit: From a parcel line abutting a parcel that is not participating in the solar project, and does not contain a residential dwelling unit: **50** feet (this will change to **75** feet).
- b. Non-participating parcels with a dwelling unit:  
/. From a parcel line abutting a parcel that is not participating in the solar project and contains a residential dwelling unit: the minimum setback shall be **125** feet (change to **200** feet) from the parcel lot line.

M. Brand made a motion to make the above changes, Brockway supported. All in favor, motion passed. The Solar Amendment is being sent back for revisions approved by the Board.

Michael Thyng introduced himself as a Republican candidate for the Branch County Sherriff's Position. He was born in Maine, his wife is from Bronson where they have raised their family. He was in the Army for 7 years, he then worked for the City of Coldwater as a Reserve Officer until he got into the Michigan State Police. He retired from the State Police and took a position with the Bronson Police department part time and is now currently a Deputy for the Branch County Sherriff's Department. He believes the Sherriff has done a great job bringing back coverage to the County. And with the support of the people and the department he can make things better for the citizens of Branch County as well as the employees.

NEW BUSINESS- A. Resolution for Poverty Exemptions 2024- Ostrander made the motion to adopt Quincy Township Resolution for Poverty Exemption Resolution #2024-001. M. Brand supported. All in favor, motion passed.

Poverty Guidelines- M. Brand made a motion to accept the Poverty Guidelines, Harmon supported. All in favor, motion passed.

B. Land Split- Grant Porter- Grant Porter applied for a Land Split for Property located on Williams Drive. He is applying to make the property into two buildable lots for himself and his brother. Ostrander made the motion to accept the land split as proposed, Harmon supported. All in favor, motion passed.

C. Renewal of CD's- G. Brand made a motion to allow Brockway to move the money in the CD's and to shop around to find the best rates possible. Harmon supported. All in favor, motion passed.

D. Two 3 year terms Library Board, Re-appoint Teddy Sinclair and Barb Rockhold for 3 years. Ostrander made the motion to appoint Teddy Sinclair and Barb Rockhold to the library board. M. Brand supported. All in favor, motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Marc Brand

Quincy Township Clerk

Quincy Township Board