

Quincy Township Meeting

July 5, 2023

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

ABSENT: Tim Brockway

GUEST: Matt Ashenfelter, Erica Ewers, Cindy Harleton, Chris Warncke, Stepanie Studer.

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- Melanie Hart

Agenda additions- Township Hall

APPROVAL of MINUTES of June 6, 2023 and June 13, 2023. Harmon made the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Gene Brand supported. All in favor, motion carried.

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

ASSESSOR'S REPORT- Helped Tim roll over the Quincy database and trained him on how to use it. Prepared and sent summer tax collection export to him and helped confirm the summer roll is correct. July Board of Review will need to meet on July 18, 2023. Apex Software email sent to Gene regarding changes to the program. June 23, MTA Friday update indicated 3 Senate Bills were passed by the Senate Committee regarding Veteran Exemptions. One of the three would change filing requirements from annually to one and done. The other 2 make changes to the spousal exemption. Attended the Marble-Coldwater Aquatic Weed Hearing on Saturday, June 24. Took an assessing class on Audit and Maintenance of Database and one thing that came out of the class was that if PRE form is not physically in the file, then one needs to be based on the new rule changes and the audit process. I believe Quincy is in good shape on this but will be looking into this closer. Data entry continues, one split pending entry. No additional map updates from GIS yet on the status of the 2022 splits/combinations. Back to picking up paperwork at the Equalization and Branch County Abstract on a regular basis.

BRANCH COUNTY- None.

CEMETARY REPORT- Avras property north of the cemetery has the survey completed. Hopefully the survey is close to complete for the cemetery. Tree bids for 4 trees, from K&C Lawn Care. Total was \$1800. He said he would include a fifth tree for the same price. M. Brand made a motion to accept the bid from K&C Lawn Care for \$1800. Ostrander supported. All in favor motion passed. The library flooded in the basement from a storm that recently came through the area.

ZONING REPORT- 5 Zoning permits issued June 2023. One land splits was processed. No ZBA hearing. 1 Planning Commission, 4 properties with outstanding zoning violations.

FIRE ASSOCIATION- Next meeting August 10, 2023

Public Comments- None

OLD BUSINESS- A. Laptop computers for elections- This is still on hold for now.

B. Cemetery price increase for foundations. Max checked around and we aren't far off from the others around this area. After discussion it was determined to keep the pricing the same as we are currently charging.

NEW BUSINESS- A. Apex sketch portal increase- Apex is rolling out a new program in the area that allows assessors be able to use a tablet while in the field. And cut down the amount of time to do a job down. They are proposing a rate of \$1085 annual fee if we get on board at this time. The proposed rate at a later date will be over \$2000. M. Brand made the motion to approve the APEX upgrade. Harmon supported. All in favor- motion passed.

B. Board member appointment for Fire Association- Harmon volunteered to take the appointment, pending Brockway doesn't want the position.

C. Authorization Tim Brockway Signature Cards- Harmon made a motion to have Tim Brockway put on the signature cards on all bank accounts. Ostrander supported. All in favor, motion passed.

D. Mowing clean up North Ray Quincy Road- Thomas Elder

E. Township Hall- The Faulknors are interested in selling the property located on Ray Quincy Road. They are asking a price of \$370,000. If the board would like a tour of the facility they would be open to that. If the board was to pursue this facility as a Township Hall there would have to be a milage passed. Due to the popularity of wedding venues the price of buildings like this has increased. The board agreed to look at the building at a future time.

Adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Marc Brand

Quincy Township Clerk