

Quincy Township Meeting

September 5, 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, Chris Warncke, Stepanie Studer, Barb Rochold, Wava Gano, Teddy Sinclair, Billie Pollack and Sherriff John Pollack.

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- Add laptops to new business C

APPROVAL of MINUTES of August 1, 2023 and July 25, 2023. Harmon made the motion to approve the minutes from August 1, 2023 meeting. Ostrander supported. All in favor, motion passed. Amend the minutes from July 25, 2023. Add Barb Rochold, Teddy Sinclair and Erica Ewers to guest and strike the guest listed. G. Brand made a motion to amend the minutes from the July 25 meeting. Ostrander 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-Just able to start data entry the last of August due to eye surgery-I'm up to working on Quincy this week. Quincy had the smallest pile so left it for last. There is one split in the stack pending as well. Apex Software portal software update: The sketches were uploaded to Apex and reprocessed and sent back so in a format compatible with both programs. I have spent most of August working on this transition as we had to work out some things with BS&A (assessing program) first. I have been using Butler sketches that wouldn't transfer as my training sketches to learn how to use the new Portal. Much easier to enter on the Portal then the actual program which is good news. Have been working with Pleasant Ridge on proposed special assessment district. No additional map updates from GIS yet on the status of the 2022 splits/combinations and no further update on Senate bills regarding proposed Veteran changes. Back to picking up paperwork at Equalization and Branch County Abstract on a regular basis.

BRANCH COUNTY- Sheriff John Pollack-Old Jail- County awarded the grant to tear down the old jail. Nothing new for the new jail. Corrections- Over the last six months we have 107.6 bookings every month. Patrol- Currently Patrol consists of 8 deputies with 2 Sergeants and 1 Detective. Coverage is 520 sq. miles and 1000 miles of county roads. 5 year average for complaints is 11490 or 66.5 complaints per day. Monthly average after hours OT 158 hours. Complaints 1,129 per Deputy. Staff changes Sgt. Barker retired with 29 years of service. Deputy Shutts has been promoted to Road Sergeant to replace Barker and took his position beginning February 1st. Sgt Gatke retires March 1st with 41 years. His replacement Deputy Jaye, took his position March 1st. Both Shutts and Jaye are currently in modified FTO Training. This leaves 2 vacancies and are currently reviewing applications. August 29, 2023 the Branch County Board of Commissioners voted to add 6 deputies for night patrol. New law effective June 1st you can no longer hold your cell phone while driving. 2nd Quarter statistics- 3,485 Complaints, 704 traffic stops, 70 PDA's, 11 PIA's, 85 Car deer, 12 B&E's, 24 Domestic Abuse, 7 Assaults, 30 Larcenies, 131 Arrests. Quincy Township 2nd Quarter activity: 200 Complaints, Most serious 2 CSC, 3 Burglary. Top 3 Animal calls, Property Damage and Civil. 30 Traffic Stops, 37 Property Checks, 3 Alarms and 1 K-9. 36 Criminal Activities tracked.

CEMETARY REPORT-Max provided the board with a map of the layout of the new section of the cemetery. The board approved the layout. The board approved Max to purchase lot plugs for the new section. The price of the plugs is \$6.44 each with a total of 280 plugs needed. Max was informed to go with the nicer plugs at \$6.44 each for a total of \$1,803.20. G. Brand made a motion to accept the map layout and order the raised corner markers at \$6.44 each. Harmon supported. All in favor motion carried.

ZONING REPORT- 11 Zoning permits issued July 2023. One land split was processed. 2 ZBA hearing. 1 Planning Commission, 3 properties with outstanding zoning violations.

FIRE ASSOCIATION- The fire truck has been at the shop for 5 months. It is supposed to be done in 6 months. No work has been done to it yet. Chief Sherman is going to contact the insurance company because it was deemed a total loss and the decided to have it fixed. Sherman will be contacting the insurance company soon to try and get some action taken on the truck.

Public Comments- Max stated that 2 kids were kicked out of the County Park for fishing. The park manager is informing residents that they can not fish at the First Lake Public Access.

OLD BUSINESS- A. Outside Drains and Stool in the Womens restroom- Harmon is going to contact Scott Locke about the drains. M. Brand is going to reach out to Pearson Plumbing & Heating about the stool.

NEW BUSINESS- A. P.A. 116 Tyson Kirk- The application had to be adjusted. He had included property on the application that was in Coldwater Township. The application has been amended to only have to total acreage for Quincy Township. The acreage has been updated. A motion was made to approve the amendment for the acreage by M. Brand. Ostrander supported. All in favor, motion passed.

B. Special Assessment Pleasant Ridge Petition- The residents of Pleasant Ridge have submitted a petition to the Board to have a special assessment. They are wanting to have Pleasant Ridge paved by Excel Paving. The board scheduled a Public Hearing for September 27, 2023 at 7:35 pm, with the 2nd hearing being at 7:45 pm.

C. Tabulators and Laptops for Elections- Tabulators will not be needed for the upcoming elections. The County is going to be holding the 9 day elections at a Central Location for the whole county. This will be at the Dearth Center. Quincy Township will be responsible to provide 9 workers on one day to work. The election laptops are getting old and should be replaced. M. Brand would like 3 laptops to replace these. The Treasurer would like a laptop to work from home on. The board approved a budget of \$2000 to purchase 4 laptops. A motion was made by Harmon, with support from Ostrander to approve \$2000 for laptops. All in favor, motion passed.

D. Petty Cash for Treasurer- Tim would like to have some petty cash available to make change for residents that come in to make payments. An amount of \$400 was decided to have on hand. A motion was made to give the Treasurer \$400 for petty cash by Harmon. Supported by Ostrander. All in favor, motion passed.

Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by

Marc Brand

Quincy Township Clerk