

Macomb Assessors Organization

May 16, 2023

Fern Hill Banquet Hall (Clinton Township)

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm by President Jessica Holden with a motion from Mary McKeon and seconded by Andrew Hale.

Officers Present

In Attendance: Jessica Holden (President), Sandy Birkenshaw (Treasurer), Joe Maniaci (Secretary), and Kristen Sieloff (Trustee).

Excused: Heather Schroeder (Vice-President), Jennifer Czeiszperger (Trustee), and Kimberly Wiczorek (Past President).



Minutes

The minutes from the February 14, 2023, meeting was approved with a motion from Emma Germain and seconded by Jody Corturillo. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Sandy Birkenshaw presented the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, was made by James Elrod, and supported by Kristen Sieloff. Motion passed.

Balances

General Fund: \$1,512.36

Education Fund: \$7,310.02

Total: \$8,822.38

Introductions

Kristen Sieloff introduced Mark Bernabei as the new MCAT / Appraiser Technician for the Macomb County Equalization Department.

Guest Speaker

Our guest Speaker was Thomas Girdwood (GIS Specialist) from the Macomb County Planning Department. Discussion included how he clips files and provides more granular data for the more than 63,200 acres in the county. He talked specifically about Zoning data; and how it is not being entered by the local units. March BOR showed very limited input of zoning values; and stressed how important zoning is for analysis. Don't forget that input!



Equalization Update:

Director Kristen Sieloff reminded the group to get the 4029's together and the 4028's are out there. Once approved, please get them to her. Because accurate information is important; several Equalization projects are in the works including updating Land Tables, etc.... Kristen will schedule a web meeting for August to update all assessors and/or deputies. Date will follow soon.

Education Update:

David Kirwin, with Pivot Point, has developed a class (with continued education credit) to offer our MAO members. The first class is May 23, 2023, with more to be scheduled including at the MAA Fall School/Conference.

The raffle drawing was held for our annual MAO Education Fund Scholarships. The MAO gave away (3) three \$400 scholarships to the following winners:

- Christopher Babecki
- Patty Rappuhn
- Carol Nicholson

Alternate tickets drawn included:

- Michael Lauretti
- Rachelle Battice
- Doug Okorowski

Should the awarded scholarship not be used by the original recipient within the allotted one-year period, said scholarship shall be offered to the next alternate on the list. The alternate will have 30 days to accept and one year to use. In the event alternate does not use within one year; the scholarship will revert back to the education fund for future use.

Legislative & New Business:

MAA President Jim Elrod reminded the group about the MAA Fall School/Conference which will be held at Tree Tops August 13th – 16th in Gaylord. This is an opportunity to attend classes (up to 16 credit hours) and network with other people within the State. All this fun includes breakfasts, lunches, banquets, and all education classes for \$275.00 for all MAA members. Golf is also available for those who choose.

Other MAA news includes: The Michigan Assessors Association's **Awards** Program recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the Association and the Property Tax Administration Profession. Nominations close on June 8th as the deadline.



Old Business & Upcoming Nominations:

The annual golf outing is scheduled for Friday June 9th at Bruce Hills Golf Course. We need golfers!! Also, we have deferred voting and installation of MAO officers until our August 2023 meeting; so, we are still looking for a nominee for Secretary.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mary McKeon and seconded by Debbie Kopp. President Jessica Holden adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm

Submitted by
Joe Maniaci, Secretary