

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD  
FEBRUARY 10, 2022

*approved  
as presented*

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on February 10, 2022 at the Township Hall. Board members present were – Jerry Counterman, Shari Pomranke, Jerome Isaacs, and Pam Schaedig. The group practiced social distancing.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Supervisor Counterman and began with the pledge to the flag. The agenda was distributed and approved, with several items added.

The minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted as presented. It was noted that the Tri-Board meeting March 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. will be held at Ocqueoc Township Hall instead of the Fire Hall. Also, Clerk Schaedig decided not to purchase the Dymo Label Maker.

Schaedig gave a report on the January 26 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. The proposed 2022 – 2023 budget was discussed. It would include a \$5,636.68 increase for each entity, with the reason being an increase in wages. There were 5 fulltime medics in Onaway a month ago, and they are down to 3, as well as losing 2 basics. Cheboygan offers \$76,000 salary plus benefits, and can't fill their roster. The proposed budget includes \$14.50 per hour for basics and \$19.00 for paramedics, with no benefits except a 3% retirement match. There is a possible grant for training, recruitment and retention that Coordinator Hyde is researching. There were 21 Advanced runs, 7 Basic, and 30 No-transport, which was more than transports. 1206.8 miles were logged, with 1 run to Bearinger and 3 to Ocqueoc.

The proposed Onaway Ambulance budget was discussed, and the following resolution was presented:

**Onaway Ambulance Budget for 2022 - 2023**

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Onaway Ambulance Board to submit a proposed 2022 – 2023 budget to the townships for approval before the beginning of the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.812, it is the responsibility of the Township Board to review and adopt the proposed budget for the Onaway Ambulance before the beginning of the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2022,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed Onaway Ambulance budget for 2022 – 2023 in the amount of \$548,943.45 being reviewed at a regular Ocqueoc Township Board meeting, was approved and adopted at the regular Township Board meeting dated February 10, 2022.

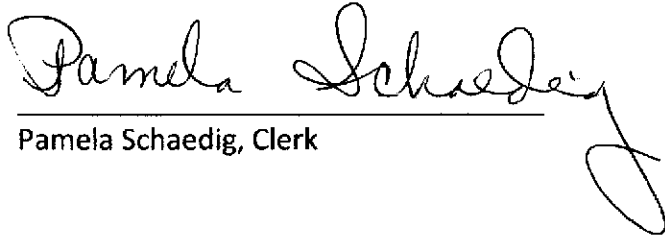
The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Pam Schaedig  
Second offered by Board Member Jerome Isaacs

Upon roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Shari Pomranke  
Pam Schaedig  
Jerome Isaacs  
Jerry Counterman

The following voted Nay: None

Absent: Susan Radka

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

  
Pamela Schaedig, Clerk

Counterman gave a report on the Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority meeting February 9. Election of officers were – Randy Smolinski chairman, Jim Zakshesky vice-chair, Martha Roznowski secretary/treasurer. In December there were 68 runs to the ER and 36 No-transports, 2448 miles logged, with Beringer having 1 No-transport and Ocqueoc 6 transports. In January there were 69 ER runs and 41 No-transports, 2575 miles logged, Beringer with 2 ER runs and Ocqueoc with 3. It was their second busiest year for runs. One 12-hour shift wasn't covered due to Covid. Lee Stawiariski volunteered to be a voting member of the Cheboygan Ambulance Board.

Counterman received the survey of the property east of the township hall, at a cost of \$1,300. There had been talk of adding to the survey, and Counterman will talk to Granger Survey about it. Isaacs said there is a thorough article in the latest MTA magazine, outlining how the Covid funds can be used. It will be discussed at the March meeting.

The Fire Department proposed budget was reviewed. It will be finalized and approved at the Tri-Board meeting March 3.

The assessor contract was reviewed. We are obligated to remain with Allan Berg for next year, due to our current contract. But the board may research other assessors in the area. A letter was received from Gary Boldrey, who assesses for several townships in the area. Schaedig will e-mail Berg with some questions that were raised during discussion.

Lappan Agency in Alpena has asked to bid on liability insurance for the township. A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Pomranke, to allow them to put in a bid. M.C.

The Board has set March 30, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the township hall for the budget hearing and for paying accumulated March bills. M.C.

The board will need to approve wording on the millage renewal for emergency services, to be put on the August primary ballot.

The Presque Isle County Township Officers Association will meet March 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Allis Township Hall.

A request has been made by Ross Spens to split a 6-acre parcel in a platted subdivision on Acorn Ridge Road, making it 2 parcels, one of 2.89 acres and one of 3 acres. A motion was made by Schaedig, supported by Isaacs, to approve the Spens lot split as requested. M.C.

Treasurer Pomranke will be busy for the next few days, since the tax deadline is February 14. She appreciates having the 2 week grace period, not having to charge penalties. Taxes on 1300 of the 1669 parcels have been received.

The schedule of meetings for the year will be published in the Advance, including a meeting Maundy Thursday at the regular time, as well as a notice of the Budget Hearing.

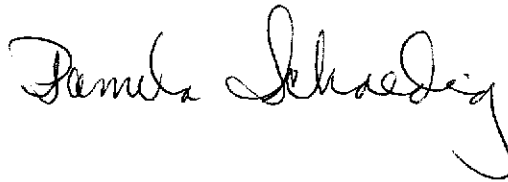
A motion was made by Counterman, seconded by Isaacs, to purchase a wooden display box for the flag which was donated by the John Basil Freel family. M.C.

The posts at the entrance to the cemetery haven't discouraged ATV or snowmobile riders from going across the driveway. Two are bent, one nearly to the ground. For safety reasons, Counterman will check to see if he can remove them.

Beverly Rossetto wanted to remind board members that fire department members are needed.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Schaedig, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Schaedig". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk