

## OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

JUNE 9, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on June, 2022 at the Township Hall. All board members were present – Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Shari Pomranke, Susan Radka, and Pam Schaedig. Also present were Tim McGee, Chad Radka, Steve and Vickie Kellar, Kevin and Janet Stephens, and Jim Spiker. The group practiced social distancing.

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Counterman at 7:00 p.m. and began with the pledge to the flag. The agenda was distributed and approved. The minutes of the May Board meeting were read and accepted as presented with several corrections.

Counterman gave a report on the Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority meeting June 8. They are searching for someone to spray for weeds. They are researching a new chassis, but may not be available until October. One rig has been in for repairs for 3 weeks, and there was a 10-hour period when 2 rigs weren't available. They are going to approach the board of commissioners for \$54,000 for new power load cots from the county ARPA funds. In April there were 66 runs and 31 No-transport, with 3 runs to Ocqueoc and 1 to Bearinger. May had 88 ER runs and 29 No-transport, with 6 runs to Ocqueoc and 2 Bearinger.

Schaedig gave a report on the May 25 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. Subscription brochures have been mailed. They are still short-handed, with one member leaving after getting her nursing degree, but a retired Onaway teacher will be filling shifts, and one coming back part-time after maternity leave. There are 3 Onaway residents in a Basic class, and hope to add them to the service. There were 28 Advanced runs, 7 Basic, and 25 No-transport, with one run each to Ocqueoc and Bearinger.

Radka gave a report on Ocqueoc Outdoor Center activities – 9 people attended the basket-making class, and the instructor donated the \$100 fee for each back to the Center. The Michigan Historical Society Magazine featured the New Deal Tour through Presque Isle County, which included the Center. Hammond Bay Biological Station is putting a research trailer at the Center where the river meets the lake, for research on lamprey and other aquatic species. Radka will be giving brochures out at the Post Office in Rogers City during the Art Walk June 10.

Radka gave a report on the Township Officers Association meeting June 7. The County hasn't spent any ARPA funds yet. Road Commission Manager David Kowalski mentioned road projects for the summer. Discussion followed about township projects, and the public boat launch. Counterman will talk to Kowalski about work needed at the launch, which it has been indicated that the county owns. Emergency Services Coordinator Sarah Melching is working on a School Safety Initiative. Their office has free Covid tests.

Dick Hanson was unable to attend to give a presentation on the ballot drop box security camera. We will see if he can attend the July 14 board meeting, but there may be an issue of having it installed before the August 2 election.

Radka gave a presentation on insurance after comparing the coverage through our current MML insurance and the company presented by Lappan Agency last month. A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, to remain with MML. M.C.

The purchase of the property from Ken Schaedig was discussed, with Counterman having drawn up a purchase agreement for \$4,500, with Schaedig needing to sign the agreement and to provide a clear title. A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by

Counterman, to have the supervisor and clerk sign the agreement. M.C. Pomranke will get the paperwork to Ken Schaedig.

Discussion followed on the Ocqueoc Lake aquatic nuisance problem. An article will appear in the upcoming newsletter about the Facebook page that has been created. They are working through Huron Pines of Gaylord, and are contacting the DNR and EGLE about the issue. There may be grant money available, depending on the types of invasive species found. An inventory of the lake will be done July 13 – 15 to make the determination. Creating a Special Assessment District was discussed, and Schaedig will do some research on what is involved.

Curtis put gravel in the potholes at the gate and along the sides by the dumpsters. There was a complaint about the middle area needing gravel, and Pomranke will check it out.

The township hall floor refinishing project is scheduled for next week.

Jeff Yaklin said he needs to raise the rates for mowing lawn – from \$50 to \$60 at the township hall, and from \$200 to \$275 at the cemetery. A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Schaedig, to pay the mentioned amounts for this year, and put the job out for bids for next year. M.C.

Large Item Day is July 9 from 8:30 – 3:00. Isaacs and Pomranke will work 8:00 – 11:30, Radka from 9:00 – 12:30, and Counterman and Schaedig from 11:30 – 3:00. Since July 4 is on a Monday, the transfer site will be closed, but open on July 5 instead. An extra pick-up has been scheduled for July 1. A few of the dumpsters are rusting through on the bottom, and GFL has been contacted. They have had dumpsters on order for over 6 months, and have a waiting list, but they will put Ocqueoc on the list.

John's Plumbing and Heating will install a new toilet in the women's bathroom the week of June 20 after the floor project is finished.

The Board agreed to a "summer fill" of the township hall and transfer site LP tanks of \$2,599.

There will be a County Residential E-Waste Collection Day Sept. 21, 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. for computer equipment and electronics at the Rogers City transfer station.

The expense report was distributed and reviewed.

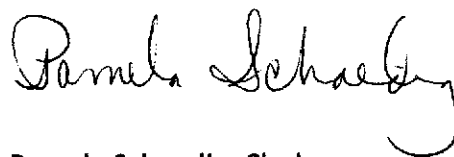
Treasurer Pomranke is getting ready for tax bills to go out.

Schaedig is authorized to purchase a new clock for the township hall.

The Election Commission (Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk) will meet July 14, 2022 at 6:50 p.m. before the next board meeting to appoint election inspectors for the August 2 election.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Radka, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela Schaedig, Clerk