

Ocqueoc Township Board

July 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board met on July 14, 2022 at the township hall. All board members were present - Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Shari Pomranke, Susan Radka, and Pam Schaedig. Also present were Joel Jaroch, Bill and Linda Wheeler, Nancy and Tom Gail, Craig and Laurie Goodlock, Kevin and Janet Stephens, Carol Hemphill, Steve and Vickie Kellar, and Gail Boughner. The group practiced social distancing.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Counterman and began with the pledge to the flag. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the June meeting were read, and approved with several corrections - Counterman delivered the paperwork to Ken Schaedig instead of Pomranke, and the Election Commission met June 21 instead of tonight for appointing election inspectors due to having to meet between 30 and 45 days before the election.

Schaedig gave a report on the Onaway Ambulance Board meeting June 29. A tree will be planted at the ambulance building in memory of board member Jay Bischer. There were 37 Advanced runs, 3 Basic, and 27 No-Transports. 1713.5 miles were logged, with neither Ocqueoc nor Bearinger having any runs.

Radka gave a report on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting. The website should be finished in the next week. The caretaker will keep it updated. They are looking for pictures of past activities for the website.

Isaacs gave a report on the short July fire board meeting. Repair work is being done on several vehicles. They are getting a Smokey Bear sign for the area to report fire danger.

Counterman delivered the purchase agreement, copy of the survey, and is waiting for Ken Schaedig to provide clear title and sign the paperwork for the purchase of the additional property near the township hall.

The Ocqueoc Lake aquatic nuisance problem was discussed. A response hasn't been received from attorney Michael Vogler on several questions. Schaedig will talk to the office Monday, and if he's not able to respond in a timely manner, she will contact MacArthur from Cheboygan, or find a lawyer familiar with Special Assessment Districts. A shoreline analysis has been done by Huron Pines, and PLM has done a survey. Individuals can have that company treat in front of residences.

A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, to approve payment of the bill for Dick Hanson from P.I. Surveillance for the video surveillance system installed to monitor the drop box outside the township hall. M.C. Schaedig was made aware of a grant that may cover

the cost, and will apply for it.

Large Item Day was discussed. The Board will schedule for the second Saturday in July of 2023, which would be July 8. On the permit for next year, it will be made clear that there is one permit per property owner, regardless of the number of parcels they own. If they want to bring another load, the cost will be \$35.

Gary Fagel has done some computer work on both the clerk's and treasurer's computers, and hopefully the issues have been resolved.

Assessor Berg is requesting the board to appoint 2 members to an Assessing Committee, for him to have meetings several times throughout the year to keep the board informed on assessing issues. A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Radka, to appoint Supervisor Counterman and Treasurer Pomranke to this new committee. M.C.

Even though the township scheduled an extra pickup the Friday before the 4th, on July 6 the attendant ran out of space in the dumpsters and had to close the site. A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, that if the attendant needs to close the transfer site due to excess garbage, she should get paid for the whole day. M.C. We will ask her if she feels it necessary to have an extra pick up around Labor Day.

In the MTA magazine, it was mentioned that the IRS mileage rate is going up from 58.5 cents to 62.5 cents until December 31 due to gas prices, and will re-evaluate at that time. A motion was made by Radka, supported by Isaacs, for the township to stay with the IRS rate beginning July 1 until December 31. M.C.

The sign at the township hall for recruitment of volunteers for the fire department needs to be removed on election day, since we have a millage request for the fire department on the ballot.

The expense report was reviewed.

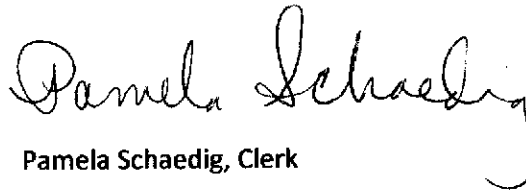
Pomranke reported that taxes are coming in well, with 350 already processed and 50 will be processed in the near future. The second ARPA check has been received and deposited. The balance in the account is \$58,038.88 - the new water pump at the township hall, as well as the refinishing of the flooring, has been paid for with those funds.

Pomranke will approach Christy Angner at the Jolly Dutchman, to see if she's interested in selling garbage bags, since the store on Huron Beach is no longer open. It would give residents a place to purchase them on days that the transfer site isn't open. Counterman mentioned that bag sales are strong, and we may have to consider another order before the end of the year.

Schaedig mentioned that the Public Accuracy Test will be conducted Saturday, July 16 at 8:00 a.m. at the township hall. She will be at the hall July 30 from 6 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., and has invited election workers to stop in during that time to familiarize themselves with the machines and procedures for the August 2 election.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Radka, to pay bills and adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 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