

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD

AUGUST 11, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on August 11, 2022 at the Township Hall. All board members were present - Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Shari Pomranke, Susan Radka, and Pam Schaedig. Also present were Rose Anne Morgan, Ben Schermerhorn, Raquelle Robbins, Kevin and Janet Stephens, Joel Jaroch, Craig and Mary Goodlock, Chad Radka, and Steve Kellar. 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 with several additions. The minutes of the July meeting were read and accepted as presented.

Schaedig gave a report on the July 27 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. Debbie St. Germaine has retired as bookkeeper, and the board appointed Dallas Hyde to take over her position and salary, since he does the bookkeeping in Cheboygan. Hyde has been able to fill rosters and hopes to hire several temporary employees. Onaway Ambulance has benefited from having employees from Cheboygan fill shifts, since they are given health benefits through Cheboygan. In the future, to fill rosters, the service may have to consider offering health benefits. Currently a family plan costs \$1,700 per month. There were 24 Advanced runs, 8 Basic, and 23 No-Transports. Ocqueoc had 2 runs and zero to Bearinger.

Counterman gave a report on the August 10 Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority meeting. In June there were 68 ER runs and 44 No-transports, with zero runs to Bearinger and Ocqueoc having 3 No-transports and 8 ER runs. Subscriptions are running behind last year. Fuel costs are very high. EMT classes are being given, and hope to get more hires. For some reason Gaylord called Traverse City instead of Indian River for ambulances when the tornado hit.

Radka reported on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting. A website is being developed. The next meeting will be at the Center to see what repairs are still needed. There is a projected \$4,000 surplus for the year, revenues vs. expenses. The archery range will be upgraded, and a person has volunteered to help. A Royal Red Maple tree will be planted in memory of Dolores Merchant. The Hammond Bay Biological Station will place a research trailer on the property and pay an annual fee of ~~\$12,000~~ ^{\$2,000}. People can volunteer through the website, and are always welcome.

Ken Schaedig hasn't replied on the purchase agreement for the land near the hall.

Jerry Counterman and Susan Radka met with attorney Michael Vogler about the Ocqueoc Lake issue. Discussion followed on treating exotic species in the lake, and what action the township should take. It also has to be determined if Orchard Lake is a public or private lake. A motion was made by Radka, supported by Pomranke, to circulate the approved petition for the township to consider the treating of Ocqueoc Lake for exotic species. M.C. 25 residents need to sign the petition in order for the township to formulate a plan.

Representatives from PLM gave a presentation on a plan for Ocqueoc Lake.

The topic of a township website was tabled until the September meeting.

GFL has been contacted about the continuing problem of the rusting bins at the transfer site, and they are planning on replacing some of the worst ones.

Counterman said there are only 16 boxes of the large and 6 of the small garbage bags, and made a motion to order a pallet of each, which was supported by Isaacs. M.C. The Jolly Dutchman has agreed to also sell bags.

Schaedig reported that there were 214 voters at the August 2 Primary election. She may need more workers for November and work ½ day shifts instead of full day. The Emergency Services millage passed 143 – 57. She thanked Joel Jaroch for the letter to the editor in the Advance about attending the Public Accuracy Test.

The clerk distributed the expense report.

Treasurer Pomranke gave the financial report, with taxes on 650 parcels out of the 1668 collected.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Schaedig to approve the Ocqueoc Township Board Resolution to Adopt Application for Access To And Ongoing Use of Public Ways by Telecommunications Providers Under Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Right-Of-Way Oversight Act, 2002 PA 48 MCL Sections 484.3101 to 484.3120 By Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op. On a roll call vote, ayes all.

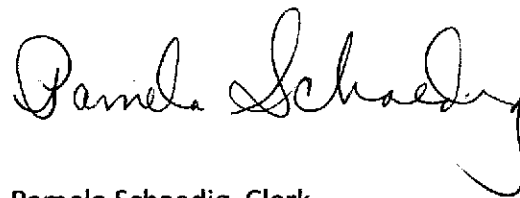
A motion was made by Radka, seconded by Schaedig, to get the names of attorneys that have expertise in the area of issues such as the Ocqueoc Lake project. M.C.

A motion was made by Isaacs, supported by Schaedig, to set the millage rate at .7 mil for both operating and emergency services. On a roll call vote, ayes all.

Counterman will replace the women's bathroom faucet and kitchen faucet.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Radka, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 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

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WHEREAS, the Application For Access To And Ongoing Use Of Public Ways By Telecommunications Providers Under Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-Of-Way Oversight Act, 2002 PA 48 MCL Sections 484.3101 To 484.3120, states "A municipality shall approve or deny access under this section within 45 days from the date a provider files an application for a permit for access to a public right-of-way." MCL 484.3115(3).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Ocquoc Township, Presque Isle County, approves Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op's Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-Of-Way Oversight Act Permit that is attached as Tab 1.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the permit contemplated in the Application brought forth by Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op is hereby approved by the Township.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Date Passed: 8-11-2022

Attested, by Order of the Township of Ocquoc
Presque Isle County, Michigan

Pamela Schaefer
Township Clerk

Larry C. ...
Township Supervisor