

## OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD

OCTOBER 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on October 13, 2022 at the Township Hall. All board members were present - Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Shari Pomranke, Susan Radka, and Pam Schaedig. Also present was Joel Jaroch. 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 September meeting were read and accepted as presented with one addition.

Schaedig gave a report on the September 28 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. The county is planning on giving money to townships from their ARPA funds - \$5 per resident for ambulance services and \$5 for fire. It will have to be figured out for Bearinger and Ocqueoc – how much to go to Rogers City Ambulance and how much to Onaway. There are 2 more payments due on the cardiac monitors, and the power cots have been paid off. Cheboygan finally filled a full-time position with benefits, at a salary of \$76,000. There were 41 Advanced runs, 8 Basic and 16 No-Transports, with 1 run to Ocqueoc and 2 to Bearinger.

Counterman reported that Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority was told that they should think ahead 3-5 years for any needed equipment, due to supply chain issues. The shortfall for July/August was \$70,835, which is paid out of the millage funds. There have been 1300 runs, which is up 13.7% from last year at this time.

Radka reported on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting September 27. At the end of August there was \$16,096 in the account. Volunteers, including Radka, worked on making bunk beds and painting the outside of the shower building. When all the bunks are completed, it will sleep 100. The tree in memory of Dolores Merchant has been purchased, and a spot has been chosen overlooking the lake. Plans are in the works to get bids for a bench. A dedication ceremony is planned for 2023. A contractor was finally found to replace the leaking roof on the bunkhouse. Website traffic is up. They are looking for persons to teach classes at the Center. There is a bat infestation in the garage. The next meeting is October 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the MSU Extension office.

Radka reported on the Ocqueoc Lake Aquatic Weed Control Advisory Committee. Guidelines were distributed for the committee. A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Pomranke, to pay advisory committee members \$50 per meeting for the duration of the set-up of the treatment of the lake. On a roll call vote, ayes all. A motion was made by Isaacs, supported by Schaedig, to appoint the following to the advisory committee – 5 members and an alternate – Joel Jaroch, Steve Kellar, Tim McGee, John Krupa, Chad Radka and Jeff Hunter. M.C. Radka will contact them to see if they would be willing to serve. A motion was made by Radka, seconded by Isaacs, to clarify that the township will pay for 50% of the cost of the first year of weed treatment, with the remaining 50% being paid by the Special Assessment District. M.C. Subsequent years would be paid by the SAD.

Regarding the purchase of property adjacent to the township hall, Karen Counterman is working on a warranty deed.

Radka had a ZOOM meeting about the township website, which would be OcqueocTwpMI.gov. She is working to have it in place by December 1.

The problems at the transfer site seem to be resolved by having new bins brought in. Several are 6-yards instead of the 8-yards that were previously there, but the attendant feels it will be fine for the winter, when there is less traffic. We will keep in touch with GFL about getting bigger ones, or additional ones, once the spring/summer season arrives.

Pomranke asked if anyone had any articles they'd like in the upcoming township newsletter.

There will be an MTA Assessing Seminar December 14 in Gaylord. Counterman and Pomranke were invited to attend. It was tabled until the November meeting.

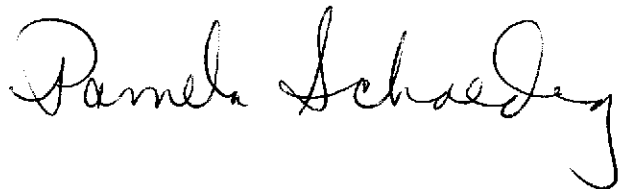
One EGLE permit was reviewed.

Joel Jaroch had several questions to bring up before the board.

A lot on Ocqueoc Lake was brought up, which had a fire and neighbors are complaining that the lot hasn't been cleaned up and is dangerous and unsightly. Counterman referred the situation to the county Building & Zoning office.

A motion was made by Isaacs, supported by Radka, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 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