

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD

February 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on February 9, 2023 at the Township Hall. Board members present were - Jerry Counterman, Shari Pomranke, Susan Radka, and Pam Schaedig. Absent was Jerome Isaacs. 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 January meeting were read and accepted as presented.

Counterman gave a report on the Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority meeting. A resolution was passed to pay necessary bills between meetings, since the board meets every two months. Two Stryker Power Loads were purchased at a cost of \$51,572.82 plus \$2,700 for installation, to be paid from County ARPA funds. The Ambulance Service will receive \$76,940, which leaves a balance of \$22,667. In December there were 88 runs to the ER and 37 No-Transports, 3091 miles logged, with 3 ER runs to Ocqueoc and 2 ER runs and 1 No-Transport to Bearinger. In January there were 68 ER runs and 34 No-Transports, 2880 miles, with Ocqueoc having 3 No-Transports and 5 ER runs, with Bearinger having 2 ER runs.

Schaedig gave a report on the January 25 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. 2022 had a record of 792 ambulance runs. Coordinator Hyde had suggested using the county ARPA funds (which are being used for the Echo Unit replacement, and lift mats) for updating the crew quarters kitchen and living quarters – perhaps new cabinets and carpeting. Onaway Ambulance is eligible to receive \$35,900. The board authorized Hyde to get prices. The budget committee will meet January 31, to have a proposed budget by the February 22 board meeting. There were 34 Advanced runs, 9 Basic, and 24 No-transports. 1869.5 miles were logged, with 3 runs each to Bearinger and Ocqueoc. The city of Onaway always has the most, because of Lynn Street Manor, and when a person is picked up in Onaway, it is counted for Onaway, even though the person may not live in Onaway.

Radka gave a report on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting on January 25. \$15,029.15 is in the fund. The memorial bench for Dolores Merchant has been ordered. The projected cost is approximately \$1,481, with Ocqueoc Township contributing \$450 and Pine Lumber making a donation. A landscape architect will put wood chips and flowers around the bench. The annual report listed accomplishments for the year. New member Ann Belanger is looking into educational opportunities for the Center and grants available. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday at 1:30 at the MSU Extension office.

Radka reported on the Ocqueoc Lake Aquatic Weed Control Committee meeting. The attorney is working on wording for the Special Assessment District petition. They have proposed including the 43 lakefront parcels, with the back lot and lagoon property owners to be assessed at 25%. The attorney will give the township detailed instructions on the process. They are hoping to have an informational meeting combined with the first public hearing in the spring.

Radka showed the board the new website for the township at ocqueoctwpmi.gov.

The board entered into a new lease agreement for the transfer site property with Todd Curtis for \$150 per month for 2 years. Counterman will talk to the County Road Commission about an alternate site.

A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Radka, to move \$1,000 from Stabilization to Township Board salaries and \$590 from Stabilization to Assessor Miscellaneous. M.C.

The proposed Fire Department budget was reviewed and will be approved at the Tri-Board meeting March 2.

The next P.I. County Township Officers meeting will be March 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Huron Beach Community Hall.

The Budget Hearing for the township proposed 2023 – 2024 budget will be held at the township hall March 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Treasurer Pomranke gave the financial report. A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Radka, to authorize Pomranke to check into CD rates and move funds where the interest rates are better. M.C.

The board set the mileage rate for 2023 at 65.5 cents to keep in line with the IRS.

Board of Review dates have been set – Organizational meeting March 7 at 9:00 a.m., Hearings March 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and March 14 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and at 7:00 p.m. to finalize.

County Emergency Services Coordinator Sarah Melching requested that the township boards of Presque Isle County approve the following resolution:

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP, PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2021
PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS the Ocqueoc Township Board recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Ocqueoc Township, Presque Isle County; and

WHEREAS Presque Isle County has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the 2021 Presque Isle County Hazard Mitigation Plan in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the 2021 Presque Isle County Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in Presque Isle County from impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Ocqueoc Township Board demonstrates their commitment to the hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the 2021 Presque Isle County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The 2021 Presque Isle County Hazard Mitigation Plan is hereby adopted as an official plan of Presque Isle County. The content of this document, together with all maps attached to and contained herein are hereby adopted by the Ocqueoc Township Board as the 2021 Presque Isle County Hazard Mitigation Plan on this 9th day of February, 2023.

Motion: Pamela Schaedig
Second: Susan Radka

Ayes: Shari Pomranke
Susan Radka
Pamela Schaedig
Jerry Counterman

Nays: None

Absent: Jerome Isaacs

Supervisor Jerry Counterman

Clerk Pamela Schaedig

Comments from the public came from Joel Jaroch, who thanked the township board for their work.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk