

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD

March 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on March 9, 2023 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 February meeting were read and accepted as presented.

Schaedig gave a report on the February 22 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. They can't get the Echo Unit as soon as they expected. The proposed 2023 – 2024 budget was reviewed, and board members were advised to take it to the townships for approval. Entity shares will remain the same, even though there are 4% raises for employees, since run volume has been up, which brings in more income. There were 32 Advanced runs, 8 Basic, and 18 No-Transports, with 3 runs to Ocqueoc and zero to Bearinger.

Radka gave a report on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting February 22. They are putting an ad in the Tourist Guide including the new website. Radka is on the marketing committee to try to make the website more user-friendly. The Memorial Garden Dedication in memory of Dolores Merchant will be Saturday, May 20 from 11:00 – 1:00. The next projects include fixing the door in the craft center. There may be an Art Education grant available. They are considering having local youth paint a mural later in the summer. Huron Pines is considering having a Huron Coastal Invasive Species Network event at the Center in early June to educate boaters, kayakers, and others using the lake on how to keep from spreading invasive species and how to report sightings. The next meeting will be March 29 at 1:30 at the MSU Extension office.

Attorney Michael Vogler has been contacted about a possible change in our Land Division Ordinance.

The proposed Onaway Ambulance budget was reviewed and the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ONAWAY AMBULANCE
BUDGET FOR 2023 – 2024

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Onaway Ambulance Board to submit a proposed 2023 – 2024 budget to the townships for approval before the beginning of the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.812, it is the responsibility of the Township Board to review and adopt the proposed budget for the Onaway Ambulance before the beginning of the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2023,

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE SALARY

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of trustee is warranted in consideration of additional duties required of the trustee and inflation, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2023, the salary of the office of trustee shall be as follows:

Trustee: \$1,800.00

This resolution offered by board member Pam Schaedig

Supported by board member Shari Pomranke

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Jerome Isaacs
Pam Schaedig
Susan Radka
Shari Pomranke
Jerry Counterman

Nay: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Treasurer Pomranke gave the financial report.

A thank-you was received from the fire department, and Rogers City ambulance, for donations from our ARPA funds.

In response to a letter from the Onaway Area Chamber of Commerce, a motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Counterman, to send \$500 toward July 4th fireworks for a public recreation. M.C.

A request was made to plant a Purple Mountain Ash tree at the cemetery near a grave at the cemetery, and the board didn't object, as long as it is put near the tree line.

Counterman had a letter from P.I.Elec.& Gas regarding natural gas rates.

The board was asked to make suggestions for funds through the American Rescue Plan Act. Pomranke will check on prices for fiberglass tables for the township hall to replace the heavy ones.

A motion was made by Isaacs, supported by Radka, to pay bills and adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Schaedig, Clerk

This resolution offered by board member Pam Schaedig

Supported by board member Susan Radka

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted Aye:

- Jerome Isaacs
- Pam Schaedig
- Susan Radka
- Shari Pomranke
- Jerry Counterman

Nay: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP CLERK SALARY

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of clerk is warranted in consideration of additional duties required of the clerk, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2023, the salary of the office of clerk shall be as follows:

Clerk: \$10,800.00

If additional duties are required due to the passage of Proposal 2, additional pay may be determined at time of elections.

This resolution offered by board member Susan Radka

Supported by board member Jerry Counterman

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted Aye:

- Jerome Isaacs
- Pam Schaedig
- Susan Radka
- Shari Pomranke
- Jerry Counterman

Nay: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR SALARY

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of supervisor is warranted in consideration of additional duties required of the supervisor and inflation, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2023, the salary of the office of supervisor shall be as follows:

Supervisor: \$7,200.00

This resolution offered by board member Pam Schaedig

Supported by board member Jerome Isaacs

Upon a roll call vote, the following voted Aye:

- Pam Schaedig
- Jerome Isaacs
- Susan Radka
- Shari Pomranke
- Jerry Counterman

Nay: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH TOWNSHIP TREASURER SALARY

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and

WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of treasurer is warranted in consideration of additional duties required of the treasurer and inflation, now

BE IT RESOLVED, that as of April 1, 2023, the salary of the office of treasurer shall be as follows:

Treasurer: \$12,600.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed Onaway Ambulance budget for 2023 – 2024 in the amount of \$546,993.45, being reviewed at a regular Ocqueoc Township Board meeting, was approved and adopted at the regular Township Board meeting dated March 9, 2023.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Pam Schaedig
Second offered by Board Member Jerome Isaacs

Ayes: Pam Schaedig
Jerome Isaacs
Susan Radka
Shari Pomranke
Jerry Counterman

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk

The contract for assessor submitted by Allan Berg was reviewed. The Clerk will contact Berg to question the parcel number he used for his calculations. The contract will be reviewed again at the March 27 budget hearing.

Deputy McClelland from the P.I. County Sheriff's Department noticed the meeting, and stopped in to introduce himself. He is originally from Flint, and previously worked for the Montmorency County Sheriff's Department and the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team. He talked about some of the issues in the county, and thanked the board for their support.

The board reviewed the expense report and worked on budget figures for the 2023 – 2024 budget year.

A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, to authorize treasurer Pomranke to move \$100,000 from Calcite Credit Union savings to CDs at the current rate of 4.75% for one year. M.C.

The township will put an advertisement to bid for mowing of the township hall and cemetery.

Board salaries were discussed, and the following resolutions were adopted.