

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
July 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on July 13, 2023 at the Township Hall. All board members were present – Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Shari Pomranke, Susan Radka and Pam Schaedig. Also present were Sandy Broughman, Laurie and Craig Goodlock, and John Burtch.

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 June meeting were read and accepted as presented.

Schaedig gave a report on the June 28 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. Coordinator Hyde reiterated that health insurance might have to be part of next year's budget. The Echo Unit is still not available, so Hyde might look for another one – ARPA funds from the county must be spent soon. He is still checking on CD rates. There were 38 ALS, 11 BLS, 9 No-Transports, with one run to Bearinger and zero to Ocqueoc.

Counterman gave a report on the Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority meeting. The new water heater was installed. In April there were 87 ER runs and 28 No-Transports, with 1 No-Transport to Bearinger and Ocqueoc with 2 No-Transports and 3 ER. May had 34 No-Transports and 76 ER runs, with Bearinger having 2 ER runs and Ocqueoc zero calls. The run volume is up for the year, with approximately 1400 calls so far.

Radka gave a report on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting. There is an online grant-writing workshop that Radka will attend along with the caretaker. The next meeting will be July 19 from 1:00 – 4:00 for painting. They hope to get a price in the next few months for a floating handicap accessible dock for canoes and kayaks.

Radka reported that petitions have been certified by the assessor, and owners of 81% of the property area are in favor of a Special Assessment District. The next step is for the attorney to draft wording for a resolution for the board to adopt, and the process for a public hearing. Steve Kellar contacted MSU about testing Ocqueoc Lake, and they hope to have results in late August or September. Discussion followed, and it was decided to wait for the results of the MSU testing. It was felt that Huron Pines should be involved, as well as input from the Black Lake Preservation Society, before any further moves are made.

Schaedig gave a report on the July 6 Fire Board meeting. For May/June there was one fire call – a leaking gas main due to individual with skid steer cleaning out ditch. There were 8 Medical runs – Rogers City Ambulance responded to 5, Onaway 3, 7 were transported to the ER and one No-Transport, 4 calls each to Bearinger and Ocqueoc. There is another prospective fire department member currently living in Rogers City, but may relocate here. The Fire Chief would like the two townships to approve the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement, which would include more department, at no cost, in the event of a major disaster in our area. There is talk that rig inspections will be made, and tires on vehicles can't be older than 7 years - #701 (1998) and #706 (2004) have 6 tires each, and the tanker has 10 tires. Chief Yaklin will investigate as to who will be making these determinations. Tires would cost between \$500 and \$700 each. A new high-power pressure washer has been purchased and received, as well as a new flagpole. Banners are up again at the township halls for recruitment. Michael Phillips applied for the Michigan Fire Equipment Grant on behalf of Bearinger and Ocqueoc

Townships. The possibility exists for each township receiving \$10,000 for fire equipment, though the list is very specific as to what is eligible. Equipment must be purchased and receipts submitted before the September deadline.

A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, to have Supervisor Counterman sign the Michigan Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Association Agreement. M.C.

Counterman reported that the County Road Commission has changed its mind, and is no longer willing to give the township any property by the gravel pit on Cheboygan Plains Hwy. The township will have to decide whether to look for another transfer site location or keep it at the current location.

Large Item Day July went well. Next year's date will be July 6, 2024. An extra pick-up was scheduled for the Friday before July 4. Due to the holiday, the bins weren't emptied until Wednesday instead of Tuesday, and the attendant had to close early because all bins were full. The truck came too late in the day for her to reopen. GFL has since delivered one more dumpster, to hopefully help with the volume of summer trash.

County Treasurer Bridget LaLonde sent a proposed resolution for the township to either accept or waive its First Right of Refusal, with authority under Public Act 123. If the township waives its First Right of Refusal, the township has decided not to purchase the indicated property.

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION OF FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL

WHEREAS, the Township of Ocqueoc has received a list of tax foreclosed parcels from the County Treasurer on June 15, 2023, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Public Act 123, 1999 and Michigan Compiled Law 211.78m and 211.78t, of the General Property Tax Act, the State of Michigan, Cities, Townships and Villages have the right of first refusal for all properties that were foreclosed by the Presque Isle County Treasurer, as of April 1, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Ocqueoc has reviewed the list of tax foreclosed properties provided to them by the County Treasurer, during a regular board meeting dated July 13, 2023,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ocqueoc Township Board elects to waive our first right of refusal to all tax-foreclosed parcels that were acquired by the County Treasurer, in accordance with the township's Right of First Refusal.

Resolution was offered by board member: Jerry Counterman

Resolution was seconded by board member: Pam Schaedig

Upon a roll call vote, the following were:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Township Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

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Pamela Schaedig, Clerk

Discussion followed on short-term rentals. Presque isle Township's ordinance was reviewed. Counterterman will bring up the possibility of a county ordinance at the next Planning Commission meeting July 20 before Ocqueoc decides whether or not to adopt an ordinance of its own.

The expense report from the Clerk and financial report from the Treasurer were distributed and reviewed.

The Board will plan for the re-surfacing of the blacktop at the township hall for summer of 2024, putting it out for bids in the spring.

Sandy Broughman presented a petition for putting a street light at the corner of Ocqueoc Road and Orcutt Highway. It would cost nothing to have P.I.E.&G. install it, but the township would have to pay a monthly fee for the electricity. Schaedig will contact them about the cost.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Radka, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk