

## OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on August 10, 2023 at the Township Hall. All board members were present – Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Shari Pomranke, Susan Radka and Pam Schaedig. Also present were Carma Cupp, Gordon and Charlene Hagen, Laurie and Craig Goodlock, Joel Jaroch, John Burtch, Sandy Dent and Margo Vroman.

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 July meeting were read and accepted as presented.

Schaedig gave a report on the July 26 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. The vehicle Hyde located to replace the Echo Unit is still not available. Coordinator Hyde checked online and there were some others available. There is \$32,700 available yet from the county – the total was \$35,900, with \$3,200 spent on the lift mats. The board authorized Hyde to spend up to the available \$32,700 on a vehicle to replace the current Echo Unit, since there is a limited amount of time to spend the money. There were 24 Advanced runs, 7 Basic, and 26 No-Transports. 1303.8 miles were logged, with 2 runs each to Ocqueoc and Bearinger.

Counterman gave a report on the Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority meeting August 9. In June there were 125 calls, with 47 No-Transports and 78 ER runs. In July there were 119 calls with 43 No-Transports and 76 ER runs, with Ocqueoc having 3 No-Transports and 2 ER runs, and Bearinger zero. In the 2022-2023 year, Bearinger had 16 No-Transports and 21 ER runs, and Ocqueoc had 6 No-Transports and 45 ER runs. Run volume is up approximately 10% from last year. Coordinator Dallas Hyde is retiring, and they will need to replace him. Both Cheboygan and Rogers City have ordered a new chassis and will have the current box remounted on them – the cost of a new chassis is up \$24,000 from the last quote.

Radka reported on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting July 19/volunteer painting event. EZ Dock entered a quote of \$48,415.18 for a handicap accessible floating canoe/kayak loading dock. There will also have to be a walkway from the parking lot to the dock. There are several grants available that may help with the cost. MSU Extension is looking into scheduling several classes in the fall. The next meeting will be August 23 at 1:30 at the MSU Extension office.

The Ocqueoc Lake Advisory Committee is waiting for the attorney to draft resolution wording and instructions on the steps regarding public hearings. MSU is doing research on the lake to determine types of aquatic life, and a report will be given when it has been completed. Other forms of treatment besides chemicals will be researched. Several residents attended the Huron Pines seminar.

The “NO WAKE” ordinance on Ocqueoc Lake was discussed, and some choose to ignore it, perhaps thinking that it’s just at the launch instead of the whole lake. Counterman will get wording to Radka to make a sign stating that the NO WAKE ordinance applies to the whole lake.

The short-term rental issue was discussed at length. Residents in attendance let the board know of their experiences with unruly renters, and infringement on their properties and possessions. Counterman said the issue will be on the agenda at the September 21 Planning Committee meeting, and several residents plan on attending.

The board decided not to pursue the installation of a light at the corner of Orcutt Hwy and Ocqueoc Road. If there were a problem with accidents at the corner, it would be a different matter.

After contacting Commissioner Mary Ann Heidemann and Mike Darga about the problem of the recycling bins at the transfer site, they added more pickups for recyclables – Mondays and Thursdays for plastic, and Tuesdays and Fridays for cardboard. So far it seems to have helped the problem.

The next Presque Isle County Township Officers Association meeting will be September 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Bismarck Township Hall in Hawks.

The expense report by the clerk was reviewed, as well as the financial report by the treasurer. Tax collections are expected to be busy until the September 14 deadline.

Several members of the board are not planning on running for re-election in 2024, and the board would like to have interest from the public to run for these positions. For more

information, contact any board member.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Radka, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk