

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on October 12, 2023 at the Township Hall. Board members present were – Jerome Isaacs, Shari Pomranke and Pam Schaedig. Also present were Sandy Brougham and Joel Jaroch.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Clerk Schaedig in the absence of Supervisor Counterman, and began with the pledge to the flag.

A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, to nominate Pomranke to chair the meeting in the absence of Counterman. M.C.

The agenda was distributed and approved. The minutes of the September meeting were read and accepted as presented.

Schaedig gave a report on the September 27 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. The new Echo Unit is here, and getting striping, a deer catcher, wiring and light bar. It will need a box, with lockable doors, which will cost \$2,000 and take about 2 weeks. Coordinator Hyde would like to start the process of ordering a new ambulance, and will get prices. With the UAW strike, though the plant that makes the chassis isn't on strike, that could change. It usually takes a year for an order, but with chip shortages, it could add 6-8 months. The rig is a 2019, and we are on a 5-year rotation. We can put it in the 2024 – 2025 budget, but it might not arrive until the next budget year. Hyde is getting information on Health Savings Accounts, and hopes to entice some from Cheboygan, where they are full time with benefits, to work a day or so in Onaway with that additional benefit. He mentioned again that there is a critical shortage of EMTs. Adding Health Savings Accounts might add \$5,000 - \$6,000 per year for entity costs, but the service needs to find more workers in order to survive. There were 37 Advanced runs, 8 Basic, and 24 No-Transports. 1,863.6 miles were logged, with 4 runs to Ocqueoc and zero to Bearinger.

Schaedig gave Counterman's Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority meeting. In August there were 139 calls, with 53 No-Transports and 86 ER runs. Bearinger had 1 ER run and 1 No-Transport, and Ocqueoc had 3 No-Transports and 5 ER runs. In September there were 129 calls, with 55 No-Transports and 74 ER runs. Bearinger had 1 No-Transport and 1 ER run, and Ocqueoc had 2 ER runs. They are planning on ordering a new rig, at an approximate cost of \$230,000.

Discussion on the Special Assessment District documents was tabled until the November meeting.

The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for October 5 was again postponed, and is scheduled for October 19.

Schaedig gave a report on the preparations for the 9 days of early voting due to the passage of Proposal 2. Ocqueoc is combining with Moltke, North Allis, and Bearinger Townships, with Ocqueoc being the location. The contract was reviewed. This is only for state and federal elections, and will start with the Presidential Primary February 27.

The audit report from J.W. Kieliszewski was reviewed. It was moved by Schaedig and seconded by Pomranke, that the Township 2022 – 2023 audited Financial Statements be accepted as presented and that, insofar as possible, the recommendations made by our auditor in his Letter of Comments and Recommendations be followed. Motion carried by roll call vote – Isaacs, Schaedig, and Pomranke all ayes.

The expense report was distributed and reviewed. The treasurer gave a financial report. A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, to have Pomranke close the savings account at Awakon C.U. (approximately \$177,000) and look into moving it into a higher interest yielding account or CD. M.C.

Sandy Brougham again brought up the request to put a light at the corner of Orcutt Highway and Ocqueoc Road. He approached the Case Township Board, and they would pay half the monthly cost if Ocqueoc would have the light installed and pay the other half of the monthly fee.

The board will put the topic on the November 9 township meeting agenda again. In July the board decided there wasn't enough of a reason, such as a high number of accidents at the corner, to warrant putting a light in. Brougham also mentioned that P.I.E.&G. is replacing the old lights with dark sky approved lighting, to eliminate light pollution.

Jaroch mentioned school board issues and the upcoming millage vote. He also talked about the transfer site, and the board wondered about purchasing the land from Todd Curtis instead of leasing it.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Schaedig, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk

ELECTION COMMISSION
(Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer)
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A meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Election Commission was held on October 12, 2023 at the Township Hall. Members present were Jerry Counterman, Shari Pomranke, and Pam Schaedig.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. by Supervisor Counterman. A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Counterman, to appoint the following persons to serve on the November 7, 2023 Onaway school millage election:

Democrats: Linda Nagy
John Burtch

Republicans: Carlotta Dallstream (chair)
Pam Schaedig

Alternate: Shari Pomranke

All appointed election inspectors have had their required every-two-year training.

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schaedig, supported by Pomranke, to adjourn. MC. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk