

## OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on April 11, 2024 at the Township Hall. Board members present were – Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Susan Radka, and Pam Schaedig. Absent was Shari Pomranke. Also present was Joel Jaroch.

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 March meeting were read and accepted as presented. The minutes of the March 25 budget hearing were read and accepted as presented.

Schaedig gave a report on the March 27 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. The new Echo Unit is finally in service. The old Echo Unit has 190,000 miles on it. Hyde will park it in the yard with a “For Sale” sign on it, or advertise on Buy/Sell/Trade. February was a slow month – 18 Advanced, 7 Basic, and 16 No-Transports, with 1105 miles logged. Ocqueoc had 2 runs and Bearer zero.

Counterman gave a report on the Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority meeting April 10. A new chassis and box are being ordered, as well as other purchases. A budget committee will meet before the next meeting. They are having a lawyer formulate wording for a renewal millage to be put on the 2024 ballot. In February there were 73 runs to the ER and 32 No-transports, 2643 miles logged, with 6 transports from Ocqueoc and zero from Bearer. In March there were 75 transports to the ER and 39 No-transports, 2611 miles logged, 2 ER runs from Bearer and Ocqueoc had 2 No-transports and 7 ER runs. They are getting calls to assist at Medilodge, such as a lift assist, and can't bill them if they don't transport to the ER. They are looking into charging for such calls.

Radka gave a report on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting March 27. The end of February balance was \$16,682.19. A grant for the outdoor classroom was received for \$3,570. Benches have been ordered. A welfare retreat is renting the whole camp and asked to be able to allow camping. There has always been a “no camping” policy, and the board confirmed that – the lease agreement will be updated to clarify the “no camping” policy. June 22 will be a mural painting class. The artwork will be displayed in the old garage, now the art center. Official opening date is June 7. The next meeting will be May 22 at 1:30 at the Outdoor Center. Perennials will be planted around the memorial bench for Dolores Merchant.

Counterman talked to the several road commission employees about a sign before the hill on U.S. 23 near the Ocqueoc Road intersection. David Kowalski, Manager, will get back to him. A motion was made by Schaedig, supported by Radka, to have the township pay for a sign to warn drivers about the upcoming intersection, if the Road Commission would be willing to install it. M.C.

The assessor situation was discussed. A contract was received from Garry Boldrey of Hillman, for an annual salary of \$18,146 plus \$1,670 for the 20% reassessment. A motion was made by Radka, seconded by Isaacs, to have the supervisor and clerk sign the contract with Rivers Edge Assessing, Inc. Upon a roll call vote, ayes all. M.C.

Only one bid was received for sealcoating of the hall parking lot – Jamie Szymanski of Final Drive – total cost of the project will be \$3,682.17. A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, to accept the bid. Upon a roll call vote, ayes all. M.C.

A letter was received from Northeast MI Pest Management about the twice-a-year fly treatment for the township hall. If we pre-pay, it would save \$17 as opposed to paying twice a year. A motion was made by Schaedig, supported by Isaacs, to pay the \$315 instead of 2 payments of \$166. M.C.

A packet of information from Mary Cummings from Mt. Morris was reviewed, regarding a road problem in Metz Township. She sent the information to all Presque Isle County Township Supervisors, to make them aware of the issue.

Joel Jaroch mentioned that the bridge over the Ocqueoc River on U.S. 23 has some issues. He will approach the county road commission and MDOT to have them check it for safety.

A motion was made by Radka, seconded by Isaacs, to pay bills and adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Pamela Schaedig, Clerk**