

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD  
AUGUST 14, 2025 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on August 14, 2025 at the Township Hall. Board members present were - Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Joel Jaroch, and Pam Schaedig. Also present were Deputy Supervisor Penny Blackwood, Deputy Treasurer Danielle Zalewski, Dorothy and Gary Hakes, and Steve Kellar.

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 as presented, with several additions later. The minutes of the July meeting were read and accepted as presented.

Schaedig gave a report on the July 30 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. Coordinator Hyde is still deciding on whether it is worth it to bill for no-transport – it will cost \$25 per billing, and though Medicaid and Blue Cross will pay, Medicare will not. In Cheboygan then have “in-house” billing, so they can decide not to bill to Medicare. But Onaway has a company do billing, and will see if that option is available. He is still expecting a new ambulance in the second quarter of 2026. There were 34 Advanced runs, 12 Basic, and 19 No-Transport, with 2 runs to Bearinger and one no-transport call to Ocqueoc.

Counterman gave a report on the Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority meeting. Approval of wage increases was tabled until the October meeting. They are having problems with the remounted rig, and will research another company in the future. Tax revenue from the solar farm should bring in over \$60,000 to the Ambulance Authority. There have been 1500 No-Transport for the year, and they are considering billing for them.

A letter has been sent to Case Township about the Fire Protection contract, but they have not responded.

Jaroch had sample cemetery ordinances from several townships for board members to review and bring back to the September meeting with comments.

Jaroch has been in contact with Elizabeth Hill from Wolverine Power concerning a possible site for a future transfer site, with the township purchasing property near Town Hall Highway and Camp Road. He passed out the information to the board for consideration, and the topic will be tabled until the September meeting.

The transfer site attendant’s job description was reviewed. The board felt that an update is needed – board members should bring suggestions to the September meeting. After the board updates the job description, it will be given to the transfer site attendant for her input before a new policy is adopted.

P.I.E.&G. has requested a renewal of our 30-year contract for electric services in the township, with the current contract expiring in April of 2026. A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, to adopt the new Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op Electric Franchise Agreement. On a roll call vote, Isaacs, Schaedig, Jaroch, and Counterman voted Aye, with Pomranke absent.

The next Large Item Day has been scheduled for July 11, 2026.

The 2024-2025 Township Audit report was distributed, reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Isaacs and seconded by Jaroch, that the Ocqueoc Township 2024 – 2025 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.

The next P.I. County Township Officers meeting will be September 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pulawski Township Hall, 5025 Darga Highway.

The expense report was distributed and reviewed. A motion was made by Schaedig seconded by Isaacs, to move \$544.28 from Stabilization to Purchase of Garbage Bags. M.C.

Deputy Treasurer Zalewski gave the financial report and reported that summer taxes are coming in steadily.

On a motion by Isaacs, seconded by Schaedig, the Operating Millage was set at .7, and EMS was set at .75, which is the same as last year. On a roll call vote, Isaacs, Schaedig, Jaroch and Counterman voted Aye, with Pomranke absent.

Jaroch has talked with Road Commission Superintendent David Kowalski, but he doesn't have an estimate on Perma-zyme for the roads that were discussed. The bridge on U.S. 23 over the Ocqueoc River is scheduled to be re-decked in 2027 and they are working on paving a detour route, perhaps using Ocqueoc Lake Road.

Steve Kellar asked which company supplies our LP for the township, and was told that it is Suburban Propane. He wondered about checking with Basel Oil, a local company, for a price. The clerk will check with them for next year's fill.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Schaedig, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk