

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD
OCTOBER 9, 2025 7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on October 9, 2025 at the Township Hall. All board members were present - Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Joel Jaroch, Shari Pomranke, and Pam Schaedig. Also present was Deputy Supervisor Penny Blackwood.

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 September meeting were read and accepted with one correction – the company working on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center dock project is Drost Landscaping, not Dross. A motion was made by Counterman, seconded by Pomranke, to accept the minutes as corrected. M.C.

Schaedig gave a report on the September 24 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. Hyde got used cupboards for the crew quarters, flooring will cost approximately \$1,500, and they will need new furniture. Most of the medics live out-of-town, so they are staying at the ambulance barn more often. The audit has been completed. There were 24 Advanced runs, 12 Basic, and 21 No-Transports, with 1 run each to Ocqueoc and Bearinger.

Counterman gave a report on the October 8 Rogers City Area Ambulance Service Authority meeting. They are waiting for prices on another vehicle, but there is a long waiting list for vehicles. Cheboygan Life Support is getting 3 chassis, and they may get one from them, and just get a remount. Chassis cost \$60,000 and \$110,000 - \$120,000 additional for remounting, whereas new rigs cost \$300,000. Curtis will again do snowplowing. Wage increases of 5% were approved. In August there were 77 ER runs and 27 No-Transports, 2736 miles logged, Ocqueoc with one No-Transport and 1 ER run, Bearinger with zero. September had 75 ER runs and 39 No-Transports, 2731 miles logged, Bearinger with 1 ER run, and Ocqueoc with 3 No-Transports and 4 ER runs. The July – September subsidy was \$64,152.45.

Jaroch gave a report on the Friends of the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting September 24. Balance on hand is \$19,813.02. WiFi will soon be available on the grounds. A star-gazing group of approximately 46, plus another 44 people used the Center, and were very impressed with the facilities. The Lumberjack Breakfast fundraiser will be October 11 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person, and there will be a speaker talking about the Center.

Jaroch met with Elizabeth Hill from Wolverine Power and walked several sites for a possible transfer site. Discussion followed about the possibility of moving the site. PAC charges for residential service were reviewed. The Transfer Site Attendant's job description was discussed, and will be finalized at the November meeting.

A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, to have Braeden Szymanski plow the township hall for the winter season, at a cost of \$35 for the small side and \$85 for the west side. M.C.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Schaedig, to change the township policy of green burials, and not allow them. M.C. Jaroch and Blackwood are working on a Cemetery Ordinance, which would address the issue, as well as the issue of requiring vaults.

The expense report was reviewed, and the treasurer's financial report was given.

The Board received several EGLE notifications.

A reminder was made of the November 13 meeting being at 10:00 a.m. November through March the board will meet at 10:00 a.m.

