

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on January 13, 2022 at the Township Hall. All board members were present – Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Susan Radka, Shari Pomranke, and Pam Schaedig. Also present was Anna Beach. The group practiced social distancing.

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 December Board meeting were read, and were accepted as presented.

Schaedig gave a report on the December 29 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. Damages to the building have been repaired, and gutters have been extended. The budget committee will meet January 19 to compile a proposed budget to be taken to the township boards at their February meetings. They are planning on having a Basic class in the spring. The audit report was presented with no problems. There were 33 Advanced runs, 11 Basic, and 25 No-Transports. 3 runs were from Ocqueoc and 1 Bearer, with 1930 miles logged.

Counterman gave a report on the Fire Board meeting January 6, 2022. There were 7 medical runs. Of them, 4 were answered by Rogers City and 3 Onaway, 4 were from Ocqueoc and 3 Bearer, 4 were transported and 3 No-transport. There were a total of 59 calls for 2021. The fire chief reported 3 fire runs during the past 2 months. Alpena Community College is scheduling firefighter training, and a recruitment article was placed in the local paper. All departments are facing shortages in members due to the time and cost involved in becoming a firefighter. The preliminary budget was discussed, and will be available at the February township meeting. March 3 is the Tri-Board meeting at the fire hall at 7:00 p.m. for approval of the budget for 2022 – 2023. Long-time firefighter Ken Pehovic passed away recently.

Counterman is still waiting to hear from the surveyor about the Ken Schaedig property near the township hall.

Garbage bags are scheduled to be delivered January 17. 50% credit will be given due to faulty bags from the previous order.

Board of Review members are Gary Yaklin, Charles Merchant, Lena Brown and Anna Beach. A motion was made by Schaedig, seconded by Isaacs, to pay per diem, mileage and expenses for board of review training in Alpena February 1 for the 4 members and Supervisor Counterman. M.C.

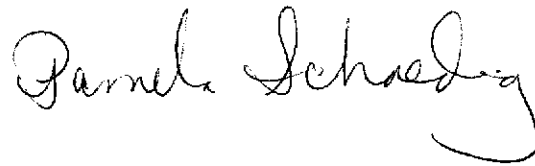
The expense report was distributed and reviewed.

Treasurer Pomranke reported that winter taxes have been collected on 867 parcels (out of 1659). \$25,000 is left to be collected on summer taxes. She received the swamp tax payment of \$32,841.72 (\$4.50 per acre on 14,596.320 acres). Half is sent to the township and half to the county. Ocqueoc receives the second highest amount of the townships in Presque Isle County.

Clerk Schaedig mentioned wanting to purchase a Dymo Label Maker for absentee ballots. Susan Radka has a new one, never used, that she is willing to sell to the township for \$150. She suggested having the clerk try it to see if it works for what she wants to use it for before the township purchases it from Radka.

A motion was made by Radka, seconded by Isaacs, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Schaedig". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk