

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD  
NOVEMBER 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on November 10, 2022 at the Township Hall. All board members were present - Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Shari Pomranke, Susan Radka, and Pam Schaedig. Also present was Joel Jaroch. 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 October meeting were read and accepted as presented.

As far as the lot on Ocqueoc Lake that was mentioned last month, the site has been inspected by the county, and they said it has been cleaned up adequately.

Schaedig gave a report on the October 26 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. There were more No-Transports than usual, since there have been more calls to 911, the most being from the doctors' offices. The crew wants to purchase another lift mat – it has an air compressor and battery, and inflates with a push of a button. It will lift up to 700 pounds, and is useful for getting a person back on his feet after a fall. There were 26 Advanced runs, 11 Basic and 29 No-transports, with neither Bearinger nor Ocqueoc having any runs. The November meeting will be the 30<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Radka gave a report on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting October 26. The tree in memory of Dolores Merchant has been planted, and a dedication is planned for spring, along with purchasing a bench and plaque. The bunkhouse roof is in the process of being completed. Several grants are being researched. The caretaker would like to learn how to write grants, and will work with Mary Ann Heidemann. Radka provided a list of accomplishments during 2022, and planned projects for 2023. There will be a PayPal button on the website for donations and purchasing historical books. The November/December meetings will be combined for one meeting in December due to the holidays.

Radka gave a report on the Ocqueoc Lake Advisory Committee meeting. All appointed members of the committee have been contacted except one and agreed to serve. The first meeting will be November 14 at 7:00 p.m., and subsequent meetings will be the second Monday of each month. Due to all necessary steps, the first treatment probably won't be done until 2024.

The Fire Board had a short meeting. A donation of ARPA funds was given, and an additional \$13 per call will be given to members until the donation runs out. A budget committee was appointed.

Karen Counterman is preparing a warranty deed for the purchase of property from Ken Schaedig. Hopefully the process will be completed by the next board meeting.

Radka reported that the township website domain name has been approved. The website will include board member contact information, ordinances, documents and forms, information about the transfer site, etc. The suggestion was made that the Onaway Art teacher be contacted about having students design a logo for the website.

The Huntington Bank office in Rogers City is closing in January, but the treasurer feels we can work it out to be able to stay with Huntington until our several years of checks are used.

Schaedig gave a report on the November 8 election. The turn-out was good, almost 70% - 382 out of 571 voters. There were 2 voters who voted for the first time. The election board got many "thank yous" for their service.

The expense report was reviewed, and Schaedig made the motion to make the following amendments to the budget – to move from Stabilization to the following line items - \$2,000 to Township Board Salaries, \$1,000 to Township Board Mileage, \$200 to Clerk Office Supplies, and \$2,000 to Pension, and from Election Equipment, move \$200 to Election Supplies and \$200 to Election Printing and Publishing. Ayes all.

Treasurer Pomranke gave the financial report, and is preparing to send out December taxes and the newsletter. The Board commended her on the newsletter.

The next P.I. County Township Officers Association meeting will be held on December 6 at 7:00 p.m. hosted by Pulawski Township, tentatively at the Posen Community Center.

A motion was made by Isaacs, supported by Schaedig, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk