

## OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Ocqueoc Township Board was held on July 11, 2024 at the Township Hall. All board members were present – Jerry Counterman, Jerome Isaacs, Shari Pomranke, Susan Radka and Pam Schaedig. Also present were Chad Radka, Ken Radzibon, Michael and Jennifer Porter, Joel Jaroch, Kimberly Gildner, John Kaszonyi, and Jessica Chandler.

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 the board approved changing the order of items to offer speakers an opportunity to talk before the business meeting.

Kimberly Gildner introduced herself to the board as a candidate for Probate Judge. She gave her background and experience, and why she's running for the office.

Jessica Chandler and John Kaszonyi talked about the millage renewal that will be on the August 6 election for Onaway Schools. They told the group that this is an operating renewal, which is needed to operate the schools. They stressed the importance of passing the millage.

County Prosecutor Ken Radzibon is a running again for the position. He gave his background and experience, as well as what kinds of crimes are prevalent in the county.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Schaedig, to dispense with the reading of the June minutes.

Schaedig gave a report on the June 26 Onaway Ambulance Board meeting. All financial reports were approved. They are expecting more repairs and maintenance, since there will be a delay in getting a new rig – the newest rig has almost 200,000 miles on it. Cheboygan Life Support is approaching the county about raising the millage for services from .5 to .75 mil., which would subsidize Forest and Waverly Townships. There were 32 Advanced runs, 5 Basic, and 14 No-Transports. 1626.5 miles were logged, with 1 run to Bearinger and zero Ocqueoc.

Radka gave a report on the Ocqueoc Outdoor Center meeting June 26. The area for the outdoor classroom is being graveled and cement benches ordered. The Mural Class had the 20 maximum, and murals were completed – the garage is scheduled to become a community art studio. Several roofs have been replaced, and the fire pit has been repaired. A flag, to commemorate the camp being a former CCC camp and on the National Registry, will be purchased and flown with the American flag. The next meeting will be July 24 at the MSU Extension office in Rogers City at 1:30.

Counterman gave a report on the Fire Board meeting. The Fire Chief reported on the calls for May – June, and ongoing training. A permit has been issued to repair the dry hydrant at the Refuge Harbor. 4 new air tanks have been purchased, and the filling station has been repaired. A donation was received to purchase new metal units to store gear for better air flow. There were 8 Medical calls (7 medical and 1 accident). Rogers City Ambulance responded to 7 and Onaway 1, with 7 to an ER and one transport to funeral home. Of the 8 calls, 4 were to Bearinger and 4 to Ocqueoc.

Counterman hasn't heard from the Road Commission about a sign we requested on U.S. 23 near the intersection of Ocqueoc Road. Radka volunteered to attend the next Road Commission meeting to ask about it.

Counterman received an estimate of \$12,900 for clearing and leveling of the gravel pit near the cemetery, culverts, and widening the driveway, to be made into a transfer site.

Counterman estimates that fencing and gates would be approximately \$2,700, and estimates that the total project would cost approximately \$16,000. The board will discuss it at the August meeting.

Pomranke and Radka met to look at chairs and tables for the township hall. A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Schaedig, to authorize the purchase of 10 chairs with arms and 30 without, four 8-foot tables, eight 6-foot tables, and 2 ADA compliant picnic tables at an approximate cost of \$5,500, to be taken from the American Rescue Plan Act funds. M.C.

Counterman will have plans for an update of the kitchen at the August meeting.

The transfer site was discussed. The Clerk will call GFL about the possibility of getting more bins, and replacing one that is rusted at the bottom. Even with an extra pick-up the Friday after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, the attendant had to close early because all the bins were full.

The expenditure report was distributed and reviewed. Treasurer Pomranke reported that summer taxes are steadily being received and processed.

Counterman read several letters that he received. One was about the county having a Materials Management Plan. Another letter was received after the Assessing Audit, noting that the township was basically compliant, but with several areas that could use improvement. Counterman will talk to our assessor about the letter.

A motion was made by Isaacs, seconded by Schaedig, to pay bills and adjourn. M.C. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk