

SPECIAL MEETING/TRI-BOARD
OCQUEOC AND BEARINGER TOWNSHIP BOARDS/FIRE BOARD
MARCH 6, 2025

A special Tri-Board meeting (Bearinger Township Board, Ocqueoc Township Board, and Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board) was held on March 6, 2025 at the Fire Hall. Full Bearinger Township Board was present, Jerome Isaacs was absent from the Ocqueoc Board, all but Isaacs were present from the Fire Board.

The meeting was called to order by Fire Board chairman Jerry Counterman at 7:00 p.m. and began with the pledge to the flag. The agenda and minutes were approved as printed.

The financial officer gave the financial report.

Assistant Fire Chief Merchant reported that there were 7 calls in January/February – 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 structure fire, 1 odor investigation, 1 false fire alarm, and 1 Sheriff Department assist. He mentioned training completed, vehicle repairs, and Mustang float coats donated from the New Baltimore Fire Department through Fire Chief Bilinski. They are working on ISO requirements to keep the 8B-10 rating. New captains are Dave Wojtylko and John Sola.

MFR Coordinator Beach reported there were 10 calls (7 medical and 3 accidents), Rogers City Ambulance responding to 7 and Onaway 3, 7 resulted in ER runs and 3 refused transports.

A motion was made and approved to purchase new carpet for the office, with funds coming from the HBCA fund.

The proposed 2025 – 2026 budget was discussed. At 7:45 the Fire Board meeting was suspended and the Ocqueoc Township Board was called.

By roll call vote, the following resolution was presented:

OCQUEOC TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT OCQUEOC/BEARINGER FIRE
DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR 2025 – 2026

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Board to submit a proposed 2025 – 2026 budget to the townships for approval before the beginning of the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2025, and

WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.812, it is the responsibility of the Ocqueoc Township Board to review and adopt the proposed budget for the Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department before the beginning of the fiscal year commencing April 1, 2025,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed Ocqueoc/Bearinger Fire Department budget for 2025 – 2026, being reviewed at a special tri-board meeting, in the amount of \$109,760, was approved and adopted at the special board meeting dated March 6, 2025.

The resolution was offered by board member Pam Schaedig

The resolution was seconded by board member Joel Jaroch

Upon roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Joel Jaroch

Shari Pomranke
Pam Schaedig
Jerry Counterman

The following voted Nay: None
Absent: Jerome Isaacs

The Clerk declared the resolution adopted.

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk

The Ocqueoc Township portion of the meeting adjourned at 7:50p.m.

The Bearinger Township Board met and approved the budget unanimously.

Financial Officer Beverly Rossetto thanked both townships for their support of the Fire Department to keep the community safe.

The Tri-Board meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Schaedig, Clerk

