

OCQUEOC BEARINGER FIRE BOARD MEETING  
Regular meeting, Tuesday, July 10, 2012  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman, Jeff Foster, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Board member present were Jeff Foster, Jerry Counterman, John Malaski and Beverly Rossetto. Others in attendance were Fire Chief Yaklin, Medical Coordinator Anna Beach, two First Responders, one Fire Fighter and four citizens.

B. Rossetto will begin the recording of the minutes for this meeting until Secretary Shutes arrives.

Minutes of the May 3, 2012 meeting was reviewed. B. Rossetto made a motion to correct the spelling of John Malaski's (4 times), John Malaski seconded the motion. Motion was made to correct the DR abbreviation to Dr. All in favor, motion carried. Jerry Counterman made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections, John Malaski seconded the motions. All in favor, motion carried.

Chief Yaklin Report: In May and June there were three Fire Runs,

1. Acorn Lane, house fire
2. Able Lane, carbon monoxide detector, false alarm
3. The Biological Lab, fire alarm malfunction.

Air Compressor training has been completed.

Michigan Air Fit test has been completed. All Firefighters and First Responders passed.

The dry hydrant repair and construction is in progress and should be completed soon.

For the HBCA garage sale, July 14, 2012, the Fire Chief has made arrangement for Alpena Fire Equipment to have a person present for citizens to bring their Home Fire Extinguisher in to be tested and/or re-filled.

Chief Yaklin is researching and reviewing Thermo Imaging Cameras to be purchased in the near future.

The leak in the roof still needs to be repaired.

Secretary Shutes arrived at 7:30 P.M. and will continue the recording of these minutes.

Minutes, continued by Secretary Shutes, 7:30 PM-

The purchase of the ORV was discussed in detail. A John Deere and a Kubota were each test driven. The Polaris has not had a test drive. There are positive and negative aspects of both Orb's that were driven. A vote from the fire department members who were present was taken.

John Deere- Anna Beach, Larry Beach, Ken Pehovic.....yes.  
Polaris- Gary Yaklin.....yes.....John Deere, second choice.

Bev Rossetto made a motion to purchase the John Deere with trailer for a cost of approximately \$22,442. Jerry Counterman seconded the motion. All board members were in favor so the motion carried.

\$22,442 (approximate cost)  
-1,410 (HBCA donation)  
\$21,032 (total, approximate cost)

The budgeted amount was \$25,000 so the unit came in \$3968 under the budgeted amount.

Rossetto made a motion to allow Chief Yaklin to finish the unit with the necessary accessories as long as they fall within the budget. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

The grant for the security cameras has not been received yet. We should know by August if the department got the grant.

A new computer is needed. John Malaski made a motion to buy a Gateway Computer for the cost of approximately \$429. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Anna Beach needs the computer to file her reports to the State of Michigan.

Fire Department members have two (2) years to complete training or they can not continue to get paid to go to meetings. Because Jonathan Merchant has been involved with the department for over two years without completing training by taking the test Shutes made a motion to suspend Jonathan Merchant as of July 10<sup>th</sup>. Malaski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

There will be training on July 18<sup>th</sup> for extrication equipment. Training on a crushed car with test dummy will be in August.

Vital Care can no longer fill the oxygen tanks. Air Gas in Alpena can do it.

Red Cross Shelter training is on Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> in Alpena. No other information is available.

Rossetto will purchase a new vacuum cleaner for the building.

Independent Bank and Chemical Bank are merging.

Malaski made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on September 6, 2012 @ 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted-

Nancy Shutes, Fire Board Secretary