

OCQUEOC/BEARINGER FIRE BOARD MEETING
Regular meeting, Thursday, November 1, 2012 7 PM
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairman Jeff Foster followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. All board members were present. Chief Yaklin was absent.

B. Rossetto made a motion to approve the agenda. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

The minutes from the September 6, 2012 meeting were reviewed. There was a correction concerning the amount of money in the HBCA Fund. The correct number should have been \$1,410.08 not \$2135.08. Also the ERV has insurance under our current policy. Rossetto made a motion to accept the minutes, with corrections. Malaski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Rossetto presented the treasury report. Total funds are \$62,701.35
Checking=\$22,817.91 Savings=\$39,883.44
Counterman made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

There was one fire reported on Orchard Lake.

Anna Beach, Medical Coordinator reported that there were 17 medical runs in the past two months. 16 people were transported to the hospital. 2 calls were from Bearinger, 15 from Ocqueoc of which 7 or 8 were from Golden Beach Manor.

Old business was discussed. Michigan Par Plan was in attendance to present the Fire Department a check for grant money for the security cameras. One more camera needs to be purchased for the hall way. An inside motion detector will also be needed. Thanks to Ken Pehovic for his idea to get security cameras.

Red Cross Shelter Training was held at the Fire Hall. 18 people were at the September training and 22 were at the October training. We are the only community in Presque Isle County to have an official shelter. Rossetto

requested \$57.57 to pay for coffee, sandwiches and snacks for the class participants. Foster made a motion to reimburse Rossetto \$57.57 for expenses for the Red Cross Shelter Training class. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

The roof repairs are complete. The cost was \$208.

The ERV is still in need of lights. They should be installed within the next couple of weeks. Straps need to be purchased. Rossetto made a motion to buy straps at Pine Lumber for \$90. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Thermal Imaging cameras have gone down in price. One can be purchased for around \$9,000. It includes two chargers and should be here by Thanksgiving. Everyone involved with the Fire Department will be trained to use the camera.

New business was next. An application from Jeremiah McQuaid to join the Fire Department was discussed. Rossetto made a motion to accept Jeremiah McQuaid's application as a trainee. Counterman seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Deputy Chief Merchant and Chairman Foster attended an MTA seminar on recruiting and motivating. They both said it was a lot of information. Most Volunteer Fire Departments have trouble getting recruits and keeping them.

A Budget Committee was formed. This will be on a volunteer basis. Beverly Rossetto, Jeff Foster, John Malaski, Charles Merchant and Gary Yaklin will meet on November 7 @ 7 PM. Some "wish list" items include a tower, flag pole, outdoor lighting and smoke ejector system for the hall.

Rossetto made a motion to adjourn @ 8:50 PM. Malaski seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Next meeting is on Jan.3, 2013 @ 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Shutes, Fire Board Secretary