

OCQUEOC/BEARINGER FIRE BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, 05 September 2013 7:00 PM  
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairman, Jeff Foster followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following board members were present:

Jeff Foster, Chairman	(Trustee – Ocqueoc)
Jerry Counterman	(Supervisor – Ocqueoc)
Irvin Dedow	(Bearinger)
Beverly Rossetto, Treasurer	(Clerk – Bearinger)
Archie Patterson, Secretary	(Trustee – Bearinger)

Other attendees:

Gary Yaklin, Fire Chief  
Charles Merchant, Assistant Chief  
Anna Beach, Medical Coordinator

### **Agenda**

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved as written. Motion to approve was made by by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion carried.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The minutes for the 10 July Fire Board Meeting were reviewed and with a discussion of the switch from Hughes Internet to Frontier DSL. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Beverly Rossetto, seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion carried.

### **Reports**

Treasure's Report was presented by Beverly Rossetto covered 1-31 July and 1-31 August with a summary and check registers. Starting balance of all funds, on 1 July, was \$52,913.66 and the ending balance on 31 August of \$38,973.55. Beverly Rossetto provided clarifications on disbursements, review of the audit report, and outlined the HBCA donations. Irvin Dedow talked about real property depreciation, the need to use the standard chart of accounts and using the Bearinger Township software to achieve this since Beverly Rossetto has access via her Township Clerk's job. Motion to see permission to use the Bearinger Township software was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief's Report was give by Gary Yaklin. There were seven call ups in the last two months which were made up of *four false alarms*, *two* fire calls and *one* road accidents. MIOSHA visited the station again and found several reporting non-compliance. The fine was \$2200 and by agreeing not to appeal the fine was reduced to \$840. Mutual aid agreement with Alverno Fire Department being explored. The external lights are working but need some adjustments.

Assistant. Fire Chiefs Report was given by Charles Merchant. Training schedule is being reviewed. They did get in some on the Gator. They noted the vehicle weight may have reached the max for the trailer and they will explore trading it in for a trailer with higher carrying capacity.

Medical Coordinator's Report was given by Anna Beach. There were 17 medical runs (16 medical and 1 accident) with all transported to the hospital. Allied responded to 14 and Onaway to three. Three of the calls were in Bearinger and thirteen were in Ocqueoc. The ambulance passed its test. There is an EMT class scheduled to be in Case Township. Anna Beach drove the Gator in a parade and would like a dress shirt for such events.

### **Unfinished business**

The keychains have been delivered. (200 each - \$241.90) There was a discussion of how to distribute the keychains to the public. The volunteers have their tee shirts – 2 each. The audit report was discussed along with spraying the building for insects to reduce the nesting on the building. The letter to our attorney was read asking if we can bill business' for services and not bill residents.

The repair of the Fire Engine air leak was discussed. Irvin Dedow recommended we get it repaired and he contacted Scientific Brake in Gaylord which was familiar with the truck and gave an estimate to repair on site of from \$300 to \$400. Irvin Dedow made a motion to authorize up to \$1000 to repair the truck with Beverly Rossetto seconding. Motion Carried.

### **New Business**

Beverly Rossetto mention they have had discussions with Thunder Bay who can offer the required staff physicals at their Rogers City and Onaway clinics. She pointed out that we will need a better filing cabinet to store the physicals securely. Jerry Counterman motioned that Beverly Rossetto authorized to contract with Thunder Bay clinics. Jeff Foster seconded. Motion Carried. Beverly Rossetto signed the agreement with with Thunder Bay.

Tuition agreement review. A Training Tuition contract between the Fire Department and Student/Trainee was read. In the agreement the Fire Dept. agrees to pay the cost of tuition, books and mileage expense for training and the Student agrees to complete the training, obtain a valid State of Michigan Basic License and become certified with the National Registry of EMT's and/or Firefighters. The student further agrees that they shall be an active member of the Fire Department for at least two years or reimburse the full training expense to the Fire Dept. Jeff Foster made a motion to seek permission to use the agreement and Irvin Dedow seconded. Motion Carried.

### **Topics**

#### Public Comment

It was asked if we can charge for dry runs when called out to a Bio Station and there is no fire? The need for a modern jaws of life was discussed, along with a discussion of an exhaust extraction system for the trucks.

The susceptibility of 702 getting stuck in the soft ground was discussed. The lack of an adequate tow rope and hooks on the truck was discussed.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jerry Counterman and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Archie Jay Patterson II  
Secretary