

OCQUEOC/BEARINGER FIRE BOARD MEETING  
Thursday, 10 July 2013 7:00 PM  
Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 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)
Erv 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 Archie Patterson, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The minutes for the 2 May Fire Board Meeting were reviewed and corrections in three places were requested. Motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

### **Reports**

Treasure's Report was presented by Beverly Rossetto covered 1-31 May and 1-30 June with a summary and check registers. Starting balance on 1 May was \$12,736.86 and the ending balance on 30 June of \$52,913.89. Archie Patterson asked what the fiscal year was and it is 1 April thru 31 March. Jeff Foster asked about donations and there was one.

Fire Chief's Report was give by Gary Yaklin. There were four call ups in May and June. One gas leak that was later found by PIE&G. MIOSHA visited the station and found it in compliance. Equipment inspections and testing is being kept current. Chief Yaklin outlined the continuing training for volunteers. Received six radios paid for by a grant and four hand held radios. All radios are programmed a like. The station hosted a regional Fire Chiefs meeting to discuss mutual problems.

Assistant. Fire Chiefs Report was given by Charles Merchant. Now that he is back from vacation he will get back on overseeing the training schedule.

Medical Coordinator's Report was given by Anna Beach. There were 8 medical runs with transports to the hospital and no accidents. Allied responded to six and Onaway to two. Two of the calls were in Bearinger and six were in Ocqueoc. They plan on having blood pressure checking station set up at the HBCA Garage Sale on 13 July. We are in the process of the annual renewal of the ambulance license.

## **Unfinished business**

Air lines to trucks. We have a bid for putting in the air lines to the trucks but will wait until the trucks have been inspected. The trucks compressed air leak will be analyzed Bill Hiscock who has experience on trucks before a final solution is implemented.

Parking lot lighting bid of \$1750 covers six exterior building lights. Lights would have motion sensors and light sensors to reduce costs. It was asked what type of lights would be used. Gary Yaklin said he would call. It was also asked if one of the lights could be used to light the flag pole. A motion was made by Archie Patterson to spend up to \$1800 for the lights and was seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

Flag Pole location was discussed and the desired location would be marked so installation can begin.

## **New Business**

Promotional material to be handed out to the public was discussed. A red keychain LED flashlight was selected. Discussion also covered where, when and to whom the material would be handed out. Motion by Beverly Rossetto to purchase 200 of the keychain lights was made and seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Hats or T-Shirts for the Volunteers was discussed and based on feed back from the Volunteers a blue T-Shirt was selected with their name and Fire Department Logo embroidered on the front. Motion by Jerry Counterman to purchase two shirt for each Volunteer and seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried.

## **Topics**

Public Comment. Anna Beach pointed out there is a new board to tracking volunteers' certifications. It was mention it would be nice to get our trucks and the gator in parades for exposure. Anna Beach also said she located some storage boxes at a Tractor Supply Company store and gave the information to the Fire Chief. There was a discussion of getting turnout gear for a new volunteer.

From the board. Jeff Foster read a draft letter by Pam that would ask our attorney if we can bill a business for making runs. After a brief discussion it was decided to obtain an opinion. Motion by Archie Patterson and seconded by Jerry Counterman authorized contacting the lawyer. Motion Carried.

Discussion of the Mutual Aid agreement indicated Charley Merchant had the boards comments for the Chief's meeting on Mutual Aid.

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,  
Archie Jay Patterson II  
Secretary