

# OCQUEOC/BEARINGER FIRE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, 07 November 2013 7:00 PM

## Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Jerry Counterman followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following board members were present:

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

The following board members were absent:

Jeff Foster, Chairman	(Trustee – Ocqueoc)
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Other attendees:

Gary Yaklin, Fire Chief

Anna Beach, Medical Coordinator

### **Agenda**

The meeting agenda was reviewed and approved as written. Jerry Counterman stated there being no comments on the agenda it was approved.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The minutes for the 9 September Fire Board Meeting were reviewed. Two corrections to the minutes were pointed out. The seven runs for the two month period were made up of four false alarms, one accident and two fire runs. The number of key chains purchased was 200 not 250. 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 1-30 September and 1- 31 October with a summary and check registers. Starting balance of all funds, on 1 September was \$38,973,55 and the ending balance on 31 October of \$53,556.28. A transfer of \$10,000 from the General Fund was done to cover expenses and deposits from each township of \$495 was made to cover the cost of Pontem software. In addition to normal operating expenses and the Pontem software two sets of turnout gear and two hoses were purchased. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's Report was give by Gary Yaklin. There were no runs for the covered time frame. Air packs and ladders were tested. The air system on Pumper 701 was found to have a bad valve and Scientific Brake was unable to find a replacement part. The Fire Chief said they went on line and found a replacement part made in India and the part was installed. No leaks now. They have started the budget planning process. They have not been able to get Firefighter 1 & 2 training locally and some volunteers two year probationary period may expire. It was asked if we could get a waiver from the state since there was no available training locally or work with other fire departments to sponsor a local training class. There was a comment about creating a paid position to be at the station during the day until volunteers could take over in the evenings.

The trailer used to pull the EORV could not take the weight of the rig and all equipment and is not in service now. They have a quote of \$1,445 to exchange the trailer for a dual axle sixteen foot steel trailer with a

MGVW of 7,500 pounds from Brewbakers in Onaway. The original aluminum trailer cost \$1,550. Jerry Counterman thought he might be able to buy a trailer in Ohio where he has been working for less and would look into it. It was suggested that if this was possible a special meeting could be called to authorize the purchase.

Assistant Fire Chiefs Report. There was no Assistant Fire Chief's report.

Medical Coordinator's Report was given by Anna Beach. There were nine medical runs (9 medical and 0 accidents) with all transported to the hospital. Allied responded to seven and Onaway to two. Two of the calls were in Bearinger and seven were in Ocqueoc.

### **Unfinished business**

Beverly Rossetto talked to the attorney to answer some of his questions with regards to our letter. Beverly Rossetto gave a brief history of the Pontem software purchase and how using the Bearinger Township software would throw the Bearinger Township books off at the end of the year. Pontem lowered their price to \$990 to purchase with \$240 per year for support and maintenance. Each township provided \$495 for the purchase. Irvin Dedow thought the Fire Board should have voted to purchase the software first. Jerry Counterman pointed out that if townships want to buy the software they can. Motion to approve the purchase of the software was made by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried. Motion to allow the Treasurer to install the software on her personal computer was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Irvin Dedow.

### **New Business**

Chief Gary Yaklin pointed out they have gotten grants in the past to support the Fire Department. A Grant Committee was formed with Jeff Foster, Gary Yaklin and one other person to be named by them. Motion to approve the formation of a Grant Committee was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

The need for a Budget Committee was discussed. Irvin Dedow stated we should have a savings program to replace equipment in the future. Jerry Counterman thought there might be a limitation on how much they could save and we should check into that first. A Budget Committee was formed made up of Irvin Dedow, Beverly Rossetto and Gary Yaklin. Motion to appoint the committee by Archie Patterson and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion carried. Results should presented to the board at the January meeting.

### **Topics**

#### Public Comment.

Some possible grant sources were mentioned and that we saved money by doing work ourselves.

Motion to adjourn was made by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Archie Jay Patterson II  
Secretary