

OCQUEOC/BEARINGER FIRE BOARD  
MEETING  
Thursday, 2 May 2013 7:00 PM Minutes (Corrected Copy)

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)
John Malaski	(Supervisor – 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**

Agenda date was corrected from March 7, 2013 to May 2, 2013. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Review of the Meeting Minutes from March 7, 2013 found two typos on page 2.

Motion to accept as revised by Beverly Rossetto and seconded by John Malaski. Motion Carried.

#### **Reports**

Treasurer's Report by Beverly Rossetto covered both March and April. It was noted we received a donation from a person that was helped by our first responders to show their appreciation. Reviewed possible medical support for volunteers annual physicals. Motion to pay Lappan and attorney's bills by Archie Patterson and seconded by John Malaski. Motion Carried.

Beverly Rossetto wants to place a Call 211 poster in the window and asked that Volunteer's worksheets be signed to support the auditor. Not all are currently signed.

Jeff Foster commented that not everyone's medical records are up to date. Anna Beach said she is working on getting their medical records up dated.

Fire Chief's Report by Gary Yaklin reported the details of two runs during the period and provided an update on training. The dry hydrant at the refuge harbor is broken again. There has been a review with MIOSHA.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report by Charles Merchant covered in-house training. Water training for brush fires will be 15 May and Fire Response training will be 29 May.

Gary Yaklin indicated they are looking for two diamond plate tool boxes to keep items safe and dry.

Beverly Rossetto moved that we authorize up to \$1000 to buy the boxes. Jerry Counterman seconded. Motion Carried.

Medical Coordinator's Report by Anna Beach indicated there were seven medical runs and all seven were transported to the hospital. Training was discussed.

#### **Unfinished Business**

Letter from attorney was read and said it is recommended that one of the Bearinger Township members resign as having three on the board constitutes a township quorum and a conflict of interest as voting on the Fire Board could also be considered .voting as Township Board.

Changes to the EMR's compensation was brought up and John Malaski asked the compensation for all responders be set at \$30 per run.

Motion to set compensation at \$30 per run for all EMR made by John Malaski and seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried.

Getting bids for the exterior lighting.

Flag Pole installation. Jeff Foster would like the Flag Pole up my Memorial Day and a group was organized to install the pole.

#### **New Member**

Because of the legal opinion that one of the Bearinger Township Board members should resign, John Malaski offered his resignation. Irvin Dedow and Patricia Augustine both volunteered for the vacancy. Irvin Dedow was unable to attend the meeting. Patricia Augustine spoke. Letters from both candidates were read by Beverly Rossetto. Motion to appoint a new member to the board was made. Vote was by paper ballot and the results were counted by Fire Chief Gary Yaklin and Irvin Dedow was elected to the board.

#### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

It was decided to move the meeting to July 10<sup>th</sup> and keep the time at 7:00 pm.

#### **Compressed Air Lines.**

One of the problems with several of the trucks is the bleed down of the air from the braking system. This bleed down prevents the trucks from moving until the engine powered air compressor brings the brake system pressure up to at least 60 psi. After discussion the problem Jeff Foster offered to provide a small air compressor so an on board compressor could be tested on unit 701.

#### **Promotional Materials**

Jeff Foster opened a discussion about obtaining promotional materials as give back to the public and garner public support. Further investigation into the possible items and their cost was agreed to.

#### **Hats and/or Tee Shirts**

Jeff Foster opened a discussion about providing the volunteers with hats and tee shirts. Need sizes, quantities and prices.

#### **Public Comment**

It was suggested that the paper ballots be saved for a year as the actual vote would not be recorded in the minutes.

#### **Board Comment**

There was a discussion about reviewing the mutual aid agreement to send comments back to the organization via the Chief. A committee to review the agreement and forward comments to the Fire Chief made up of Archie Patterson, Charles Merchant, Jerry Counterman and Jeff Foster will meet at 7:30 pm on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Hall.

#### **Member Resignation**

John Malaski turned in his resignation from the Board. Beverly Rossetto read his letter. Archie Patterson made a motion to accept John's resignation and it was seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

#### **Additional Public Comment**

It was noted that the security system was open to the room and made noise to draw attention to the unit. Jeff Foster said they were planning on adding a door in front of the system and were seeking estimates.

#### **Adjournment**

Archie Patterson made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.