

OCQUEOC/BEARINGER FIRE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, 05 March 2014 7:00 PM

Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Jeff Foster followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following board members were present:

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

Other attendees:

Charles Merchant, Assistant Chief
Anna Beach, Medical Coordinator

Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed and motion to approved the agenda as written by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried

Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the 02 January Fire Board Meeting were reviewed with no corrections. Motion to approve the minutes by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

Announcement: Jeff Foster stated that because of the nature of the meeting people wanting to make a comment should raise their hand to be acknowledged.

Reports

Treasurer's Report was presented by Beverly Rossetto covered 1 January thru 5 March 2014 with a summary and check registers attached for each. Starting balance of all funds, on 1 January was \$48,365.73 and the ending balance on 28 February was \$42,143.49 after expense. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Archie Patterson and seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion carried.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report was give by Charles Merchant. There were two incidents the department responded to, one of which was a mutual aid call from Case Township. The Assistant Chief was unable to respond to any calls because of a broken pager. Unit 702 was decommissioned for the winter to prevent freezing. One truck was taken out on the mutual aid call and because of the prolonged exposure to the freezing weather suffered some damage and it now has some valve leaks that will have to be repaired. At the Chiefs meeting it was reported that there will be additional money in the county for firefighter training. Holding the training in Case Township would be a central location. Got an estimate for the multi-gas detection meter and it is within budget. The meter can be set up to detect four gases. The radio dead zones are a county wide and before we invest in a repeater system the county dispatch radio system needs to be fixed. Fire Chiefs hope to pass on to the county commissioners the need to fix their problem.

Medical Coordinator's Report was given by Anna Beach. There were four runs for January and February. Two were supported by Allied and two by Onaway Ambulance. One call was in Bearinger and three were in Ocqueoc Township and all were transported to a hospital.

Unfinished business

Wage Board Meeting – The committee compensation is adequate as it is. The committee felt that a limit of 6 hours should be imposed on the compensation for members responding to search and rescue calls outside the department's area.

Irvin Dedow indicated that he felt responders should be paid for the hours expended.

Irvin Dedow asked how many of these we have had. The answer was two in the last three years. A motion to accept the Wage Board Report with the limitations to compensation of 6 hours for search and rescue outside the department's area was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Trailer Report – A report was presented on three options to replace the current trailer. The three options presented were for an RC Trailer, Hauln Cargo and a Colony. All were 7x16 foot enclosed trailers with dual axles. It was felt a replacement could be had for the amount in the upcoming budget.

Norm Smith - Not present at the meeting.

The letter from our attorney was read and answered our two questions. (1) The assisted living facility was required to have staff trained in basic first aid and CPR and not to any higher level. (2) The townships have the power to impose billing for services on those the department respond to but all would have to be billed. It also stated that individuals would be billed not the organization where they were located. In conclusion the attorney stated the organizations where the patient was could not be billed.

Fire Department Budget – Beverly Rossetto presented the budget and estimated surplus funds from the current year. There followed a discussion of the budget with suggestions to increase certain areas and decrease others. After a discussion of the Capital Expenditures some items were removed and others changed. The final budget amount for the coming year was set at: \$119,000.00

A role call vote was taken to approve the budget as amended:

Yes- Jeff Foster, Jerry Counterman, Beverly Rossetto, and Irvin Dedow No – Archie Patterson

The budget was reviewed first by the Bearinger Township Board in a separate meeting and a motion was passed approving the budget. The Ocqueoc Township Board also approved the budget in a separate meeting.

New Business

There was a resolution to adopt the budget approved by the townships and was made by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Jerry Counterman. Role Call vote: Yes—Jeff Foster, Jerry Counterman, Beverly Rossetto, and Irvin Dedow; No – Archie Patterson

Jeff Foster congratulated Paul Counterman on completion of his training and certification.

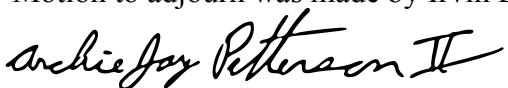
Topics

Comment.

No public comment

No board comment

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



Respectfully submitted,

Archie Jay Patterson II

Secretary

Note: Next Fire Board Meeting is: 3 July 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Hall as the May meeting was cancelled on 29 April 2014.