

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board Meeting
Thursday, 6 November 2014

Attending Board Members

Jeff Foster, Chairman
Beverly Rossetto, Treasurer
Archie Patterson, Secretary
Jerry Counterman, Director
Irvin Dedow, Director

Other Attendees

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance. The agenda was reviewed and motion to approve the agenda as revised by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the 4 September 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Announcements: None

Reports.

Treasurer's Report. Beverly Rossetto presented the Treasurers Report. The 1 September 2014 had starting funds of \$42,988.82. To meet expenses \$10,000 was transferred from savings to checking. September ended with a balance of \$46,227.03 after disbursements of \$3,891.26 and interest income of \$1.47 and donations of \$2,128. October had disbursements of \$1,876.86, township contributions of Ocqueoc: \$20,747.72 and Bearinger: \$23,855.95, interest income of \$2.07 with an ending balance of \$88,995.91. The Treasurer requested permission to move funds from different categories. The board decided to move \$1,500 from Dry Hydrants to Vehicle Maintenance. Motion to approve the budget adjustments by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Archie Patterson and seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief's Report. There was only one run in the last two months. The department has purchased lights for 702 and the trailer. The lettering has been installed on the OREV trailer. The department tried new hand held radios. Bought a two-gas gas detector for emergency responses. Discussed other building and vehicle maintenance. Firefighter One (I) class starting 7 January in Topinabee, MI. Cost \$150 each plus \$80 text book and we pay mileage to attend. Mutual Aid agreement has been signed with Alverno Fire Department. Tested 50w radios versus 25w radios and found no improvement in dead areas.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report: Had training on using the gas tester and camera and the battery charger in 701. Next training meeting is 12 November, move 31 December training to Monday, 30 December. The MTA conference at Frankenmuth, MI covered volunteer recruitment and retention, multi-department purchases and large incidence mobilization or resources.

Medical Coordinator. For the period there were eleven medical runs and no accident calls. Eight were transported to the hospital. Five calls were in Bearinger and six were in Ocqueoc. Anna Beach gave her report on the purchasing uniforms for the volunteers to wear to special events such as funerals and parades. Blue shirts for volunteers and white shirts for officers. A badge for each, plus two extra, to read Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Department with the county seal in the center. Motion to approve the order by Beverly Rossetto, seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried. Anna Beach also announced there will be a two hour CPR class at the station Saturday morning.

Unfinished Business.

Grants: The availability of different grants was discussed. Applications for grants is due 7 December. A committee made up of Irvin Dedow, Gary Yaklin and Anna Beach were appointed.

New Business.

Firefighter certification: State law requires completion in two years. Department has extended this to over four years because of a lack of training. The next Firefighter One (I) course will be in January. Those past the two year limit must complete this course. Motion to allow those over the two year limit to remain pending completion of the January class: For Jerry Counterman, Archie Patterson, Jeff Foster. Opposed: Irvin Dedow. Abstain: Beverly Rossetto.

Snow Removal: Bid from Curtis for \$95 per clearing was discussed. Motion to approve the contract by Jerry Counterman, seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

Budget Committee: Capital equipment needs were discussed and extraction equipment and a repeater system were mentioned. A motion to appoint a budget committee made up of Irvin Dedow, Gary Yaklin, and Beverly Rossetto was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried. Committee to meet in December.

Adjourn. Motion by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Jerry Counterman to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm. Next board meeting will be held on: 6 January 2015

Respectfully submitted
Archie Patterson
Secretary