

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board meeting Thursday, 3 July 2014

Attending Board Members

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

Other Attendees

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

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Foster at 7:12 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance. The agenda was reviewed with one addition. Motion to approve the revised agenda by Beverly Rossetto and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

The minutes from the 5 March 2014 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.

Jeff Foster announced the new trailer was in the station.

Reports

Treasurer, Beverly Rossetto presented the Treasurer's reports for March, April, May, and June. Beginning balance on 1 March of \$42,143.49 and an ending balance on 30 June of \$65,469.09 counting financial contributions from both Ocqueoc and Bearinger townships in May totaling \$44,603.69. Included in the report were the check registers and revised budget report. Jeff Foster asked if we should put a portion of the money in a CD. Jerry Counterman suggested that a money market might be better. It was decided that the Treasurer should contact the bank to determine which was the best for us. Irvin Dedow made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and the treasurer evaluate options, seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief, Gary Yaklin, gave his report outlining the three runs the department made since the last meeting. There was one chimney fire and two false alarms. There was an extensive discussion of training with Fire Fighting 1 (FD1) to be taught in Rogers City. Staff may now take FD1 separately from FD2. Equipment check found battery leaks in an air pack. Vehicle maintenance was completed. Radio system checks for some reception problems were with the radios. New radios purchased. The radio repeater problem was discussed. Committee to evaluation the problems and solutions was formed. Jeff Foster, Mike Daugal, Chuck Hilger, Paul Counterman. Motion to approve forming the committee by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried

The Garage Sale was discussed. Date is 12 July 2014. Archie Patterson to send insurance certificate to Beverly Rossetto.

Truck 701 had problems pumping from a dry hydrant. It was determined that if the water level in the tanker was down too low the system could not self prime the pump. Training to be modified so the water level will not be too low when connecting to the dry hydrant.

Assistant Fire Chief, Charles Merchant, reported on training, policy manual revisions needed. A committee will be formed this fall to review the policy manual.

Medical Coordinator, Anna Beach, gave her report on the number of runs during this period. March and April there were 11 and May and June there were 7. Of these Onaway responded to 7. Two were in Bearinger Township and 17 were in Ocqueoc Township.

Unfinished Business

The Marigold Lane fireworks were extensively discussed. Fire Chief, Gary Yaklin said he had reviewed and approved the site plan. Permits were issued by other agencies.

New Business

Compensation for required off site training was discussed. Policies of other departments were reviewed. Motion was made by Irvin Dedow that once the Fire Chief determines the training is a requirement the department would pay mileage *for training outside the station* and \$20 for *training attendance at the station (revised at 9/4/14 meeting)*. Seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Archie Patterson gave a presentation comparing the current setup of the department under PA33 with creating an authority under PA57. He outlined the advantages of being an authority. It was moved by Irvin Dedow the board members would take the issue back to there boards and report back at the next meeting. Seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Volunteer records physicals are current for some members. Those on the list need to get their physicals.

There was a discussion of charging a fee for responding to a fire. Jerry Counterman suggested we could develop a schedule of fees for responding and evaluate companies that would do the billing for us. There should be a committee to consider fees. No further action was taken.

Next meeting will be on 4 September 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by Jerry Counterman, seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted.
Archie Patterson
Secretary