

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board Meeting
Thursday, 3 September 2014

AttendingBoardMembers

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

OtherAttendees

Gary Yaklin, Fire Chief
Anna Beach, EMS Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance. The agenda was reviewed with one addition. Motion to approve the agenda as revised by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the 3 July 2014 meeting were reviewed. A motion to correct the third paragraph on the second page was offered by Beverly Rossetto and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried. Revision clarifies that mileage will be paid to approved training away from the station and \$20 will be paid for attending training at the station. Motion to approve the revised minutes by Jerry Counterman, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.

Announcements: None

Reports.

Treasurer's Report. Beverly Rossetto presented the Treasurers Report. The 1 July 2014 had starting funds of \$65,469.09. To meet expenses \$20,000 was transferred from savings to checking. July ended with a balance of \$52,860.92 after disbursements of \$12,610.37 and interest income of \$2.20. August had disbursements of \$4,933.99, interest income of \$1.89 and donations of \$60.00 and ended with a balance of \$47,988.82. The revised budget presented reflected the need to move \$2,000 from Tire Replacement to Maintenance, move \$602.00 from Training to Safety Equipment, move \$500.00 from Office Equipment & Supplies to Radio Maintenance, and move \$60.00 from Misc. plus \$10.00 from Maintenance to Gas & Oil to cover short falls in those account categories. Motion to approve the budget adjustments by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried. In answer to a question Irvin Dedow pointed out spending has reached 27% to date. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Jerry Counterman and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

FireChief's Report. There were three runs for the last two months. Two were false alarms. New radios were purchased. The Kenwood 25w radio in unit 701 was replaced with a 50w unit that should help transmission. Pagers and radios were repaired. Other equipment problems and repairs were discussed. Work on finding a Fire Fighter One course was discussed and will be further investigated by the Fire Chief. All three dry hydrants were tested. HBCA presented the largest check ever to the Chief at their last meeting. Fire Department sign on the road needs to have information to help get new volunteers. Jeff Foster indicated we could use money from the Public Awareness fund for the sign.

MedicalCoordinator. Anna Beach gave the Medical Coordinator's report. For the period there were eleven medical runs and no accident calls. All were transported to the hospital. Two calls were in Bearinger and nine were in Ocqueoc. The emergency response rig passed inspection. Anna participated in several parades with department equipment. She discussed the presentation she gave at the August HBCA meeting.

Unfinished Business.

BecominganAuthority. Ocqueoc Township Board did not take up the presentation given by Archie Patterson at the last Fire Board meeting. Archie mentioned he gave his presentation to the Bearinger Township Board and with the Bearinger vote of two-to-one against the Fire Department Millage it was decided that becoming an authority was not viable at this time because of lack of public support in Bearinger Township.

RadioCommunications. The problem with the radio communications in sections of the townships is still being investigated and possible solutions being reviewed.

New Business.

MutualAidAgreement. A mutual aid agreement with Alverno Fire Department was presented. Alverno Fire Department covers Aloha, Benton and Grant townships. The chief pointed out that in the last thirty years we have not had a need to call on them but with proximity to sections of Bearinger Township an agreement would be nice to have. Motion by Irvin

Dedow, seconded by Beverly Rossetto to approve the signing of the agreement. Motion Carried. Fire Chief Yaklin was authorized to sign the agreement.

Trailer Lettering. Jeff Foster suggested we put the Fire Department lettering on the sides and back of the trailer used to move the EORV. Motion by Archie Patterson, seconded by Jerry Counterman to authorize the investigation of the cost and method to put the lettering on the trailer. Motion Carried.

Sign. There was a discussion of adding a sign to the existing sign by the road to allow words to be added indicating the need for Volunteers and provide the public with other information. Motion by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Beverly Rossetto to authorize the investigation for a sign. Motion Carried. Fire Chief appointed to investigate.

Public Comments.

It was suggested that a reflective chevron be added to the back of unit 705 to improve rear visibility. The status of the gas detector was brought up. Fire Chief to get price.

Anna Beach said there is a new hunt club on a thousand acres of land spanning both Presque Isle county and Cheboygan County and they will be adding a restaurant. She will be kept up to date on the gate access codes.

Beverly Rossetto reported on using a CD for savings and said the interest rate was the same as a savings account. Jerry Counterman suggested she check into a Money Market Account that might pay more and still allow funds to be withdrawn as needed.

Jeff Foster brought up the need for dress uniforms for those that participate in public events. Uniform would be made up of a shirt, badge (\$18), patches (\$3) and matching pants. Anna Beach agreed to get prices to outfit the ten active members. Item will be considered for next year's budget.

Jeff Foster requested that we think about the budget for the next meeting which will be on 6 November 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn. Motion by Archie Patterson, seconded by Beverly Rossetto to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Archie Patterson
Secretary