

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board Meeting

Thursday 05 November 2015

Attending Board Members

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

Other Attendees

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

The agenda was reviewed and a motion to approve the agenda was made by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

Minutes from the 3 September meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 starting balance was \$71,577.88, with expenses of \$4,018.52, interest/dividend income of \$2.42, and a donation of \$20, leaving an end balance of \$68,581.80. October interest income of \$13.84, township contributions of \$35,843.68, grants and a PIE&G refund totaling \$2,462.27 and after expenses of \$2,400.68 leaving an ending balance of \$104,500.89. The Treasurer said she had gotten Chemical Bank to raise the interest on our savings from 0.05% to 0.10% and will monitor the other accounts to make sure we are getting the maximum interest.

Fire Chief's Report:

The Fire Chief reported two runs during the period. One accident on US-23 and the smell of gas on a lane near access marker one. Using Wild Land Grant funds the department has purchased specialized wild land turnout gear which will allow the department to assist on wild land fires on State Land. The dry hydrant was installed during the bridge reconstruction and only the top connector still needs to be installed. The bridge is scheduled to reopen on 19 December 2015. The staff conducts three meetings per month for inspections and training. There was a discussion of training funds at the Fire Chiefs Meeting. Irvin Dedow asked if we should get our facility certified as a training facility. Response was there were physical and equipment requirements we would have to meet and they were happy using the Case Fire Department facilities. After inspecting medical response unit 707 no front end damage was found but because of different front tires the driving alignment was off. The department should budget for new tires.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

~~Anna Beach~~ *Debra Green* conducted training last night on blood born pathogens. Next training will be on air packs.

Old Business:

Irvin Dedow reported that we were turned down for our grant applications. Grants are not granted for fixed tower repeaters. Our grant request for extraction equipment made it to the final review stage but our financial needs were not as great as others. There was a discussion of the need for protective covers for wild land fires in case the crew was over run by the fire. It was decided that our area did not have the conditions that would lend themselves to being over run by a fire.

New Business:

The approval process for approving spending was reviewed with Irvin Dedow asking if we had a written procedure. Beverly Rossetto agreed to review the by-laws to see if there were in there.

The proposed meeting dates were presented and approved by a motion made by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried. The 7:00 pm meetings will be held on: 7 January, 3 March (Tri-Board Budget), 5 May, 7 July, 1 September, and 3 November.

Beverly Rossetto brought up the need for a FAX machine to receive confidential run report information. A Panasonic for \$79 was proposed. After review it was determined the unit used thermal printing and it was decided that was not acceptable. A search for a toner (laser) based FAX would be undertaken. A second phone line or a unique FAX ring tone would be need for the hall. A motion by Irvin Dedow to authorize the purchase of a printer up to \$200 was seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.

After a discussion a budget committee made up of Irvin Dedow, Gary Yaklin and Beverly Rossetto was appointed. A 1 December date for the meeting was selected.

The need for Red Cross refresher training was discussed for the facility to be used as an emergency shelter. Last training was in the fall of 2012. Sixteen people are still left on the list of trained personnel. The Red Cross had indicated it needed an Action Team for the area and was looking for volunteers.

The need to secure the equipment and tools was discussed. The response vehicles would be moved to a heated facility during any emergency.

Medical Coordinator's Report

The medical coordinator's report was read by Beverly Rossetto as Anna Beach had to leave. The report indicated there were twenty-one runs. Twenty for medical reasons and one for an accident. All twenty-one were transported to the hospital. Two of the calls were in Bearinger Township and nineteen were in Ocqueoc Township.

Beverly Rossetto reported our worker's compensation was with Auto-Owners Insurance and cost \$801 per year.

Public Comment

It was asked what budgeted funds had not been spent and Gary Yaklin said he had the information.

Visitors to the meeting were introduced and said they were working on a project for their civics class. They asked if the department had any junior training programs as there was interest at their school. Irvin Dedow said he would look into it.

Board Comment

None

Motion to adjourn by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Archie Patterson

Secretary

Next meeting: 7 January 2016 at 7:00 pm