

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board Meeting
Thursday, 6 January 2015

Attending Board Members

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

Other Attendees

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

Absent

Jerry Counterman, Director

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 Archie Patterson and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

Minutes from the 6 November 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.

Reports.

Treasurer's Report. Beverly Rossetto presented the Treasurers Report. The 1 November 2014 had starting funds of \$88,959.20. September ended with a balance of \$84,642.48 after disbursements of \$4,316.72 and interest income of \$3.29. December had disbursements of \$790.25, interest income of \$3.45 and a PIE&G rebate of \$27.11 with an ending balance of \$83,882.79. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Archie Patterson and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief's Report. There were two runs in the last two months. Firefighter One class begins today. We received a grant from DNR for \$2,000 for wild land fire turn out gear. These are matching funds. The Chief has asked the snow plow service we use for a quote to plow the Ocqueoc River access road so the department can get to the river's water intake. The Chief outlined the quote they received for the ice rescue equipment and training. Estimated costs: personnel equipment of \$4012, a rescue sled of \$2,900, and training of \$3,000 for total of close to \$10,000. Next training class is in Hillman, Michigan on 24 January 2015. It was agreed the Chief could order the equipment without the sled.

Irvin Dedow gave a summary of the process used to apply for the grants. Two were applied for on one grant request form.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report: Volunteer meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month with the last Wednesday for training. They will attend the Board of Review Training that is coming up.

Medical Coordinator. The medical run report was presented. From 1 November thru 31 December there were seventeen runs and all were for medical reasons with no accidents. Allied our of Rogers City responded to thirteen, Onaway to four. Four calls were in Bearinger and thirteen calls were in Ocqueoc. Sixteen of the calls were transports to the hospital. The summary for 2014 was also given with fifty-seven medical runs and two for accidents. The board was reminded that Ann Beach is working on ordering the dress uniforms and the volunteers should provide sizes at their next meeting.

Unfinished Business.

Irvin Dedow gave a brief overview of next years budget. After a lengthy discussion of the budget with adjustments to selected line items a final figure was agreed upon of \$100,400.00 and the Treasurer will republish the budget to be presented to the Townships. Motion to approve the revised budget by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.

New Business.

A question was presented from the Ocqueoc Township Board at the request of several Ocqueoc Township Residents on whether we should have a physical standard for EMS personnel. It was pointed out that our First Responders meet the standards for First Responders and do not do any heavy lifting such as moving people. That is done by the responding EMS life support personnel. It was also pointed out that all extraction is done by either the EMS personnel or Firefighters that are called to the scene. It was decide to drop the issue and no action was taken.

Public Comment. None

Board Comment. Irvin Dedow expressed his concern with using plastic lines for compressed air as opposed to iron pipe that he is used to seeing. It was pointed out the plastic pipe was rated to handle the a higher pressure then was planned for the system. Irvin Dedow thought we should check to maker MIOSHA has no problems with using plastic pipe.

Adjourn. Motion by Archie Patterson, seconded by Irvin Dedow to adjourn. Motion Carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm. The 2015 meetings will be held at 7:00 pm on the following dates:
6 January, 5 March, 7 May, 2 July, 3 September, and 5 November.

Respectfully submitted
Archie Patterson
Secretary