

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, 7 January 2016

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 5 November 2015 meeting were reviewed. Corrections were offered. Motion to approve the revised minutes was made by Beverly Rossetto and seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 November 2015 starting savings account balance was \$79,495.16, with expenses of \$4,492.38, interest income of \$71.84 leaving an end balance of \$75,020.62. The Equipment Fund had a starting balance of \$25,005.73 with interest income of \$3.08 for a final balance of 25,008.81. December interest income of \$18.45 and a donation of \$50 and expenses of \$1,786.75 left a savings account ending balance of \$73,302.32. The Equipment Fund earned interest of \$23.19 for an ending balance of \$25,012.00. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief's Report:

There were seventeen Fire Department runs for all of 2015. Four were on Christmas eve related to power lines and wind. Some of the members participated in a live house fire training in Rogers City which provided a live fire experience and training not often obtained. Burning rooms were entered to fight fires. The department had regular meetings as well as a meeting of the Budget Committee. The area Fire Chiefs' meeting was held in Rogers City. The Chiefs approved funds for Fire Fighter I & II training. Emilie Stawiarski gave presentations on human resources rules and conduct. The dry hydrant on the new bridge is finished.

Irvin Dedow gave a short review of his presentation to the Fire Chiefs on the future of 800 MHz radios.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

The department will get back to their normal training schedule starting with air packs. They are trying to source ice rescue training once the weather is acceptable. The Fire Chiefs' are looking for a February ice rescue training but our department will get ice rescue training thru the vendor that supplied the ice rescue equipment.

Medical Coordinator's Report

There is traumatic stress consultation available for those that respond to a traumatic seen. There were a total of twelve runs for November and December with all twelve being medical runs not related to accidents. Rogers City Area Ambulance responded to ten and Onaway Ambulance Service responded to two. Of these calls three were in Bearinger Township and nine were in Ocqueoc Township. Ten

were transported to the hospital. Of the there two there was one refusal and one turned over the County Medical Examiner.

Jeff Foster asked if there was any planned or new training. Answer was none.

Old Business:

The Medical Coordinator's FAX machine has been installed using a separate line and is functioning perfectly.

Archie Patterson pointed out that the general FAX machine needs to have a DSL filter before it should be used and he offered to obtain one.

New Business:

Irvin Dedow gave a report on his action related to a training program at the Onaway High School. He then gave a presentation on the 800 Mhz radio system and how it could solve many of our communications problems.

Irvin Dedow gave a summary of the Budget Committee's budget proposal that includes replacing the existing multi-person extraction equipment with more portable one-person extraction equipment. Some line items were adjusted and a motion by Irvin Dedow to approve the amended budget for presentation to the Townships' boards was seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.

A motion, by Irvin Dedow was made to amend the current medical coordinator budget equipment line item to add funds for an additional defibrillator and to authorize the purchase of said item using the HBCA funds. Motion was seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

One of the Fire Fighters announced he is retiring from the Fire Department and moving to the Alpena area.

There was a discussion of a junior members group training in Fire Fighting versus EMT training.

Board Comment

Board comments on our lost Fire Department sign and where the 911 fees we pay on our phone bills go.

The board agreed the old printer in the basement may be recycled by Archie Patterson. Archie Patterson also agreed to obtain a DSL filter for the rooms FAX machine and to investigate connecting the Wifi system in the room.

Motion to adjourn by Beverly Rossetto, seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Archie Patterson

Secretary

Next meeting: 3 March 2016 at 7:00 pm will be a Tri-Board meeting.