

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board
Meeting Minutes (Revised)
Thursday, 5 May 2016

Attending Board Members

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

Other Attendees

Anna Beach, EMS Coordinator

Absent

Jeff Foster, Chairman

Gary Yaklin, Fire Chief

Charles Merchant, Assistant Fire Chief

Jerry Counterman called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from the 3 March 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 March 2016 starting operating fund balance was \$57,365.12, with expenses of \$14,471.32, interest income of \$11.57 and Fire Report income of \$5.00 leaving an end operating fund balance of \$42,910.37. April operating fund interest income of \$9.08 and expenses of \$7,109.26 left an ending balance of \$35,810.19. March equipment fund starting balance of \$25,018.15 and interest of \$3.18 leaving an ending balance of \$25,021.33. Interest in February of \$3.08 left an ending equipment fund balance of \$25,024.41. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief's Report:

None

Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

None

Medical Coordinator's Report

For the period of 1 March thru 30 April there were six runs. All of which Rogers City Area Ambulance Services Authority responded to. Of these calls one was in Bearinger Township and five were in Ocqueoc Township. For of the six were transported to the hospital.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None.

Public Comment

There should be an AED in 701 to be near the staff at a scene. The AED is in the brush rig that responds to fires as well. Unit 705, the six wheel tanker lacks lights on the back and needs assist steps

to get in and out of.

It was pointed out that it would currently be difficult to get to the new dry-hydrant and should be changed. It was pointed out that the project is not complete and modifications will be made to make it accessible. The project was limited by easement access, DEQ and highway restrictions as all three had to agree on the design and engineering.

Board Comment

Archie Patterson stated he thought the doors on the Gator were not functional and the installation of the weinch on the bumper of the brush rig did not make it relocatable as the connector is a pin and it is hardwired to the battery. It was pointed out that it was connected this way to make it usable until the parts could be obtained to connect it correctly. Archie Patterson also stated the department needs better oversight of the purchases to prevent the purchase of expensive items when cheaper items are available.

Jerry Counterman said the staff should follow the chain of command and go thru the Fire Chief or Assistant Fire Chief first and then come to this board if the issues were not addressed. Issues and problems need to be documented in writing for the board to act. Archie Patterson suggested that the staff write a memo-for-the-record to document issues when they happen.

Motion to adjourn by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Archie Patterson
Secretary

Next meeting: 7 July 2016 at 7:00 pm.