

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 7 July 2016

Attending Board Members

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

Other Attendees

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

Absent

Jeff Foster, Chairman

Jerry Counterman called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from the 5 May 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, was made by Beverly Rossetto and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 May 2016 starting operating fund balance was \$35,810.19, Township contributions of \$49,212.14, with expenses of \$3,476.65, interest income of \$8.44 leaving an operating fund balance of \$81,554.12. June operating interest income of \$17.44, donations of \$500, insurance dividend of \$493.56 and expenses of \$7,132.60 left an ending operation balance of \$75,433.02. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief's Report:

In the two month period there were two fire runs. Applied to the ~~DNR~~ **DNR** for a 50/50 grant. Need a new **portable** generator on 701 pumper. The water condition in the basement is much better as the water table has dropped. Sump pump does not run as much. The testing and maintenance of the rigs has been scheduled. We have one 800 MHz radio based on a grant and one purchased and shipped. Radios come with training. New dry hydrant was tested. The area has been modified to improve access. The suction screen was murky but has washed back and is clear now. The department tests the dry hydrants every few years. The department is not aware of any testing by the Onaway department.

Alpena Fire Equipment will be at the HBCA Garage Sale and will test fire extinguishers. They have checked the ones at the hall. The air compressor has been checked and the air for the tanks is checked out okay. The tree has been removed and the departments sign is back up. The department needs more members as usual. (Irvin Dedow pointed out the average age in the upper part of the state is 55 and in our townships it is 65 years old.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

Training was done and procedures reviewed and revised for the dry-hydrants. Used some air tanks and filled them with the air compressor. There is a planned large exercise coming up.

Medical Coordinator's Report

The planned large training exercise, on 27 July, is to simulate rescuing a person with a broken leg from

the woods using the Gator. For the period of May and June there were nine runs. Of which Rogers City Area Ambulance Services Authority responded to six and Onaway Ambulance Service responded to three. Of these calls three were in Bearinger Township and six were in Ocqueoc Township. Eight were transported to the hospital.

Old Business:

Injury Reporting Form – The form is for the staff to use for department related injuries. The form was revised slightly. Beverly Rossetto made a motion to accept the form, seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried. Motion by Archie Patterson to direct the Fire Chief to incorporate the form in the departments procedures was seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

Beverly Rossetto pointed out the department still needs physicals from several members. The Assistant Chief pointed out the medical contractor selected by the Department would not do his DOT physical unless he paid for some testing. Another medical center was able to do his DOT physical. A motion by Irvin Dedow to accept DOT physicals from any DOT approved medical center was seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.

New Business:

None.

Public Comment

None.

Board Comment

None.

Motion to pay the bills was made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Archie Patterson
Secretary

Next meeting: 1 September 2016 at 7:00 pm.