

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Department
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 6 January 2022

Attending Board Members:

Jerry Counterman, Chairman
Beverly Rossetto, Financial Officer
Michael Phillips, Secretary
Sheryl Diamond, Director

Others:

Gary Yaklin, Fire Chief
Charles Merchant, Assistant Fire Chief
Anna Beach, Medical Coordinator
Irvine Dedow III

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:06 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: The Chairman presented the agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes for 4 November 2021 were presented. Beverly Rossetto motioned to accept the Minutes as corrected, seconded by Sheryl Diamond, all Ayes; motion carried.

Financial Officers Report: Beverly Rossetto gave an overview of the activity from 1 Nov 2021 through 31 Dec 2021. See attached for detailed account information during that period.

- Nov 2021 Total Liabilities and Fund Equity \$159,335.96
- Dec 2021 Total Liabilities and Fund Equity \$158,744.31

Michael Phillips motioned to accept the Financial Officers report as presented, seconded by Sheryl Diamond, all Ayes; motion carried.

Fire Chiefs Report: The Fire Chiefs report is attached. It covers the period of 1 Nov to 31 Dec 2021. There were three total runs. SCBA equipment fitting and inspection is complete. Work continues with the Fire Chiefs Association regarding new training requirements for officer positions. A training schedule has been established with ACC for fire training. Electrical repairs to the building are complete. Ken Pehovic has passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Assistant Fire Chiefs Report: The new Fire Chiefs rules are encumbering and increases the strain that rural FD have with staffing. Upcoming training opportunities through ACC as well as partnerships with other local departments are going to provide exposure to and improve proficiencies in skills such as heavy vehicle extrication.

Medical Coordinators Report: The Medical Coordinators report is attached. Anna Beach reports a total of 7 calls in Nov and Dec. Total medical calls for 2021: 59. Most Emergency Departments in local hospitals are operating at or near bed capacity due to Covid.

Old Business:

- Huntington Bank Account
 - Beverly Rossetto gave a brief recap of the situation regarding fees that Huntington charges to cash checks

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- Beverly Rossetto requested approval to transfer the checking and savings accounts from Huntington Bank to Calcite Credit Union. Sheryl Diamond motioned to approve Beverly's request, supported by Jerry Counterman. Roll call vote, all Ayes, motion carried.

New Business:

- 2022/23 Preliminary Budget
 - Sheryl Diamond motioned to approve the preliminary budget to send to the township boards. Supported by Michael Phillips. All Ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment: Irv Dedow asked about training requirements for department officers, wants to look for future officers to serve in the department.

Board Comment: Beverly Rossetto presented a help wanted ad that she wrote for the department. She requested comments or suggestions prior to running the ad in the spring.

Motion to adjourn made by Beverly Rossetto, seconded by Sheryl Diamond, all Ayes; motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

V/r

Michael Phillips
Secretary
Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Department Board

Attachments:
Fire Chiefs Report
Financial Officers reports
Medical Coordinators Report

Next regular meeting: March 3rd 2022 at 7:00 PM

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Attending Board Members:

Jerry Counterman, Chairman
Beverly Rossetto, Financial Officer
Michael Phillips, Secretary
Woody Isaacs, Director
Sheryl Diamond, Director

Bearinger Township Attending Members:

Michael Phillips
Sheryl Diamond
James Watt
Cheryl Watt
Lee Stawiarski

Ocqueoc Township Attending Members:

Jerry Counterman
Woody Isaacs
Pam Schaedig
Shari Pomranke
Susan Radke

Others:

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

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: The Chairman presented the agenda. Michael Phillips motioned to accept the agenda as presented, second by Sheryl Diamond; motion carried.

Board Introduction: Board members were asked to introduce themselves.

Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes for 6 January 2022 were presented, Michael Phillips motioned to accept with corrections, second by Sheryl Diamond; motion carried.

Financial Officers Report: Beverly Rossetto gave an overview of the activity from 1 January 2022 through 28 February 2022. See attached for detailed account information during that period.

- January 2022 Total Liabilities and Fund Equity \$153,494.37
- February 2022 Total Liabilities and Fund Equity \$150,348.07

Beverly has applied for a recruiting and training grant, has not heard back on a status of the application. A motion was made by Sheryl Diamond to accept the financial officer's report, second by Woody Isaacs; motion carried.

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Fire Chiefs Report: The Fire Chiefs report is attached. It covers the period of January 2022 to February 2022. There were two total runs, one gas leak and one false alarm. Brian Bilinski has returned to the department. Training turnout has been good, callouts have been low. Gary is investigating vehicle exhaust systems for the fire hall

Assistant Fire Chiefs Report: Charles Merchant reports that Emergency Vehicle Drivers Training is coming up, three members recently certified in Ice Rescue 1. The new training system will allow greater flexibility for individual firefighters to seek training opportunities.

Medical Coordinators Report: The Medical Coordinators report is attached. It covers the period of January 2022 to February 2022. Anna Beach reports a total of 11 runs in January and February.

Old Business:

New Business:

- 2021 Proposed Budget
 - 2021-2022 Budget was presented and reviewed.
 - Beverly Rossetto gave an overview of the changes in this year's budget and estimated roll over. Total Expenditures are \$104,950.00
 - Public comment during budget hearing:
 - Bearinger Township roll call shows all members present. Roll call vote to approve the budget Aye: Michael Phillips, Sheryl Diamond, Jim Watt, Cheryl Watt, Lee Stawiarski; Bearinger Township approved the budget as presented.
 - Ocqueoc Township roll call shows all members present. Roll call vote to approve the budget Aye: Jerry Counterman, Woody Isaacs, Pamela Schaedig, Shari Pomranke, Susan Radke; Ocqueoc Township approved the budget as presented.

Public Comment: Pam Schaedig asked about staffing levels in the department.

Board Comment: Beverly Rossetto thanked Ocqueoc Township for hosting the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Beverly Rossetto, seconded by Woody Isaacs; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

V/r

Michael Phillips
Secretary, Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board

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Next regular meeting: May 5th 2022 at 7:00 PM

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