

OCQUEOC/BEARINGER FIRE BOARD MEETING

14127 Town Hall Hwy

January 6, 2011 7 PM

Board members Dan Olmsted, Pam Schaedig, Nancy Shutes, Jerry Counterman and Beverly Rossetto were all present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes from the special meeting held on November 4, 2010 were read. Schaedig made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Her credit card was used for the National Registry test, not training. Olmsted seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

The board welcomed new member from Bearinger Township, Beverly (Bev) Rossetto. Bev will be the financial officer for the new fiscal year beginning April 1, 2011.

Public comments were heard. Doris Parker read a letter to the editor that she claims was incorrect. Jill Merchant would like to see the board member names on the top of the minutes.

Chief Yaklin reported that there were five runs. One was a false alarm. This is more than usual. The inspection infractions are getting done. The inspection will end up costing the department up to \$5,000 plus the \$437.50 in fines that were levied by MIOSHA. Chuck Hilger is interested in joining the Fire Department. A Base Radio is being purchased along with 3 pagers at a cost of \$1100. Hughes Net will be the internet provider instead of 12 K. This will be \$480 a year instead of \$720 a year.

Steve Northrup reported that two students still need to take the National Registry test. Stephanie Merchant has passed her test. Roger City Ambulance had 17 runs and Onaway had 7 runs. There were 23 medical runs and one trauma. Ocqueoc Township had 15, Bearinger Township had 7, and 2 were in North Allis.

Deputy Chief Charles Merchant reported that the department is making good progress on the infractions. In Batch 1, 16 out of 17 items have been abated. There was one extension for the testing of the water hoses. The second batch

has 3 out of 9 items abated. The remaining 6 have been approved for a 10 day extension. Alpena Diesel is doing the work on the truck brakes. Mutual Aid from other departments has been tremendous.

Bev Rossetto thanked Yaklin and Merchant for all their hard work.

Shutes made a motion to have Dan Olmsted remain on the board for another term. Rossetto seconded the motion. All board members were in favor so the motion carried.

Shutes read a letter from Schulze and Johnson who are auditors requesting an opportunity to give them the job for the upcoming audit. Counterman made a motion to put the job up for bids. Rossetto seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried. Shutes will put an ad in both papers to request bids by the April meeting.

Schaedig made a motion to accept Chuck Hilger as a member of the Fire Department. Shutes seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Todd Curtis was the only bid for snow plowing. He will plow for \$95 a plow, when needed. Shutes made a motion to accept the Curtis bid from January 1, 2011 to January, 2012. Schaedig seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Public Comments were heard. Delores Merchant requested that Charles Merchant get paid mileage for picking up pagers in Traverse City. Schaedig made a motion to pay Charles Merchant mileage @ 50 cents a mile for 240 miles round trip, to pick up the pagers. Rossetto seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Stephanie Merchant requested mileage reimbursement for her training. Rossetto made a motion to pay Stephanie Merchant mileage @ 50 cents a mile round trip to training. Counterman seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

Shutes made a motion to appoint Bev Rossetto as the financial officer for the next fiscal year beginning April 1st, 2011. Schaedig seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

The budget for the next fiscal year was discussed. A line item needs to be

added for Medical First Responders. Chief Yaklin's salary will remain the same at \$2,000/year. Deputy Merchant will earn \$1,000/year. There was discussion about a battery operated powered extrication equipment, \$20,000, thermal imaging camera, \$10,000, flat screen TV, DVD player and other Wish List items. Schaedig will add the changes and send the proposed budget to the board. The two township boards will discuss the budget for approval. There will be a joint township board meeting, if needed, at an undecided time and place.

Bills were paid and the check register was approved by all board members.

Shutes made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Schaedig seconded the motion. All in favor so the motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on April 7th at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Shutes, Fire Board Secretary