

## Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 3 March 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

Jeff foster called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

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 7 January 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ivin Dedow and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 January 2016 starting operating fund balance was \$73,302.32, with expenses of \$5,254.63, and interest income of \$16.28 leaving an end operating fund balance of \$68,063.97. February operating fund interest income of \$14.36, other income of \$100 and expenses of \$10,813.21 left an ending balance of \$57,365.12. January equipment fund starting balance of \$25,012.00 and interest of \$3.18 leaving an ending balance of \$25,015.18. Interest in February of \$2.97 left an ending equipment fund balance of \$25,018.15. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

#### Fire Chief's Report:

There were two fire runs in the two month period near Little Orchard Lake. Asked the volunteers if anyone need consoling after a body was discovered at the second fire. The compressed air system has been connected to the engines to speed their departure. The doors for the Gator have been received along with the equipment racks for 701. The department conducted ice rescue training on 20 February and are ordering additional ice rescue equipment such as helmets. Getting the brush rig guard bumper from Moran Iron Works and a 10,000 pound wench for the bumper. Hoses and a replacement handle for a nozzle has been ordered. The department has received two 800 MHz portable radios for testing. Installed a spare radio in one of the volunteers trucks. Filled fuel tank. Researching pricing on the replacement jaws of life equipment. Need to design an accident reporting form for the department.

#### Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

Emilie Stawiarski has been very helpful with here briefings on human relations rules. Tested the three-watt 800 MHz radios over a route in several areas of the two townships known to have VHF communications problems. The results show a vast improvement in communications. Irvin Dedow gave a brief overview of the 800 MHz system.

#### Medical Coordinator's Report

An AED defibrillator has been ordered for the department. The new tires on 707 have solved the driving and traction problems of the old tires. There were seven medical runs for the two months with six transported to the hospital. Rogers City Area Area Ambulance Services Authority responded to five

and Onaway Ambulance Services responded to two. One call was in Bearinger Township and six were in Ocqueoc Township.

#### Old Business:

Radio Grant Application Update. Irvin Dedow said the review process has been checking our records background.

#### New Business:

FD Budget Review. The FY 2016-2017 proposed budget was reviewed by Beverly Rossetto. Irvin Dedow made a motion to increase the workers compensation insurance cost by \$400 to reflect the new estimate from the insurance company. Seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion carried. Irvin Dedow made a motion to accept our proposed budget totaling \$139,750. Seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried on role call vote.

The Fire Department meeting was suspended to allow each township to review and approve the budget. Bearinger Township approved the budget after a role call vote. After a discussion on obtaining estimates for the jaws of life Ocqueoc Township approved the budget on a role call vote.

The Fire Department meeting was resumed.

#### Public Comment

Comment on needing the tools to do the job even if you never have to use them. You can't do the job if you don't have the tools. It was suggested that we develop a recruitment flier as an insert with the next township newsletters and we could offer a gift certificate if potential candidates attend a certain number of meetings. It was suggested that we find a way to identify potential candidates to directly contact them.

#### Board Comment

Irvin Dedow made a motion to move funds to cover the current overage in workers compensation. Seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Irvin Dedow made a motion to move funds to cover the current overage for the Gator side curtains. Seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Irvin Dedow made a motion to move funds to cover the extra cost of the Moran Iron Works brush guard. Seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

Irvin Dedow asked what happened to the lights for the trailer. Chief responded that they were delivered but they can't find them but are looking.

Archie Patterson asked if we have a current inventory list. Beverly Rossetto said we do. List will be reviewed and updated by the department.

Motion to adjourn by Jerry Counterman, seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Archie Patterson  
Secretary

Next meeting: 5 May 2016 at 7:00 pm.