

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board  
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 1 September 2016

Attending Board Members

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

Other Attendees

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

Absent

Jeff Foster, Chairman  
Jerry Counterman

Archie Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from the 7 July 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, was made by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 July 2016 starting operating fund balance was \$75,433.02, donations of \$257.75, with expenses of \$3,111.33, interest income of \$17.78 leaving an operating fund balance of \$72,597.22. August operating interest income of \$17.15, donations of \$100.00, and expenses of \$4,625.11 left an ending operation balance of \$68,089.26. The equipment fund started July at 30,035.90 with two months interest of \$22.90 for an ending balance of \$30,058.80. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief's Report:

There were six runs in August: Wild fire, LPG leak, missing person, false alarm, roll over and a stuck ambulance. There has been some maintenance work on the equipment. We now have two 800-MHz radios. Working for a Jaws of Life demo. Our Assistant Fire Chief was made the Chief's association Secretary/Treasurer.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

There was a large event training exercise and an in-ground fire on about 8.5 ac of State land. It had been smoldering since a tree was struck by lightening and finally came to the surface. DNR will reimburse some expenses such as a broken mirror, light and lunches. During training lessons learned from the fire were discussed. There are discussions about building a smoke house for training that could be on a trailer so the training could be portable. Second level of ice rescue training will be at Forest Waverly Fire Dept.

Medical Coordinator's Report

There was a motorcycle accident on route 489. We have a new license for the first responder unit and they can inspect the unit at any time they choose. Flu shots will be available at the HBCA hall on 3 September from 10:00 am until noon.

Old Business:

Illness/Injury report form is now available.

### New Business:

There was a discussion of a \$270 bill for two-days of home care of a dependent to allow a member to respond to a call from the Assistant Fire Chief. Irvin Dedow made a motion to pay the bill this time only since the service was requested by the Assistant Fire Chief. Beverly Rossetto seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The Assistant Fire Chief would like a policy for future cases. Because two board members were absent acting chairman Patterson tabled the issue until the next meeting.

Irvin Dedow talked about the grant application for more 800 MHz radios and why we were turned down. He also expressed his concern about the departments longevity as a viable department. There was a discussion on how to let people know we need volunteers.

### Public Comment

Emily Stawiarski pointed out that HBCA would be giving a gift to the Fire Chief on Saturday, 3 September. (Note: The fire Chief received a check from HBCA for \$2,200)

Ken Pehovic stated that there many issues with the equipment that have not been resolved and he wanted to know how to address them to the board. Irvin Dedow said this was an internal matter for the department to handle.

### Board Comment

None.

Motion to adjourn by Irvin Dedow, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

*Archie*

Archie Patterson  
Secretary,  
Ocqueoc Bearinger Fire Board

Next meeting: 3 November 2016 at 7:00 pm.