

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board  
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 3 November 2016

Attending Board Members

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

Other Attendees

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

Jeff Foster called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Minutes from the 1 September 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes, as written, was made by Beverly Rossetto and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 September 2016 starting funds was \$68,089.26, donations of \$2,800, with expenses of \$6,178.16, interest income of \$15.52 leaving a fund balance of \$64,726.62. October interest income of \$18.94, one voided check for \$36.94, Bearinger Township contributions of \$25,770.02, and expenses of \$557.47 left an ending balance of \$89,994.35. The equipment fund started July at 30,0358.80 with two months interest of \$22.55 for an ending balance of \$30,081.30. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report made by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief's Report:

For the two month period there were two calls. One smoke alarm with no fire. One house trailer fire on which they used the thermal imaging camera to located hidden fire pockets in the trailer. The trailer was saved. We have three new recruits for the department. Fire Fighter I/II class is in Topinabee, Michigan starting in December. Maintenance on the rigs was complete. On 18 January 2017 at 6:00 pm there will be a demonstration of the Hurst extraction equipment for department evaluation. Purchase of their tool comes with on-site training. They are continue to work on their "to-do" list. Evaluating a mutual aid agreement with the county. The Fire Chief wanted board consent to order the budgeted dual band radios. Archie Patterson moved to confirm the purchase, seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried. There was a discussion between the Fire Chief and the Presque Isle County Sheriff on the 800 MHz radio issue.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

September's training was of the Harbor dry hydrant. Hoses have been tested along with ladders. Next is SCBA fit testing. The board was assured new members would sign a contract concerning Department paid Fire Fighter I/II training.

Medical Coordinator's Report

There were thirteen medical runs with none for accidents and with eleven transports to the hospital. Of these five were in Bearinger Township and eight were in Ocqueoc Township.

Old Business:

There was a discussion of the value of merging with another department and with the status on the grant application for new radios.

### New Business:

The 2017 meeting dates of 5 Jan, 2 Mar, 4 May, 6 Jul, 7 Sep, and 2 Nov were presented. Motion to approve the dates was made by Jerry Counterman and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

A budget committee was appointed and made up of Irvin Dedow, Gary Yaklin and Beverly Rossetto. Committee appoints were approved by a motion made by Archie Patterson and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.

Archie Patterson brought up a pro bono proposal by Emilie Stawiarski to review and revise the Policy Handbook. A motion to approve the review was made by Beverly Rossetto and seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

### Public Comment

There was further discussion of having a meeting between the Sheriff and the Fire Chiefs on improving communications using the 800 MHz radios. The discussion with Fire Chief concerned Irvin Dedow's extensive memo on the current state of emergency communications. It was revealed dispatch is looking into a new console using both VHF and 800 MHz. There was a discussion on who has the licenses for the broadcast towers in the county and are they operating at the licensed power levels.

### Board Comment

Discussed the Budget and overages were discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Beverly Rossetto, seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

*Archie*

Archie Patterson  
Secretary,  
Ocqueoc Bearinger Fire Board

Next meeting: 5 January 2017 at 7:00 pm.