

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 5 January 2017

Attending Board Members

Beverly Rossetto, Treasurer
Archie Patterson, 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.
- Motion by Irvin Dedow to approve the agenda as amended and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.
- Minutes from the 3 November 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Irvin Dedow to approve the minutes as written and seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 November 2016 starting funds was \$89,994.35, with expenses of \$5,119.47, rebate and interest income of \$58.00 leaving a fund balance of \$84,932.88. December interest income of \$23.96, Ocqueoc contributions of \$23,442.11, and expenses of \$5,518.16 left an ending balance of \$102,880.79. The equipment fund started November at 30,081.35 with two months interest of \$24.11, a deposit of \$5,000 for an ending balance of \$35,105.46. Motion by Archie Patterson to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried.

Fire Chief's Report:

- In the two month period since our last meeting there were three fire runs. Year-to-date there were seventeen runs, four of which were structural and three were for vehicles. We have new members that bring our total to twelve active members. There are now three meetings per month that also cover equipment inspections and the volunteers learn from these inspections. Installed three new batteries in one unit. Extraction demo will be 18 January. The department has ordered five 800 MHz radios. County has approved funds for 800 MHz radios county wide. There will be three portables, mobiles for the units and all new pagers as well as a new base station at the hall. The cost to set up the pagers is \$50 each. The new radios come with training. The department will maintain the VHF radios for inter department communications. The chief has the draft Policies/Procedures manual developed by Emilie Stawiarski. Ice rescue training will be funded by another department with our department attendance at no charge. The Chief's association wants to erect a portable smoke house for training. Total cost is estimated at \$35,000 with each department contributing \$5,000. The volunteers had a Christmas Party at Rosa's using private funds. Could the department fund a dinner once a year?
- The Chief introduced a new member, Mr. Dave Wojtylko, who developed a Facebook page for the department.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

- Training new people on the equipment. The training on 19 January will be the last training this month. On 11 and 12 February there will be level two Ice Rescue training at night at Tower Pond. Hurst extraction tool demo will be on 18 January. A forth training session for the month can be authorized if the Chief feels it is needed. They had a meeting with the County Clerk who put the 800 MHz radio package together. The county will maintain the VHF system until the 800 MHz system is complete and operational. We may need to maintain our VHF system to talk to other departments. Onaway will maintain their VHF tower to communicate with other departments without 800 MHz. We can use our VHF radios for the same purpose.
- Jeff Foster ask about Fire Fighter I/II training for the new members. Assistant Chief said is was

already on going with no department members in the class.

Medical Coordinator's Report

On the 19th there will be Blood Borne Pathogen training. Only cost will be the cards. For the two months period ending 31 December 2016 there were seven medical runs and no accident runs. Rogers City Ambulance responded to three calls and Onaway Ambulance responded to four calls. Five of the calls were in Bearinger and two were in Ocqueoc. Of the seven six were transported to the hospital.

Old Business:

- Irvin Dedow gave a status update on our 800 MHz radio grant application. If the county buys the radios and we get the grant then we can decline the grant.
- Emilie Stawiarski gave an update on the The Policy Handbook. The Fire Chief has the first draft.

New Business:

- There was a discussion on the letter sent to the department by Ken Pehovic requesting pay compensation for his trips for medical treatment. The workers compensation insurance did not pay any lost wages. A motion by Archie Patterson and seconded by Irvin Dedow to send the letter to our lawyer was passed.
- The proposed budget was reviewed and adjustments were made and agreed to. The total proposed budget was \$117,260 which is under last years approved budget by \$22,500. Motion by Irvin Dedow to accept the modified budget and send it to the townships for review was seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.
- Mr. Dave Wojtylko talked about developing a Facebook page for the department. The page was shown to those present.

Public Comment

- Ken Pehovic asked about CET MIOSHA training. This issue was referred to a members discussion at one of their meetings.
- Dave Wojtylko asked about establishing a dive team for the department. The department is too small and can't afford it.
- Emilie Stawiarski asked if we could contact and establish an on-call volunteer drone group for search and rescue as there are many people with drones.
- Ken Pehovic asked about salt on the pavement. Chief said we only salt the sidewalks and there is a bag of salt by the door.

Board Comment

- Irvin Dedow asked about Red-Cross training to use our facility for emergency shelter. Beverly Rossetto will contact the Red-Cross and pointed out we will need people to volunteer to do the job.
- Beverly Rossetto pointed out we have a bid from Todd Curtis that is the same as last year. \$95 a push. We also have audit bid from current auditor for \$1,550.
- Beverly Rossetto pointed out Patricia Frost donated \$135 to off set the cost for the elder care the department paid. This amount would be the Bearinger Township share. It was reaffirmed there would be no future payments.

Motion to adjourn by Archie Patterson seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Archie

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Secretary,

Ocqueoc Bearinger Fire Board

Next meeting: 2 March 2017 at 7:00 pm.