

Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 2 February ~~March~~ 2017

Attending Board Members

Beverly Rossetto, Treasurer
Archie Patterson, Secretary
Irvin Dedow, Director
Jeff Foster, Chairman

Other Attendees

Anna Beach, EMS Coordinator
Gary Yaklin, Fire Chief
Charles Merchant, Assistant Fire Chief
Absent: Jerry Counterman, Director

- Jeff Foster called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.
- Minutes from the 5 January 2017 meeting were reviewed and corrections noted. Chairman declared the minutes accepted with the corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 January starting funds was \$102,880.79, with expenses of \$3,717.38, donation of \$135.00 and interest income of \$25.17 leaving a total funds in our accounts of \$99,323.58. February interest income of \$19.40, and expenses of \$21,262.28 left funds in our accounts of \$78,080.70. The equipment fund started January at \$35,105.46 with two months interest of \$25.54 for an ending balance of \$35,118.88.
- Roll over from the past budget was estimated at approximately \$10,000 in capital improvement and \$20,000 in operations pending final expenditures.

Fire Chief's Report:

- In the two month period since our last meeting there were two fire runs. There was an extraction equipment (Hurst Jaws of Life) demo. Two other firms were contacted. After evaluation the Hurst bid was lower and the equipment was deemed best for the departments needs. The Hurst equipment was ordered along with plastic pieces for storage of the equipment. Invoice is expected before the end of March.
- The tanker (705) had the interior tank sand blasted and coated with epoxy as protection from rust and thus extending the tank's life.
- The department has added five more 800MHz radios. One of new members was able to get a permanent loan of an older 800 MHz radio. At the Chief's meeting Ann Main, county clerk, is lead on switching to the 800 MHz radio system and estimates a switch over could be in August. The new system will also allow sending of text alerts to personal phones.
- The furnace in the basement had the blower replaced.
- We have another new member. Mr. Chad Curtis. That brings the total number of members to five in the last few months.
- Yesterday there was a shed fire. During the storm the department assisted at several road accidents providing traffic control. The station was opened as a shelter in case there was a need. TV 9/10 interviewed the Fire Chief and showed sections of the interview during the news.
- Emilie Stawiarski's update to the policy handbook is under review.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

- The extraction demo deemed excellent training on the equipment as well as a good chance to evaluate the different models. A local scrap yard provided a vehicle as part of the demonstration. There is a couple that has recently moved into the area that can provide certified training on the new equipment.
- Part two of the ice rescue training was conducted at night in bad weather. It was felt to be very productive training.
- In response to a question on what to do with the old extraction equipment, giving it to another department that can use the equipment was discussed.

Medical Coordinator's Report

- There were 67 calls in 2016.
- For the two month period there were five medical runs of which Rogers City Area Ambulance Services Authority responded to all of them. Bearinger had one call and Ocqueoc had four. Four of the five were transported to the hospital.
- A combination adult and child CPR-AED will be ordered. A file cabinet for the medical records has been ordered.

Old Business:

- The Fire Department Budget for 2017-2018 was reviewed and there were no changes. The meeting was recessed by Chairman Jeff Foster to allow each township to vote to approve the budget.
 - Ocqueoc Township meeting was chaired by Clerk Pamela Schaedig. Absent was Jerry Counterman. A motion by Pam Schaedig to approve the Fire Department budget was made and seconded by Doloris Merchant. Motion Carried.
 - Bearinger Township meeting was chaired by Supervisor Archie Patterson who noted the presence of all board

members. Archie Patterson made a motion to approve the Fire Department budget which was seconded by Beverly Rossetto. On a roll call vote the motion carried. After a motion to adjourn by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Beverly Rossetto the township meeting was adjourned.

- The regular meeting of the Fire Board was resumed.
- The Red Cross will come to our next meeting and talk to the board about training community volunteers in the operation of the station as an emergency shelter.
- The Red Cross has smoke alarms for homes that do not have any. The Red Cross requires two community volunteers to install the alarms.

New Business:

- The department has one bid for next years snow removal contract at \$95 a push. Motion by Irvin Dedow to approve the contract was seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion Carried.
- The department has one bid to conduct the biennial audit of the books at \$1,550. Motion by Beverly Rossetto to approve the contract was seconded by Archie Patterson. Motion Carried.
- The inter-local agreement on operation the Fire Department was presented for a two year renewal. Board members from each township must sign the agreement.
- A request to amend the current budget to move funds in the amount for approximately \$4,900 to cover the tanker repair was made by Irvin Dedow and seconded by Jeff Foster. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

- Jim McKindles felt we were spending too much money on the extraction equipment. He had been told it was \$12,000 and felt \$28,000 was too much.
- Emilie Stawiarski stated the department should not wait until the end of the fiscal year to spend the allocated funds. She also wanted to know what the HBCA money was spent on so she could report back to HBCA. Several of the purchases were outlined to her.

Board Comment

- None

Motion to adjourn by Irvin Dedow seconded by Beverly Rossetto. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Archie

Archie Patterson
Secretary,
Ocqueoc Bearinger Fire Board

Next meeting: 4 May 2017 at 7:00 pm.