

**Ocqueoc-Bearinger Fire Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, 6 June 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.
- Minutes from the 4 May 2017 meeting were reviewed. Irvin Dedow motion to approve the minutes was seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was reviewed. The 1 May starting funds was \$37,148.91, plus township contributions of \$45,345.57 and interest of \$9.00 with expenses of \$9,919.62 leaving a total funds in our accounts of \$72,583.86. April interest income of \$16.99, and expenses of \$3,575.41 left funds in our accounts of \$69,025.44. The equipment fund started May at \$35,157.43 with two months interest of \$26.45 for an ending balance of \$35,183.88.

Fire Chief's Report:

- In the two month period since our last meeting there were six fire runs.
- Extraction equipment supports have been installed. Assist step installed on 702 and 705 for easier ingress.
- 800 MHz radio system will be active in late August.
- HBCA Garage sale on Saturday [8 July] at the hall with extraction demo at 10:00 am.

Assistant Fire Chief's Report:

- The Red Cross coordinator did not attend the Fire Chief's meeting to discuss their Smoke Alarm program.
- The Fire Chief noted the air packs were checked out with one unite needing minor repair.
- There was emergency vehicle class room operations training in Rogers City. Two attended from the department.
- The trailer with the donated extraction demo vehicle is ready. Gary Yaklin and Irvin Dedow volunteered to help.
- Question was asked if the new fire fighters had certifications yet. The Fire Chief said he would look into it.

Medical Coordinator's Report

- For the two month period there were eleven medical runs of which Rogers City Area Ambulance Services Authority responded to nine and Onaway to two. Bearinger had four calls and Ocqueoc had seven. Ten were transported to the hospital.
- CPR and AD training was conducted by Amy Brewbaker.
- We have the new AED on hand.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Beverly Rossetto wants to buy two US flags and one state flag for around \$70. Motion by Archie Patterson and seconded by Irvin Dedow to purchase the flags. Motion Carried.

Public Comment

- Gary Yaklin and Emilie Stawiarski are reviewing the procedural manual.
- Question was asked where Paul Counterman's AED was?
- Ken Pehovic asked the board to reconsider paying wages for his time in physical therapy stating it would cost the department more in legal costs if he sues than paying what he is asking for. A motion by Jerry Counterman was made to follow our attorney's legal advice and not pay the claim was seconded by Irvin Dedow. Motion Carried unanimously.

Board Comment

- Gary Yaklin advises we develop more signs and advertising for new fire fighters.

Motion to adjourn by Irvin Dedow seconded by Jerry Counterman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted

*Archie Patterson*

Archie Jay Patterson II  
Secretary, Ocqueoc Bearinger Fire Board

Next meeting: 7 September 2017 at 7:00 pm.